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Spanish exchange student Pablo Rodriguez (bottom left) poses with his t-shirt creation of The Wolf and fellow exchange students: Christian Plugari, Zlatomir Nedeltchev, Beatriz Vasquez, Nicolas Cortes Kellems, Vijil O'Neal, Trish Brown and Laura Messerschmidt. Pablo is an exchange student in the Rotary Club program. The other students also attending T.C. Williams are part of the American Field Service Program and the Future Leaders Exchange Program.



The Wolf by Spanish exchange student Pablo Rodriguez beneath the parking lot at T.C. Williams High School on Sunday afternoon, May 6.

Spring2Action and They Did

5th annual initiative increases volunteerism, online giving to local nonprofits.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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For four days, thousands of Alexandrians came together for the 5th Annual Spring for Alexandria, a citywide series of events that focuses on giving and service throughout the community. Co-sponsored by ACT for Alexandria, Volunteer

Alexandria, the Alexandria Jaycees and the City of Alexandria, the events kicked off May 2 with Spring2Action, a 24-hour online donation drive that raised \$320,000 for local charities.

"We are thrilled with these results," said ACT Executive John Porter. "Not only did we increase the funds raised for local charities but we also engaged

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Primary Colors

Incumbent council members face difficult vote as City Council campaign heats up.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The fiercely competitive Democratic primary for the Alexandria City Council is about to get even more intense this weekend, as current council members take up the most controversial development proposal since the waterfront plan. At issue is the fate of thousands of low-income West End residents whose garden apartments would be demolished as part of the Beauregard small-area plan that would more than double the existing density in the sprawl-

ing hills west of the Shirley Memorial Highway.

Two incumbent Democrats, Councilwoman Del Pepper and Councilman Paul Smedberg, will cast votes that may come to define their time in office. Along with their support of the controversial waterfront plan, which more than doubled the density at three sites compared to what's there now, Pepper and Smedberg are facing an increasingly skeptical electorate. Last week, a group known as Democrats for a Better Alexandria endorsed a slate of candidates that did not include either Pepper or

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Unanimous Budget

Council members dip into rainy-day fund to avoid raising tax rate.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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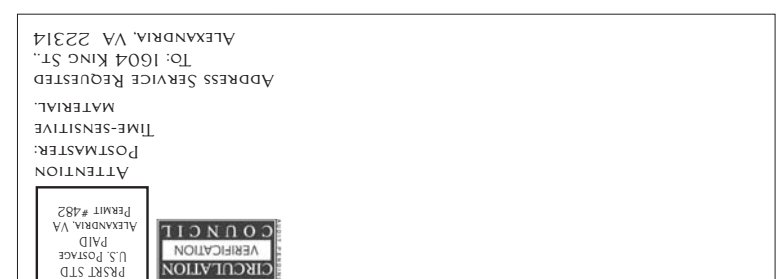
Taxpayers can expect to pay more money now that members of the Alexandria City Council have adopted a tax rate for the coming year that will increase the average residential property tax bill by \$52. This week's vote on a \$588 million spending plan for fiscal year 2013 was a culmination of months of horse trading and animated speeches, a season that included everything from criticism of the school's "dysfunctional" budget office to Sunday delivery of Meals on Wheels. In the end, council members stayed in the black while avoiding a tax rate hike by dipping

into the fund balance.

"I wish we could have done more, especially in terms of restoring several items for the most vulnerable," said Mayor Bill Euille. "But we feel that we are being responsive to meeting some of those challenges."

In the final days of budget negotiation, City Council members were pressed by School Board members and parents to restore \$1.2 million, which was allocated to the school system by the General Assembly but taken by council members to balance the books. That puts the allocation to Alexandria City Public Schools at \$180 million, sending School Board members scrambling to find alter

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Councilman Hero

It's a bird. It's a plane. It's Councilman **Frank Fannon**.

No, he's not Superman. But Mayor **Bill Euille** is praising Fannon for quick thinking and fast action in coming to the assistance of a citizen in need. If council members were eligible for Valor Awards, Euille would have presented one to Fannon Tuesday night.

"We have a hero among us," said Euille at the end of Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

It all started around 8 a.m. one recent weekday morning. Fannon was buying a cup of coffee at Misha's when he noticed something odd. One of the customers walked out of the store and seemed to vanish in thin air. Apparently, he tripped on a manhole and banged his head on the ground.

"I was looking out the window," said Fannon. "And then all of a sudden he disappeared."

The councilman darted out to the sidewalk along South Patrick Street, where he found hairdresser **Stuart Stancil** bleeding profusely from the head. He grabbed a thicket of napkins from the coffee roaster and applied them to his forehead until the medics arrived. When it was all said and done, Fannon had blood all over his suit.

"He had blood all over him," said Euille. "Someone joked that it looked like he had a bad session of council."

Stancil missed his morning appointment with former state Sen. **Patsy Ticer** (D-30), but he was back at work later that afternoon.

Justice for Trayvon

City Council members are considering a resolution supporting the family of **Trayvon Martin** and denouncing racial profiling, a reaction to the high-profile Florida case involving an armed neighborhood watch volunteer who shot and killed an African-American teenager. The resolution was on the docket this week, but council members deferred action out of concern that some of the language might go too far.

The fourth "whereas" clause, for example, denounces the investigation of the Sanford Police Department as "perfunctory at best." And the fifth "whereas" clause blasts the Sanford police for "blindly" adopting "the assailant's version of events." Members of the Human Rights Commission, which drafted the resolution, wanted to voice their concern with the Sunshine State's Stand Your Ground law.

"We are not here to make a judgment on that," said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. "We would like to see statements of facts rather than conclusions that are expressions of judgment."

"It's important to express the outrage the commission felt," said Office of Human Rights Director **Jean Niebauer**. "The principles of racial profiling and vigilantism, I think, are paramount."

Niebauer explained that commissioners were most concerned with the response of the Sanford Police Department, especially considering the role of the Stand Your Ground Law that allows gun owners to shoot to kill in certain circumstances. Because that's a national debate that could have repercussions in Virginia, members of the Human Rights Commission felt it was important for the Alexandria City Council to formally weigh in.

"There are ways that we can rework the language so that it is more reflective of fact versus opinion," said former Councilman **Ludwig Gaines**, who is now vice chairman of the Human Rights Commission. "It can be reworked, and will be reworked."

The Krupicka Memos

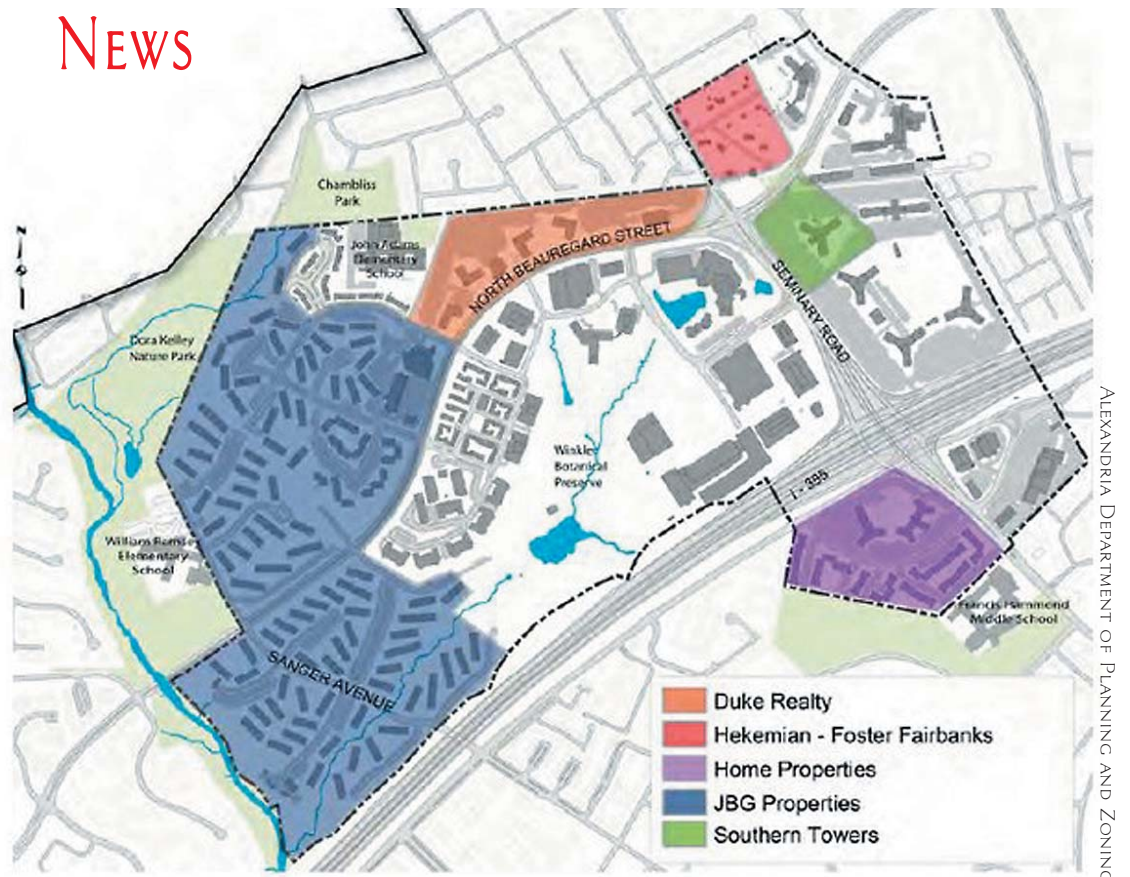
The culmination of the budget season this year represents the last cycle where Councilman **Rob Krupicka** will be able to ask city officials for budget memoranda. The three-term councilman was notorious for requesting more budget memos than others, although former Councilman **Justin Wilson** gave him a run for his money.

"Is it too early to start asking for budget memos for next year's budget?" joked the outgoing councilman.

Yes, a number of his colleagues nodded in response.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

News



This weekend, City Council members will vote on a plan that could drastically increase the value of property for five large land owners on the West End.

Voting with Eye on Primary

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Smedberg.

"We were looking for people who would, from time to time, think outside the box," said Dorathea Peters, one of the organization's leaders.

Her group is only one of a handful of groups of Democrats that are endorsing rival slates of candidates in the June 12 primary. Another group known as Alexandrians for a Livable City specifically mentioned the Beauregard small-area plan as a litmus test in its endorsement of five candidates, singling out Democrats who have been critical of the small-area plan.

"In many ways, this is an even worse plan than the waterfront plan," said the group in a written statement announcing the slate. "We believe that any candidate who says he or she supports diversity and affordable housing and does not speak out against the Beauregard plan is not credible."

LINGERING OVER the campaign is the ghost of the waterfront plan, which has now been put on hold as challenges to the upzoning are considered in court. Once again, Alexandrians for a Livable City

took a much more consistent line of supporting candidates who stand in opposition to the waterfront plan. Leaders of Democrats for a Better Alexandria, on the other hand, acknowledge that many voters are opposed to the proposal, although the slate of candidates represents a mix of candidates that support and oppose the proposal.

"We were looking for candidates with intellectual heft," said Rod Krukro, a member of Democrats for a Better Alexandria. "And we wanted to make sure they had diverse backgrounds."

Another group calling itself Securing Alexandria's Future is preparing yet another slate of endorsements. Its leaders indicate the endorsements will probably support candidates that have been favorable to the waterfront plan. The list includes former Councilman David Speck, Waterfont for All Founder Gina Baum and businessman Murray Bonitt.

"We are proud of our democratically-run city and its accomplishments," the group wrote in a April 28 letter to candidates. "Lately, there have been issues that have dominated the news and diverted the public's attention from the fact that overall govern

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Democrats for a Better Alexandria formally announce a slate of candidates at the Royal Restaurant last week. From left are Jack Sullivan, Bill Dickenson and Dorathea Peters.

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Old Dominion Boat Club president Miles Holtzman and Board of Governors chairman Eric DeSoto raise the ODBC flag at the traditional hoisting of new flags May 6 to kick off a new boating season.

'Fair Winds and Following Seas' ODBC holds 132nd flag raising.

The Old Dominion Boat Club welcomed members, guests and dignitaries to the foot of King Street May 6 for the 132nd annual flag raising ceremony, a yearly tradition of hoisting new flags to kick off the official start of a safe boating season.

Following the singing of the national anthem by Keith Harmon and a blessing for the safety of boaters by Father Dennis

Kleinmann of St. Mary's Church in Old Town, flags of the United States, Commonwealth of Virginia, City of Alexandria and the ODBC were individually hoisted atop the gaff-rigged flagpole at 1 King St.

The ceremony concluded with a water cannon demonstration by the fireboat John Glenn on the Potomac River and was followed by a reception attended by city officials and community leaders.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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Old Dominion Boat Club Commodore David Howell, second from right, is joined by past commodores Tom Whalen, Lorraine Lloyd, Richard Lloyd and Dave Beck following the ODBC flag raising ceremony.

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NEWS



At the Titan Expo

Sophomore Honor Society members Katrina Umstead, Emma Goldberg and Holland Cathey work with classmates making balloon animals and hats at the T.C. Williams High School Titan Expo on Sunday, May 6.



Story Everett releases a plate of whipping cream at the target Nick Fernandez.



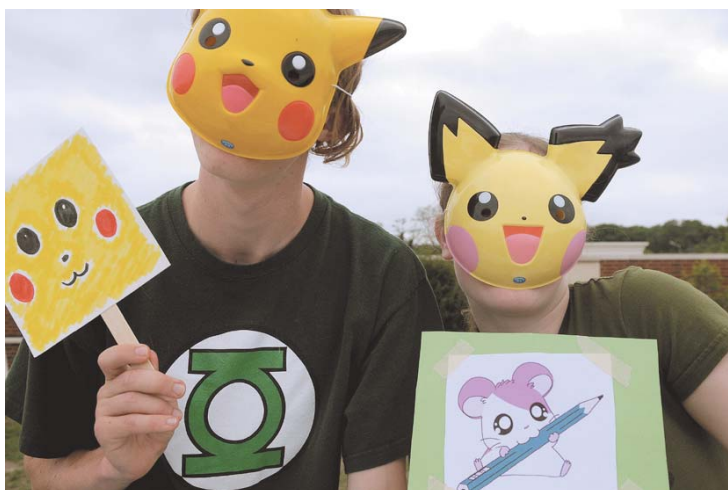
Nick Fernandez gets hit with another pelting of a slightly off range plate of whipped cream.



Senior class members Juliet Hernandez and Ladaysia Sturgis volunteer at the moon bounce.



Members of the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America Club: Diamond Harris, Vianka Guzman, Sheila and Shalia Purce, Kate Whitmire and Larry Harris.



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Kate Aplin and Grant Raycroft, Anime Club members volunteered at the ring toss and paper fan design booth.

PEOPLE



Ernie Sult '43 talks with classmates Mary Lee Lynch '42 and Jean May Humphries '43.



Elaine (Miller) Rosenberg '43, Marjorie Salomonsohn '42 and Elaine Clark '41.

Sharing Memories

Graduates of George Washington High School in Alexandria gathered Saturday, May 5, in the school cafeteria for a Lunch Social. George Washington High School Alumni Association president Dave Beach welcomed all and mentioned that all of the past year-books have all been digitalized and disks are available for sale.



GWHS alumni Jane (Coleman) Foster '67, Donna (Ennis) Teter '65 and Faith (Irby) Branson '64, meet out on the school rocks after lunch.



Shady and Pat Schelhorn '51.



Vivian Frantz '45 and her daughter Mary Frantz and Nancy Burchell '48 and Zander Wilke.



Members of the Class of '57: Jeff Barnes, Phil Yates and Ross Hunt.

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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Set for May 12.



Otis Ginyard, Dwayne Chittum, Tracy Meyers, Nancy Nguyen help collect food for the upcoming Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 12.

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The 20th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will take place Saturday, May 12, when postal workers in Alexandria will pick up donations of food items during the regular mail delivery schedule.

To participate in this year's drive, place bags of non-perishable food items by your mail box before your mail is delivered May 12. Donations can also be dropped off at local post office branches throughout the city.

Donations of non-perishable food, including pet food, will be distributed by the letter carriers to local shelters and food banks such as ALIVE!

For more information, visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Rita Grazda, right, is congratulated by volunteers Maria Lewis and Kimberly Myers on her winning bid during the live auction of the 2012 Carpenter's Cook Off April 29 at The Birchmere.

Battle of the Bulge

A sold out crowd of more than 500 descended on Alexandria's Birchmere Music Hall April 29 for the 10th anniversary of the 2012 Carpenter's Cook-Off, a friendly culinary competition to raise money for the programs of Carpenter's Shelter.

Restaurants from across the city joined together to serve up delicacies such as Peach Soup (best starter, Bigg Rigg's Catering), ribs (best entrée, Overwood) and Strawberry Shortcake (best dessert, Brabo) in a feast for foodies that raised more than \$130,000 in conjunction with the Run for Shelter held the previous day.

For the second year in a row, The Majestic's family recipe She Crab Soup won the People's Choice Award.

"We are so thankful for the



Latoya Moody, with 4-year-old son Keanu.

support the community has given us over the years, and especially grateful to The Birchmere," said executive director Lissette Bishins. "We couldn't do it without them and are already looking forward to being back here again even bigger and better next year."

— JEANNE THEISMANN

Roger Parks and Councilwoman Del Pepper prepare to sample the apple pie made by 17-year-old Caroline Allen for Union Street Public House.



Kevin Martucci shows off the food collected for the upcoming Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 12.

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Potomac Yard Debt

City leaders may be taking on more debt than Alexandria can handle. That's the conclusion of the Budget and Fiscal Advisory Commission, which presented its annual report Tuesday night.

Since the beginning of the global financial crisis in 2008, the city has exceeded its own debt policy targets but not its limits. In the next 10 years, however, the city's effort to build a Metro station at Potomac Yard will put Alexandria in a position to exceed its own limits. From 2014 to 2020, the city is projected to exceed its own debt limits.

"The city's current debt policy targets and limits should not be raised," the commission recommends. "We recommend against additional borrowing for any other projects that would cause the city's debt to be further in excess of debt policy limits."

That's a long list. While the debt policy calculations include the burden of constructing a new Metro station, the projections don't include other high-profile projects that could involve significant amounts of borrowing. That includes the waterfront plan, the Beauregard small-area plan, the full 10-year request from the school system, the Landmark/Van Dorn plan and the transportation master plan.

"We caution that additional borrowing to implement these additional projects would significantly deteriorate the city's performance relative to its debt policy guidelines and adversely impact our AAA/Aaa bond rating," the report concludes.

Artistry of Development

City Council members are considering a plan that would formally charge developers for public art. The idea is nothing new, and developers have been contributing public art for years. But the effort has been hit-or-miss, with some projects including public art while others do not.

"I think we're doing a pretty good job of adding public art to projects that didn't have them," said Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. "But it has been a little haphazard."

Here's the plan — when developers submit permit applications, city officials will hit them up for 50 cents for each square foot of gross floor area. If the project is larger than 600,000 square feet, the contribution "will be negotiated," according to the proposal now under consideration.

"The proposed policy attempts to balance the needs of the various stakeholders with the city's goals for public art," wrote City Manager **Rashad Young** in his recommendation for the policy.

Alexandria has a 40 distinct pieces of public art, a list that includes everything from an 1889 sculpture known as Appomattox by **John Adams Elder** and **Casper Buberl** to a postmodern take on the Washington monument known as "Sacandaga Totem" by artist **John Van Alstine**. Many items listed as public art come as contributions from businesses and developers. That includes colorful mosaics at Whole Foods on Duke Street, a 2008 statue by **Alexi Alexiev** of "The Pharmacist" on Daingerfield Road and the controversial "Three Eggs in Space" by artist **Karen Bailey** at the intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue. City leaders expect the proposal to be thoroughly debated in the coming days.

"After much debate with the development community, no consensus appeared, even as the proposed contribution rate was lowered," Young said.

No Bonus

Attention developers: Hands off Hunting Towers.

That's the message of a resolution under consideration by members of the Alexandria City Council. The idea is to reaffirm the current zoning at the mid-rise apartment buildings originally constructed in 1950, meaning that council members will not entertain any proposals that increase density or raise the height limits at the site. The building is currently owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation, which purchased the building as part of the effort to construct the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Now construction has been completed, the buildings are slated to be sold later this year. Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks** says determining a real-market price could be difficult.

"The last time VDOT considered selling, it ended up in Circuit Court," said Jinks. "They were so far apart on the price they couldn't agree."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

BUSINESS

Banana Tree 'Pops Up' in Del Ray

Former Old Town retailer joins online trend.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

For 25 years, Monique Bergin ran the Banana Tree retail shop on King Street in Old Town. But last year, she closed the shop and converted to an online-only business.

"Retail has changed," said Bergin, who is staging a three-week "pop-up" sale in Del Ray. "People are not strolling along the sidewalks to do their shopping anymore. They are in their pajamas surfing the web."

Last week, Bergin joined the growing trend of online retailers to hold "pop-up" or flash sales, opening short-term sales spaces to promote their business.

"It was always my intent to do pop-ups," Bergin said. "This gives me the ability to feature items that are not available on our website, such as furniture, and to connect with old and new clients."

Bergin hopes to eventually do two pop-ups a year in the area.

"Being here in Del Ray has opened up a whole new market for us," Bergin said. "We have our old customers coming in but have the opportunity to meet new ones in this great part of the city."



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Banana Tree owner Monique Bergin displays a batik at the 'pop up' sale on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray.

"People are not strolling along the sidewalks to do their shopping anymore. They are in their pajamas surfing the web."

— Banana Tree owner Monique Bergin

The Banana Tree pop-up sale will continue through May 29 at The Lofts of Del Ray.

For more information, visit bananatreeimports.com or call 571-212-0065 through May 29.



Sabrina Campbell outside of her King Street cake shop in Old Town.

Occasionally Cake Expands into Old Town

Occasionally Cake of Alexandria has opened its second cake boutique in Old Town Alexandria at 207 King Street. With eight employees and 3,200 square feet, the new location will feature their gourmet cupcakes, designer cakes and cake truffles; but will also host parties, special events, and baking and cake designing classes for kids and adults, as well as an intimate bakery area that

offers seating, serving cakes by the slice, whoopie pies, cupcake push-pops, oatmeal cream pies, and beverages like Coca-Cola products, milk, coffee, tea and hot cocoa.

The cake shop is open Tuesday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.occasionallycake.com.

ME & MY MOM

A gallery of photos submitted for Mother's Day.



This is mom and daughter Suzanne and Kiki McDonnell in New York City backstage at "Momma Mia."



Melanie, Sadie and Lucy Idler enjoy the early blooming cherry blossoms.



Eleanor Purugganan (2) with her mom, Karin Purugganan. The photo was taken after Eleanor had fallen and scraped her knee. She cried for her mom who always has the remedy to make it all better.



Kathleen Burns of Alexandria with her daughter Lily Ramey who is a senior at Bishop Ireton High School. She will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall.



Jenny Krese celebrates a medal-winning day at an Irish dance competition in February with her daughter, Elle, 9, and son, Chip, 7. Elle and Chip are students at the Alexandria campus of the Boyle School of Irish Dance.



Margaret Hagood with son Collin Marquis, 16, under the spring lights on their Alexandria home.

PHOTO BY BRIAN MARQUIS

Memories for Mom

A memory book makes for thoughtful Mother's Day gift.

This Mother's Day go beyond breakfast in bed and give mom a gift she'll always remember, a memory book from the whole family.

From that perfect beach vacation to a new pet, a memory book can center on any number of shared family experiences. Once that intimate moment has been selected, everyone in the family can write about the experience from their own perspective.

"The thing that makes a memory book work best is if everybody is thinking about that moment in unique ways," said Ann Rayburn, a retired psychotherapist and poet. "It's amazing what one sibling will remember and another won't."

Other aspects that make for a perfect memory book include style and length considerations. A memory book should be printed and bound, either handwritten or in nice font, which makes

A memory book should focus on a special moment, like a trip to the beach, and include the perspectives of everyone in the family.



PHOTO BY MONTIE MARTIN

for a genuine keepsake. It's also important to keep contributions balanced; if one family member writes too little and another too much there is potential for discomfort. According to Rayburn, each family member should contribute about a page.

A final recommendation for the family project is to make the work inclusive for mom. "Leave a blank page or two at the back with a heading for mom's memories of such and such and she can talk about them," said Rayburn. "If she has any sentimentalities at all she will add her own memories for saving."

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Despite the high number of drivers in Northern Virginia who already have an E-ZPass transponder, when the HOT-Lanes open on the Beltway, there will be pressure for many more drivers to subscribe.

VDOT is now proposing to tack on an additional \$1 a month fee for each E-ZPass transponder. Note that is per transponder, not per account, so in a household with multiple cars and multiple transponders, the additional annual charge could be \$36, \$48 or \$60.

There are 900,000 transponders in use in Virginia now, with an expected need for more than 400,000 more coming with the new I-495 Express Lanes.

Driving through the E-ZPass lane on the Dulles Toll Road without stopping while cars without a transponder line up to slog through is one advantage. The two other places one can use the E-ZPass

in Northern Virginia are the Dulles Greenway and, soon, the "express lanes" on the Beltway.

One of the disadvantages of using the E-ZPass is that you seldom know how much you are paying, and it's significant. Signs with full information about tolls are few and far between, and so far nonexistent on some roads.

Motorists will need an E-ZPass transponder to ride in the Beltway express lanes. Vehicles with three or more people will be able to drive in the express lanes for free if they have a Flex transponder which has a switch that identifies carpoolers, but which also costs more than a regular transponder.

It is worth noting that 100 percent of the tolls from the Beltway HOT-lanes will be collected by the private company that is building them, without any revenue sharing with the Commonwealth. If it is really VDOT's responsibility to maintain the system to collect those tolls, then that is a failure in the crafting of

the contract to build the lanes. Apparently all E-ZPass account holders will be paying for the contractor's collection of funds.

Meanwhile, we're still not sure what it will cost to drive in the express lanes, but we do know that the amount will vary depending on traffic. We can only hope that signs will make it clear how much it will cost.

Today VDOT approved four new signs for the Greenway that will at least let drivers know how much they are paying. The answer is more than \$5 each way, not counting the new fee per transponder.

VDOT will not hold public hearings on this, although it should. It will be accepting emailed comments. Visit www.virginiadot.org/e-zpass or submit comments directly to vdotin@vdot.virginia.gov.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campaign Signs Borrowed

To the Editor:

One of our Old Town neighbors had such a burning desire to exhibit their support for Councilmembers Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg, as well as nomination aspirant Justin Wilson, last Saturday evening, that they pilfered our yard signs so they could exhibit them. That is the conclusion we came to since nobody in Alexandria would interfere with our First Amendment rights. While elated that a neighbor wished to signal their support for these outstanding candidates, we are forced to tell one and all that if they call the candidates (they are all listed in the local phone directory) they will deliver them their own signs and hence leave ours alone.

Carolyn Miller and Henry Brooks
Alexandria

Hurrah for Alicia Hughes

To the Editor:

Reading through the list of potential additions to Alexandria's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013, we were struck by the incongruity of the modest requests for funds to support Sunday delivery for the Meals on Wheels program (\$60,000) or to restore the library hours cut during the Great Recession (\$50,000) as opposed to the outrageous requests to keep

the King Street holiday lights on all year (\$96,000) or to provide additional opportunities for awards to City employees (\$500,000) or for "traffic-calming" measures (also \$500,000), for example. We fail to understand what most members of the City Council are thinking. As taxpayers, we expect our elected officials to provide the necessary services for citizens, not to spend money on frivolous matters like extending holiday lights or providing unnecessary additional avenues to reward City staff or to add speed bumps instead of conducting badly needed traffic studies for areas the Council seems intent on cramming with overdense development.

Whether or not the City Council members want to admit it, there are citizens in Alexandria who depend on services like the Meals on Wheels program Ms. Hughes has been trying valiantly to support. And the support of free public libraries is an American institution that has its roots in the earliest years of the republic. If you consider Alexandria's lack of support for such important services together with City Council's stone-deaf reaction to the residents of the city's West End, you get the impression that Alexandria's current Mayor and City Council are driving in the direction of pushing everyone out of the city except the wealthiest residents.

Hurrah for Ms. Hughes for standing up for Alexandria's citizens who desperately need a voice to speak on their behalf.

Hugh and Sue Van Horn
Alexandria

Squandered Inheritance?

To the Editor:

Alexandria's Planning Commission last week unanimously adopted the Beauregard Small Area Plan (BSAP), now scheduled for a vote at Saturday's City Council meeting.

Two flawed, related assumptions accepted erroneously as reality last week underpinned the Planning Commission's action: Namely, that the nearly \$30 million city staff has dedicated to fund a traffic ellipse at Seminary and Beauregard is "not taxpayer money" and, that unless the BSAP is adopted quickly, even more market-rate affordable housing will be lost and that the city would benefit from locking in developers' proffer for some 800-plus units of subsidized housing.

Money for the ellipse — while part of developers' proffer to the city as a quid-pro-quo to add increased density — can be used by the city for whatever priorities it chooses, among them affordable housing. The developers did not ask for a traffic ellipse; the city did. Not, certainly, the neighborhood. Not the Department of Defense, which will not share its cost despite BRAC-133's projected 10,000 car trips a day at that intersection.

So ... as a way to think about this: Your grandpa leaves you \$30 million in his will. Grandpa is gone. Is it your money or his money? So, for being good and going along with plans to give developers all the density wishes

their hearts desire, the Planning Commission says it's not the taxpayers' money that's being used and not in the taxpayers' interest to decide how to use it, but rather the city's. In other words, the city would rather spend its inheritance to build a questionable traffic ellipse as an attempt to keep commuter traffic from backing onto I-395. There's little to nothing in that deal for Alexandrians. And, it's our inheritance.

Carol James
Alexandria

Public Servants Or Masters?

To the Editor:

Whatever happened to Alexandria's public servant? Somewhere along the way, our mayor, city attorney, planning director and, except for Fannon and Hughes, our city council members have morphed into Dear Leaders. The latest example of their presumptuousness is defying affected citizens by plunking amidst them a too-tall residential structure in place of an also new, but right-sized one for businesses.

Never mind that the building will exceed the height limits stipulated in the approved small area plan. Never mind that the citizens residing nearby objected to the excessive height because the building will tower over everything. Our Dear Leaders don't care. They know what's best for we, the noise-

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OBITUARIES



Virginia Irene Sullivan Bruch

Virginia Irene Sullivan Bruch ("Ginny") was born May 26, 1921 in Hickman, Ky. A teacher and published poet, genealogist, and civic leader in Alexandria, she began a career in the Civil Service in 1948, retiring in 1980 from the Pentagon Army Library, where she was a section chief.

She graduated from Murray State University in 1943, married Truman E. Bruch in 1944 while he was a flight instructor for Civilian Aviation, and moved to Tennessee, where Truman worked at Oak Ridge. Her daughter, Susan Irene Bruch, was born in 1945. Truman and Ginny were founders and long time members of First Christian Church in Alexandria, where Ginny taught Sunday school and expanded the church library.

With her sister, Josephine Sullivan, Ginny compiled a data base for the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Alexandria, Beneath the Oaks of Ivy Hill. Her comprehensive genealogical work, Proud Wanderers, traced the roots of her mother's family, the Helms. A resident of Alexandria for 63 years, she was active in Colonial Dames, the DAR, and was research curator and trainer of docents for the Lee Boyhood Home in Alexandria at 607 Oronoco St. On May 5, 2012, she died at the home in Manassas she briefly shared with her friends, Hector and Maggie Soberanis. She was predeceased by her husband, sister, and daughter and is survived by her grandsons, William L. Rose and Robert A. Rose, great-grandson, Truman L. Rose, and son-in-law, Richard L. Rose. More information about her is posted (under Family) at the Rose website <http://marginalnotesinwordsmusic.org>.

Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. at Everly Wheatley on Braddock Road followed by an informal service at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Dorothy P. Miller

Dorothy P. Miller (Jane) died of complications following surgery in Woodland Hills, Calif., on April 27, 2012. Dorothy was the daughter of the late John P. and Dorothy Shepherd of London, England. She is survived by her son Michael Miller and his wife Jane of Springfield, Va., her daughter Mary Jane Seebach and her husband Steven of Newbury Park, Calif., a cousin Anne Farnario and her husband Jack of St. Clairsville, Ohio and a sister-in-law Alice Jennings of Bellevue, Washington. She is also survived by three grandsons, Philip Miller of Rockville, Md., Ian and Spencer Seebach of Newbury Park.

Dorothy was born in London, England on May 11, 1926. During World War II to help the war effort, Dorothy helped to assemble radar units. After the war, Dorothy worked in the visa section of the American Embassy in London. Because there were several women named Dorothy working at the Embassy, they asked her to pick a name and she chose Jane, a name she continued to use in her social and professional life. While at the Embassy, Dorothy also met and married Paul Miller (deceased), a vice consul in the American Foreign Service.

After their marriage, Dorothy and Paul served in numerous overseas assignments including Liverpool, England, Switzerland, Northern Ireland, Hong Kong (twice), Philippines, Japan and Taiwan (twice). While on duty overseas, Dorothy actively volunteered with the American Red Cross and other local charities. Upon their return to the U.S., Dorothy and Paul settled in Alexandria.



Dorothy worked with the founders Marjorie Land and Joan Miller of the Market Square Shop in Old Town Alexandria. She also worked in the medical offices of Drs. Fifer, Amole and Brown, and the law offices of Ross, Marsh and Foster. Dorothy was also a sales associate in the silver department at Garfinkels, the department store in Washington, D.C. During her tenure at Garfinkels, she was a sales associate of the year three times and selected to the store's Hall of Fame.

After retiring, Dorothy moved to California to be close to her daughter and her family. Dorothy had been a resident of Sunrise Assisted Living in Westlake Village, Calif. since 2004. Dorothy leaves behind many friends on both coasts and will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Epiphany on June 9, 2012 at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Daughters of the The British Home in California, Ltd., 647 Manzanita Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

Energy Loans Offered

The City of Alexandria has launched the Northern Virginia Home Performance with Energy Star program, to help residents overcome barriers to improving energy efficiency in their homes. The nonprofit group Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) and Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union (COFCU) have partnered with Alexandria to offer the program to residents.

LEAP administers the program, and will provide home energy assessments, recommend home energy upgrades to maximize the impact on energy use, and refer homeowners to trained and certified participating contractors. To help resi-

dents pay for the upgrades, COFCU will offer eligible Alexandria homeowners access to low-interest loans of up to \$20,000 (at a rate of 4.9 percent APR) through the Alexandria Energy Saver Loan program.

To get started, visit www.ilikeleap.com and complete a free online energy assessment. For more information on resources to help residents green their home, visit the City's Green Building Resource Center at <http://alexandriava.gov/gbrc>. To learn more about resources to help lower-income residents with improving their energy efficiency, contact the City's Office of Housing at 703-746-4990.

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POTOMAC YARD

Land Bay F Compares in Scope to Crystal City

Increased density would help pay for new Metro station.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK

GAZETTE PACKET

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

Perhaps the most crucial part of the City of Alexandria's Potomac Yard redevelopment plan is a \$2.5 billion proposal to develop 69.02 acres on what the city calls "Land Bay F" or North Potomac Yard. This land stretches from the parking lot of the Target store on Route 1 to the Arlington County line.

The new development could attract thousands of office and retail store workers each day and become home to some 5,500 permanent residents. By way of comparison, Crystal City in Arlington attracted in its heyday 60,000 workers and had some 6,000 permanent residents.

The area currently is the Potomac Yard Center, a 600,000-square-foot strip mall of box stores, restaurants, and movie theaters.

The new development plan is crucial because it is the most likely location of a Metrorail station and without that station being up and running the 300-acre Potomac Yard development could become a transportation nightmare.

It is also crucial because in order to pay for the Metrorail station without federal, state or Alexandria funds, the City Council raised the ceiling on construction square footage in that area from some 600,000 square feet to 7,525,000. At that "density," the developer could presumably construct



Landbay F

buildings of sufficient size to produce income that would finance the estimated \$275 million for the Metro station and the interest on the bond issue.

This dictated that a proportion of those buildings would be as high as 10 and 20 stories, a sharp contrast to the small communities on the west side of Route 1 and could house tens of thousands of workers each day.

The city set the following minimums for the Land Bay F development: 1,930,000 square feet of office space, 930,000 feet of retail store space, and 170,000 square feet of hotel space, 1,100 residential units and 10 acres of developed open space.

The city also provided 3,395,000 square feet of what it called "flex space" that "may be developed as either office or residential," and must be in proximity to the Metro sta-

tion according to the Coordinated Development District (CDD) plan.

Gwen Wright, chief of Alexandria's Development Division, said the city wanted to encourage a good balance between jobs and houses, which in Alexandria has generally been 50 percent residences to 50 per cent jobs. How the developer chooses to allocate the flex space "will be dictated by market conditions. If office space is in major demand, it could build a higher proportion of offices, if residences are in demand it may choose the opposite."

The land is owned by real estate investment group, listing itself as CPYR, Inc. and represented by McCaffery Interests, Inc., of Chicago.

Edward Woodbury, president of McCaffrey, said the current plan is to build

some 2,480,000 square feet of office space, centered largely near the proposed site of the Metro Station. McCaffrey plans to build 3,695 units of residential property, most of them in the northern area of the land near the Arlington County line and a 170-unit hotel, he said.

The developer plans nearly a million square feet of retail space. Woodbury said his group is in delicate discussions with the current lessees in the Potomac Yard shopping center to see which stores, like Target and Best Buy, will want to locate in the new development. This will change the character of the stores from giant boxes to two three-story establishments in office buildings and residential buildings.

McCaffrey estimates that the development will provide 7.5 million square feet of usable area and the "increased value for the owner and the City will exceed \$2.25 billion."

The McCaffery web page published an artist's concept of North Potomac Yard which shows an urban landscape, with high rise buildings along the east side by Reagan National Airport and around the proposed Metro station and lower high rise buildings along Route 1 to the west.

Joe Bondi, who is president of the Lynhaven Citizens Association, was a member of the Potomac Yard Advisory Group, a 19-member panel of citizens and corporate officials who reviewed the plans for the Yard in a series of meetings in 2010. He said he and others worked hard to persuade the city planners that the taller high-rise buildings should be near the Metro and not overshadow Route 1. Lynhaven, St. Elmo and the other small communities on the west side of Route 1 are made up of generally

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Planning a Town Center

Site could embrace restaurants, hotels, offices, movies.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK

GAZETTE PACKET

In 2007, MidAtlantic Realty Partners, a veteran Washington area real estate developer, bought 17 acres of land from the Pulte Group for \$70 million. MRP's plan was to develop Potomac Yard's Land Bay G, the third largest parcel in the city's concept of Potomac Yard and what Alexandria planners saw as a "Town Center" — a place with restaurants, stores, movies, offices and hotels could serve the giant residential neighborhood being developed next door by the Pulte Group.

MRP had developed the 14-story Carlyle Overlook, a 250,000-square-foot office

building in 2008 in Alexandria's growing center on East Eisenhower Avenue and city planners knew of its work.

Land Base G runs from Route 1 on the west to Potomac Avenue on the east. The northern boundary is the parking lot of the Target store and on the south is East Glebe Road, which will connect Route 1 to Potomac Avenue.

In late 2010, MRP formed a joint venture with JGB, a major 459-employee, Washington area development firm that has built 30 million square feet of offices and 15,000 residential units over the past 52 years. Bisnow, a web page real estate paper, said last year that JGB "acquired" a "\$51.5 million loan to recapitalize" the Town Center project.

Stephen Collins, director of entitlement at Pulte Group, said Pulte builds homes and saw MRP as a partner for the offices and hotels planned for Town Center. Frederick

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Architectural rendering of Land Bay G.

LETTERS

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making rabble who clog their meetings objecting, always to no avail, to their plans to add more and more density to the most densely populated city in Virginia.

This time our Dear Leaders are spreading the magic dust called "smart growth" to quiet the noise makers. This intoxicant is justified, say the Dear Leaders, because the too-tall building will pack in more people but close to a metro station. Residing near a metro station, their rationale goes, negates the need for the building's occupants to use their cars which, we instinctively know, will only clog our ever more crowded streets. If that were so, then the Dear Leaders would have made it clear that the too-tall building will have no residential parking. They didn't; the new building will have plenty of accommodations for cars.

Here's what our Dear Leaders gave us over community objections: more people and more cars both residing in a too-tall building exceeding established height limits, albeit near a metro. And these are the very same Dear Leaders spending your tax dollars to overturn a court decision frustrating their ambition to add fur-

ther density in the historic waterfront. Defying affected residents and suing the public with their money — the very public they're ostensibly serving — doesn't strike me as what good public servants should do. If they don't want to fulfill the will of the people, our Dear Leaders should step aside for those who will be public servants, not masters.

Jim Roberts
Alexandria

City's Futile Legal Battle

To the Editor:

You have to wonder what the City Council majority was thinking April 14 when it decided to appeal the Board of Zoning Appeal's decision to uphold the citizens' protest against the proposal to rezone the waterfront area to permit hotels, increased density and higher buildings. In justifying this action, Mayor Bill Euille stated that the BZA's decision to support the citizens not the city would "set a bad precedent." The Mayor is flat wrong. The BZA April 12 ruling sets no precedent.

The ruling concerned only Planning Director Faroll Hamer's rejection of the protest petition. By a 4-2 vote, the BZA overturned her action. Concluding that the language of relevant Ordinance was unclear, the BZA also recommended that the City Council appoint a study group to consider revised language to remove the ambiguities. The Council ignored this sensible recommendation, instead deciding to plunge ahead to appeal the BZA's action.

The chances of the decision being overturned by the Virginia courts are poor, especially since the BZA overruled Ms. Hamer on not just one but two counts. By his action, the Mayor has, in effect, told the 200-plus property owners who signed the protest (the so-called abutters whose property is within 300 feet of the area being rezoned) "to get lost." The protesters needed signatures of the owners of 20 percent of the adjacent property; they ended up with about twice the required amount. Along with residential owners, the Catholic War Veterans, USA; the Plumbers and Pipefitters National Pension Fund; the American Physical Therapy Properties, and the 110 South Union Street, LLC joined the protest.

Presumably on the advice of City

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I-395 North Auxiliary Lane Alexandria

Design Public Hearing

Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 7 – 9 p.m.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School
4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

Find out about plans to connect the on-ramp at Duke Street with the off-ramp at Seminary Road on northbound I-395. This 0.8-mile auxiliary lane would ease bottlenecks where motorists enter and exit I-395.

Stop by between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to view displays and learn about the project. VDOT staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project details at www.vamegaprojects.com, at the meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-1995, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer questions.

Information about potential environmental impacts will be available at the hearing. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, the environmental document will be made available for public review and comment at a later date. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will also be included.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **June 16, 2012** to Ms. Susan Shaw, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meeting_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "I-395 North Auxiliary Lane" in the subject line.

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bungalow-style homes built in the 1920s and 1930s and would be stark in contrast to 10- and 12-story buildings

"This work that we did will inform all the zoning that will come from that CDD," he said "I do very much expect that the buildings along Route 1 will be four and five stories and not 9, 10 and 11 stories or 19 and 21 stories," Bondi said. He said he and others didn't want Route 1 to be a "cavern, overshadowed by giant buildings."

Bondi said that as far as he can determine citizens of the older communities see favor in the redevelopment though many have not focused on it. Creating a Metro stop will sharply enhance the value of his property and others in the St. Elmo, Lynhaven and Hume Avenue area, he said.

Woodbury said that the current location

of the proposed Metro station sits along the east side of the property. An environmental impact study of this location is underway, Woodbury said. This Metro site was one of several proposed locations, but the City of Alexandria favors this location.

Sandra Marks, division chief of Transportation Planning, said the Metro Station "will be an urban station with no parking or kiss and ride." It will be a stop for both the Blue and Yellow lines.

The second most important element in the city's plan to deal with the impact of more traffic is called the "Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway, (CCPY)."

Susan Gygi, Potomac Yard projects manager, said the Transitway is a five mile long, "two-lane facility open only to transit vehicles." She said in response to questions that early on there may be restrictions on

the number of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority buses and the Arlington county bus service due to the number of operators in the Arlington area so "reliable service" can be provided.

The Transitway is designed to provide a fast way north and south for people without using their cars. In the long run, it will connect to the Arlington County system and provide service from the Pentagon City Metro to the Braddock Road Metro. Arlington and Alexandria are studying whether a trolley or electric railroad might be feasible in later years.

Transitway construction is underway. After the Monroe Avenue Bridge, the Transitway buses will travel on city streets until they reach Braddock Road Station.

Marks said the primary defense against transportation crisis is the phased develop-

ment.

The construction time element of Potomac Yard could run over as much as 20 years, though other parts of the 300-acre project are well under way.

She said a bicycle and pedestrian walkway has been built along Potomac Avenue and other efforts to deal with traffic are planned from "traffic calming" on streets west of the development to intricate parking regulations. "We want to encourage people not to drive as much as possible."

But Bondi said that the members of the planning advisory group were not sanguine on the future of traffic. "This was a big fight," he said, "I come from the school that you can do all the encouraging you want, people are still going to drive." But the advisory group ended up voting in favor of the plans they were shown, he said.

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W. Rothmeijer, one of the principals of MRP, said in an interview last fall that its first plan had been to build a large proportion of the project in office space, "but the market has changed in recent months" and they plan to seek approval to reduce the square feet of office space and increase the number of residential units until the office market hardens.

MRP and JBG bought a second 750,000-square-foot parcel in Land Bay H, just south of G, where they ultimately may build a complex of office buildings to be a government center and attract government agencies to locate there. But in 2011, the General Services Administration cut its demand for office space by some 5 per cent and is endeavoring to better utilize space it already has.

On Feb. 6, MRP and JBG announced that in the second quarter of 2012, they will begin what they called "The Exchange," a nine-building complex that will surround the open area of Town Center. The 1.9 million-square-foot mixed use project will include some 800,000 square feet of office

space and hotel space, two hotels with some 625 rooms and 534 apartments. There will also have some 100,000 square feet of retail that Rothmeijer said might include a Harris Teeter type of food store.

Construction began land preparation in February.

The first part of the Exchange will be 323 apartment units out of the total of 534 with work beginning in June 2012.

In June 2013 another building with 212 units of residential and retail space will begin construction.

In a sense Land Bay G seems to duplicate developments in North Potomac Yard where nearly 3,700 residential units are planned, but Rothmeijer said the time table of the two developments are quite different. He estimated that it would take McCaffery 2.5 years to get the approvals for moving their project forward and it could stretch over 10 to 15 years.

Land Bay G was the site of railroads maintenance area and had deep set environmental contamination and has voluntarily become part of a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality cleanup program.



Frederick W. Rothmeijer, one of the principals of MidAtlantic Realty Partners which is developing Land Bay G.

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FRIDAY/MAY 11

PLTI Graduation. Parent Leadership Training Institute of Alexandria will graduate its sixth class of leaders 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 King Street,

Alexandria. Each of the students had the challenge of developing a community service project. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and celebrate with the graduates, their friends and families at a reception following in the Vola Lawson Lobby.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

Local Legislators Report on 2012 VA General Assembly Session. 1 p.m. Free. Del. Scott Surovell and Sen. Adam Ebbin, both representing residents of Mount Vernon, will discuss highlights of the current year's Virginia General Assembly session at the meeting of the Alexandria Chapter 232 of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) at Temple Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Genealogical

Society. 1 p.m. Free. John Philip Colletta will present, "Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events." This lecture demonstrates how to turn biographical facts into the real-life experiences they were; how to gather together and evaluate evidence about a particular event, including its historical context, to "individualize" every ancestor in your family tree. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, in Alexandria. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or <mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org>.

Public Hearing on Proposed Public Art Policy. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts will host session at 7 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. The regular meeting of the Arts Commission will follow. Individuals unable to attend can view draft Public Art Policy at

www.alexandriava.gov/arts. Individuals may send written comments by May 18 to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Attention: Alisa Carrel, Deputy Director/Office of the Arts, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or email alisa.carrel@alexandriava.gov, subject line "Public Art Policy Comments."

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ONGOING

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LETTERS

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Attorney Jim Banks, the Council has once more hired expensive outside lawyers, McGuire, Woods, LLC, where Banks used to be a partner (conflict of interest?). The city will, in addition, have to pay the legal bills for the defendant in this case, the Board of Zoning Appeals.

During the open microphone portion of the April 14 Council session, Mark Mueller, one of the vice presidents of CAAWP, which has opposed the Waterfront Plan, suggested that the city avoid further litigation and instead work with Plan opponents to seek a mutually satisfactory solution. The City stifled this suggestion. Rather than trying for a compromise, Mayor Euille and his supporters have opted to spend a lot of taxpayer money in a costly and probably futile legal fight against citizens and the BZA.

It sounds as if it is time for a change in City Hall.

Dennis Kux
Alexandria

Need Real Change

To the Editor:

I'm generally a Democrat, but in Alexandria the Democrats that run the City now might as well be just developers. Mayor Bill Euille is an 18-year member of the Council and a developer who invests in local restaurants. Vice Mayor Kerry Donley works for a bank that invests in local developments. The June 12 primary offers residents their first chance to elect Democrats who are truly progressive, who actually think that good government means listening to all your constituents.

Sean Holihan supports many important causes but not those of citizens who oppose developments that will damage their neighborhoods, like the waterfront and Beauregard plans. Justin Wilson and Tim Lovain were on the Council when the City invited the monstrous, revenue-draining BRAC-133 to Alexandria, regardless of its location. They are transportation experts and must think that it's quite OK if the taxpayers of Alexandria lose millions of tax dollars paying for expensive (and not well thought out) transit projects using a form of legalized gambling called tax increment financing.

Mr. Chapman seems quite willing to accept most of the current

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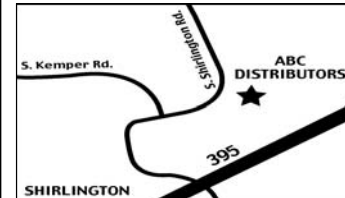
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NEWS



Known for his criticism of the waterfront plan, Bob Wood formally threw his hat into the ring as a Republican candidate for City Council last week.

Difficult Votes

FROM PAGE 3

ment including public safety, transportation, education, economic development, garbage collection, planning, technology, and public works, operate well in Alexandria."

MEANWHILE, on the Republican side of the ticket, Democrats will be challenged by another high-profile Republican who formally threw his hat into the ring last week. Waterfront work group member Bob Wood, who spent months criticizing the waterfront plan, is now officially a candidate for Alexandria City Council. Announcing his candidacy in a Mar-

ket Square press conference, Wood indicated his campaign would offer a strong challenge to the direction of city government in recent years.

"Planning slogans like smart growth, transportation corridors and modern urban design substitute for innovative, sensible even inspiring development," said Wood. "To those who recall past city planning mistakes, it all sounds too much like the urban renewal that almost cost the city its history. To those about to lose their affordable homes or suffer cut-through traffic, it all sounds like failure in fairness and common sense."

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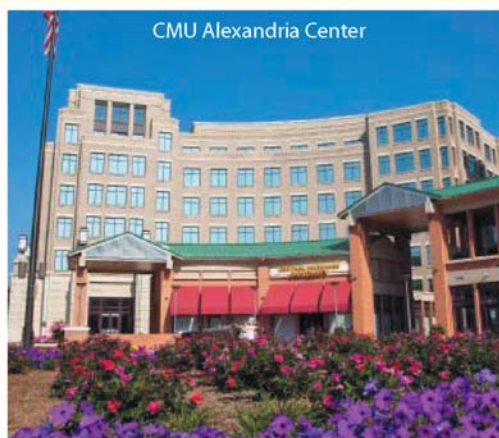
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House Fire

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Firefighters from the City of Alexandria Fire Department, assisted by Fairfax County Fire Department, responded to a report of a kitchen fire in a home located in the 200 block of South Payne Street on Monday, April 30.



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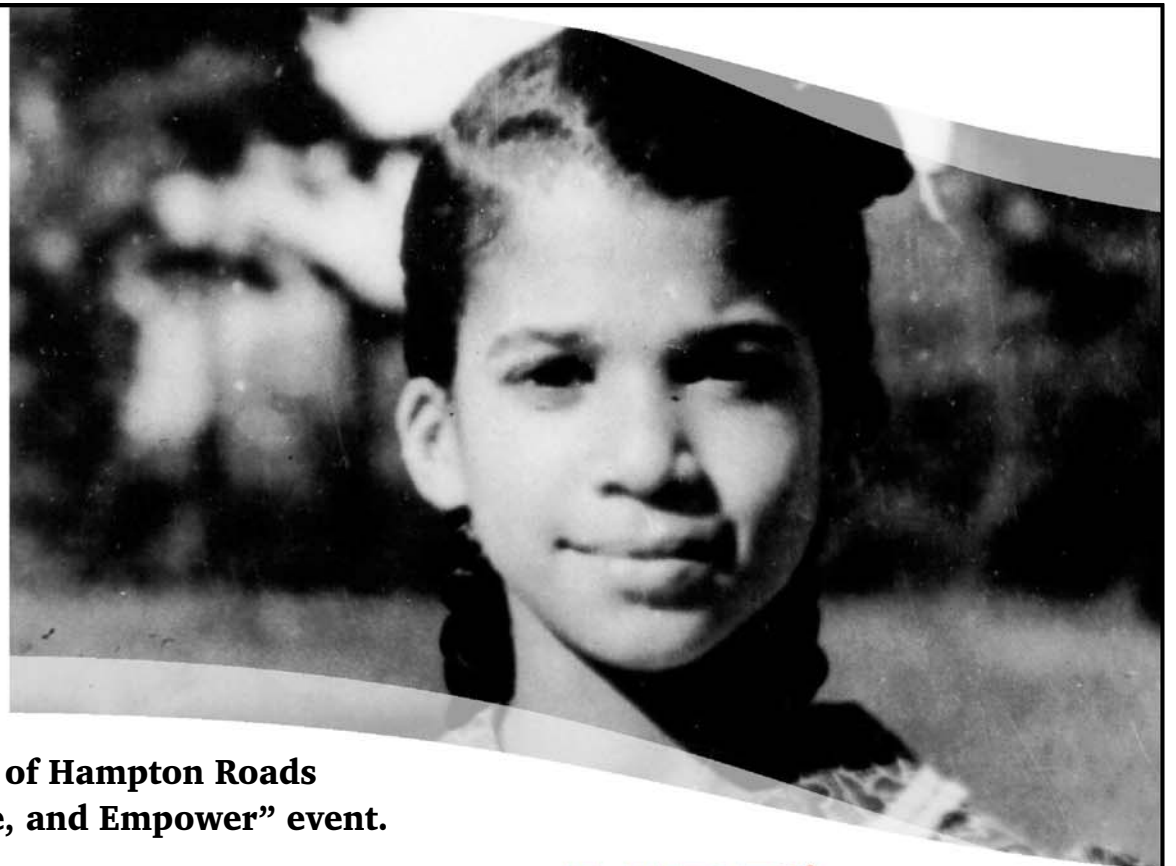
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Maureen Bader, Don Baird, Bob Bates, Maureen Cocozza, Kathleen Coyne, Amber Kim Dewey, Gene Dwyer, John Gall, Maria Garcia, Marie Giorvasi, Sarah Griffith, Margaret Holubar, Debra Houk, Maria Jimenez, Paul Lanahan, Gayle Levy, Ha Luu, Jennie McGowan, Courtney Mercer, Jack Miller, Ximena Montano, Sasha Montero, Hildegard Morgan, Judy Morrill, Kendra Schmidt, Herb Sprung, Vadjihah Teymoorian, Paul Tremante III, Delfina Vargas, Naomi Vick, Bill Walker, Charlene Yague and Issam Yazigi. Also recognized were the following groups: Hiram University, Rebuilding Together Alexandria, Bishop Ireton High School, Marymount University, Boy Scout Troop #135, Knights of Columbus, INOVA Alexandria Nurses' Magnet Committee and Seminarians of the Diocese of Arlington.

The Burke Branch Library elected new officers on April 25. They are: Sally Valdes, president; Jack Richards, vice presi-

Nominations Sought for 2012 Civic Awards

The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission is seeking nominations for the 2012 Civic Awards. The annual awards program recognizes the unsung volunteer efforts of Alexandrians who are involved in their communities and who have provided a valuable service to Alexandria in meeting recreation, park, or cultural needs. Nominations must be received by Thursday, June 14.

A nomination package is available online at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation, or by calling 703-746-4343.

dent; Anna Young, secretary, and Marcia Feldman, treasurer.

I, like you, am curious about the new Farmer's Market that has sprung up at Southern Towers. Those big yellow signs are very inviting! There is at least one rave review for the Market on "Yelp!", so I am going to have to check it out soon. The market is open on the weekends until 6 p.m. and is apparently devoted to fresh produce, not crafts or artisan products. If you go, drop me a line at mamamiajones@gmail.com and tell me how it was.

Car pools have been active for the past several weeks as our neighborhood teens have been readying Gershwin's "Crazy For You" at T.C. Williams High School. The production winds up this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; come catch Sam Jones, Maria Jones, Michael Rawls and Ben Ribler on the stage and Emma Augustine, Giancarlo Bunt and Brendan Zack working behind the scenes. Peter Eckel rocks the guitar with the Pit Band.

On the development front, some big changes are coming to Van Dorn Street. At the corner of Van Dorn and Pickett Streets, where a warehouse currently sits, demolition begins in July and construction on Landmark Gateway, with 550,000 square feet of retail and 492 residential units, will begin. The Shell Station at the corner of Van Dorn and Edsall Road is slated for redevelopment as well. Finally, the bowling alley on South Pickett Street is slated to be replaced with a mixture of condos, retail and rental units (to be known as the Residences of Cameron Station).

— MIA JONES

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City Council Votes To Dip into Rainy-Day Fund

FROM PAGE 1

native ways to fund a \$1.75 million state-mandated salary increase and a \$110,000 preschool coordinator position.

"A lot of people are saying that this council is not committed to the schools," said Councilman Frank Fannon. "I beg to differ."

"This puts us in a deficit position," responded Superintendent Morton Sherman said after the final work session. "So the School Board is going to have to take action."

CITY COUNCIL members added about \$2.3 million to the budget City Manager Rashad Young proposed back in February. Some of that money came from revenue re-estimates, although about \$1 million came from the fund balance, a pool of money budget officials describe as a "rainy-day fund." During the final budget work session, Young said he didn't see any problems with dipping into the savings account this year, although he expressed concern about using the technique again in future years.

"This is not breaking the bank," said Young, who became city manager in December, "But if this were to increase over time, that would cause me some heartburn."

"I'm concerned we're setting a precedent that will make it difficult to maintain our AAA bond rating," said Councilman Rob Krupicka, who voted for the budget but



Mayor Bill Euille and Superintendent Morton Sherman after the final budget work session Monday afternoon.

against the tax rate. "This makes it harder for the next City Council to balance the budget."

Council members added almost \$1 million to increase salaries of city employees. One item was a \$400,000 expenditure to increase pay for the city's public safety agencies, an effort city leaders say will bring Alexandria more in line with pay practices of other jurisdictions. Another addition

council members tacked onto the city manager's proposal is a \$500,000 boost that will create career ladders and promotions for city employees across the organization. Several of the elected leaders say it was time for city employees to get a raise.

"We appreciate their hard work," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "But, you know, you can't eat on praise."

Vice Mayor Kerry Donley praised Young's

New Spending

- ❖ \$532,000 for traffic calming measures
- ❖ \$500,000 to increase pay for city employees
- ❖ \$400,000 to increase salaries for public-safety officers
- ❖ \$125,000 for one additional school-based preschool class
- ❖ \$85,000 to fund a position providing services through the city's gang-intervention program
- ❖ \$83,000 to restore advertising campaign by Alexandria Economic Development Partnership
- ❖ \$65,000 to offset lost state aid for the city's teen clinic
- ❖ \$70,000 to restore funding Senior Taxi reservation services
- ❖ \$57,000 for restoring Healthy Families funding cut by the state
- ❖ \$50,000 to extend library hours
- ❖ \$40,000 for Sunday delivery of Meals on Wheels
- ❖ \$31,000 for new banners along King Street

\$300,000 proposal for a new Office of Project Implementation, which is designed to carry out high-priority capital projects. These include Potomac Yard, Landmark Mall and potentially the waterfront plan, if a contested zoning change is approved in the courts. Some have already taken to calling the new position the "implementation czar," although nobody has been hired to lead the new office yet.

"It's vastly overdue," said Donley. "We have master plans for our master plans, and we need to make sure someone is out there implementing these documents."

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(From left): Eric Sutton and Michael Russotto.

Notes from The Producer

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN
METROSTAGE

You often hear theatre patrons (and producers!) say that a production is everything theatre should be. It is entertaining, yet has an emotional core so that you leave feeling like you have experienced something that has entertained yet enriched. It has taken you out of your immediate life experience and allowed you for an hour or two to view a collection of characters with a story to tell — a story separate from your own but with a universality that leaves you with insight and a sensitivity to life's greatest challenges. MetroStage strives to offer this experience in all its many genres to its patrons each and every time.

It certainly happened most recently with "Be Careful! The Sharks Will Eat You!," when the brilliant Jay Alvarez told the story of his family's escape from Cuba in 1964. Audiences left breathless from the experience as Jay described the challenge of escaping while under the watchful eye of the ruling Castro regime. Even though we knew that they escaped because he was standing before us almost 40 years later, we were moved to tears by the commitment of his father to pursuing a better life for his family. Many patrons remained afterwards in the lobby and (over mojitos) stories were shared both by the many Cubans who came to the show but also

To Go

"Lonely Planet," Steven Dietz's award-winning play, will be in performance May 10-June 18, Thurs. and Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sun. at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$50. Call 800-494-8497 or visit www.metrostage.org. Groups/Info 703-548-9044. MetroStage is at 1201 North Royal St. Alexandria. Fully accessible, free parking.

the Russians, Armenians, and so many others, whose families had escaped oppression. It was an extraordinary opportunity for theatre to provide an enriching experience that was very specific to a moment in time yet universal.

This week we open "Lonely Planet," Steven Dietz, a remarkable play that is entertaining, emotionally powerful, lyrical, and literary in that Dietz used Ionesco's absurdist style and his play, "The Chairs," as a metaphor for the situation being depicted in the story. And then there are the maps. Dietz is admittedly obsessed with maps so "Lonely Planet" takes place in a map store (you will leave the theatre knowing a lot more about the Greenland problem and the Mercator map — did I mention it was also educational?!) "Lonely Planet" is an exquisite play that will unfold before your eyes as it entertains, enriches, and touches your emotional core — just what theatre was meant to do. Afterwards you will definitely want to read a little Ionesco, and you might even look at maps a little differently in the future.

2012 Del Ray House and Garden Tour

The 2012 Del Ray House and Garden Tour is pleased to announce the 12 homes that will be featured on the May 19 tour:

❖ **308 East Hume** – Extensive termite damage required a complete 'redo' of this farmhouse dating from the 1800's and the opportunity to add a family room and attic dormers.

❖ **306 East Hume** – The current owners started with smoking sludge on the walls, dangerous wiring, rickety staircases, dead-bolted makeshift doors and wallpaper over window screens.

❖ **309 East Hume** – An outdoor spiral staircase, a screened-in porch, storage nooks, yard art, and bedrooms to delight the heart of any little girl.

❖ **2600 DeWitt** – Look for a floating glass staircase and a master bathroom inspired by one this couple saw on their honeymoon in South Africa.

❖ **2607 DeWitt** – This owner/builder added large pocket doors, a wainscoted billiards room, custom-built china cabinets and a majestic wood-burning fireplace to what was a 1920's bungalow.

❖ **2500 Leslie** – Built on the existing foundation in 2008 this craftsman style classic is the newest house on the tour with a wrap-around porch, detailed custom moldings and iron work, and reclaimed lumber.

❖ **2501 Terrett** – 1930's ordinary transformed into 2012 extraordinary with vaulted ceilings and a wall of windows, all done by local craftsmen.

❖ **11 East Windsor** – Whether installing central heat or a new kitchen or two new baths, this homeowner has worked hard to maintain the character and integrity of her 1920's farmhouse.

❖ **400 East Howell** – A one-time home for railroad workers, this is a flight of fancy with personal art pieces, family antiques, fabulous thrift store finds and recycled items.

❖ **406A East Howell** – Don't let the exterior fool you. This is a must see example of what can be done on with a classic brick duplex from the 40's – on a budget and with eco-friendly materials.

❖ **2001 La Grande** – This folk Victorian was built in 2006 with four floors of living space and a grand outdoor oven.

❖ **506 East Windsor** – A brick Sears and Roebuck mail-order house with a country music history that will simply make you happy, inside and out!

The tour is a biannual project of the Del Ray Citizens Association, and serves as a fundraiser for neighborhood projects as well as a showcase for local homeowners.

This year proceeds from ticket sales will support the Alex-

andria Scholarship Fund and landscaping at the "Tot Park" at the corner of Commonwealth and Oxford.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and may be purchased online at www.drca.org or at the Farmers Market starting in late April. Day-of-tour tickets are \$20.

The self-guided tour runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Volunteers are welcome. Contact Mary Maginniss at HouseGardenTour2012@delraycitizen.net.



400 East Howell in Del Ray.

FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH JUNE 17

Artist Donald Depuydt. Fusions of lithographs, intaglios, and collagraphs, Donald Depuydt's works include haunting figurative and architectural references, rich textures, and mark making, both precise and spontaneous. At the Athenaeum in Old Town Alexandria.

MAY 3 TO JUNE 3

The Biennial Ikebana Show and Tea Ceramics Exhibit. Reception is May 31, 6-8 p.m. Some 200 ceramic artists from all corners of the United States and Canada turned out to submit various wares associated with the ritual of drinking, serving, and presenting tea. Juror John Neely, ceramic artist and current Professor of Art in Ceramics and Assistant Department Head at Utah State University in Logan, UT, selected 47 pieces created by 33 artists from 19 states and Canada. The Tea exhibit is open now through June 3, but the Ikebana Show does not open until May 31. At The Art League, 105 North Union Street, Studio 21, in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 18

Variations. A photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sisen. Opening reception is Sunday, May 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. At Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.MultipleExposuresGallery.com

THURSDAY/MAY 10

Raining Cats and Dogs. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Browse open studios, interact with artists, and enjoy refreshments. Part of the 2nd Thursday Art Night at the Torpedo Factory. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

SUNDAY/MAY 13

Spring Open House. 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Take in the fresh artwork while strolling through studios and galleries as you enjoy a lively Mother's Day afternoon filled with treats and sweets, artist demonstrations, and special spring activities. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.



NOW THROUGH JUNE 25

Mark Dorman is the featured artist at River Farm, the headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, for the months of May and June 2012. His exhibit, "Color in Nature" will be on view through June 25. Dorman is a professional artist, journalist, and art critic. He studied drawing and painting with Manlio Guberti in Rome, studied at Atelier, Le Grande Chaumiere in Paris, the Corcoran Museum School, and at the Maryland Institute of the Arts. He has won numerous awards for his oil paintings, watercolors, and pastels, both abstract and representational. His colorful post-impressionist landscapes are reflective of a wealth of experience abroad. More details are at www.MarkDorman.net.

NOW THROUGH MAY 13

Push Pull Play. Focuses on interactive and toy inspired art. The juror, Prescott Trudeau, selected 12 artists to be a part of the exhibition. These artists are from around the country with three from the local DC metro area. The artists include Ellen Benson (PA), Ashley V. Blalock (CA), Phillip Delacruz (FL), Marlene Hawe (VA), Ericka Heffernan (NY), Joel Jonientz (ND), Melanie Kehoss (VA), Caroline McCatty (MD), Christopher Nitsche (GA), Seamus Liam O'Brien (NY), Mallory Sloss (PA), and Alex Waggoner (GA). At the Target Gallery at The Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

Talk of the Town

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While the Wanderer's attitude towards most events and holidays is somewhat nonchalant at best, leaning a bit toward cynical at worst, this is not his approach to the day devoted to his dear Mum. She must have a gift, however small, that is for her alone, along with a bit of pampering and a sweet or two. After all, she is the sine qua non of his life. Happy Mother's Day!

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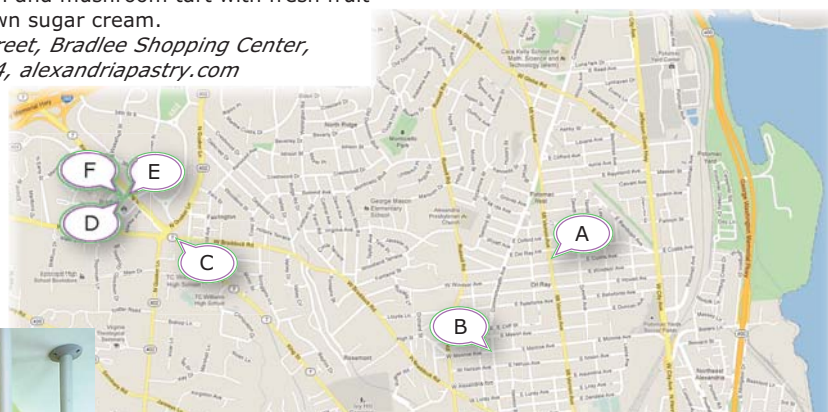
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HISTORY

Landmarks of Legacy

Walking tour celebrates women's history.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Ann McCarthy Ramsay. Annie B. Rose. Vola Lawson. Many women have left their mark on the City of Alexandria, some leaving the legacy of their stories to be remembered in the names of our streets or in our architecture.

But for Susan Lowell Butler, too many stories were left untold, the voices of too many women still silent as the history of the city was being documented for the 250th Anniversary celebrations of 1999.

Thus began a quest for Butler that would last until her death in 2010 — a Women's History Project that would highlight the achievements of women and the impact they have had on the city.

"Susan became determined to advocate for women's history as a member of the Anniversary Commission," said Commission for Women chair Liz Johnson. "Along with other members of the Commission, she spent thousands of hours sifting through descriptions of notable and ordinary women that were preserved, but hidden, in library books."

Among the stories uncovered by Butler was that of Ann McCarthy Ramsay, a mother to eight children, who was chosen as treasurer of Alexandria and Fairfax County during the American Revolution. Ramsay led a massive fundraising effort to help her cousin, George Washington, feed, clothe and arm his soldiers.

Ramsay's original home, now the Ramsay House Visitor's Center on King Street, will be the starting point for a special guided tour sponsored by the Commission for Women and the Office of Historic Alexandria to commemorate a new Alexandria Women's History Tour brochure.

"We made a promise to Susan that we would complete a brochure celebrating the historic contributions of women to Alexandria by 2012," said commission member Susan Kellom. "We unveiled the tour brochure at our Salute to Women Awards and are now doing our first guided tour of these sites that represent historic turning points in our city's history."

The tour will take place May 12, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Ramsay House. The 1 and a half mile loop will feature sites such as Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy, named in part for Jane A. Crouch who co-founded the Saint Rose Institute to educate African American women, and the Alexandria Waterfront, once owned by Margaret Brent. Brent is considered the first woman



Kate Waller Barrett earned a medical degree and opened a home for unwed mothers.



Caroline Hallowell Miller worked alongside Susan. B. Anthony in the fight to gain voting rights for women.



The Lloyd House was once the home of famed suffragist leader Carolyn Hallowell Miller. It will be the site of a reception following the Women's History Walking Tour May 12.

lawyer in America and the first woman to seek the right to vote in 1648.

"We are fortunate, as a city, to have such incredible history right at our doorstep," Johnson said. "And we are even more fortunate to have had visionaries like Susan among us, who understood the importance of integrating the stories of all people into our collective history."

The Women's History Tour brochure is available now at the Ramsay House Visitors Center. For more information or to register for the May 12 guided walk, contact Sarah Watson at 703-746-3123 or sarah.watson@alexandriava.gov by May 10.

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ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY/MAY 10

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National Foster Care Month Appreciation Event. 6:15-8 p.m. Adolescent and Family Growth Center, Inc. (AFGC), in honor of National Foster Care Month, will pay tribute to families and the amazing work of its therapeutic foster parents. Join us and see how: "Kids Grow Better in a Family." Call 703-425-9200 or visit www.afgcinc.com.

Belle Haven Women's Club Spring Fashion Show. "Bright, Bold and Beautiful." Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; Dinner and Fashion Show 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Bloomingdales. Tickets: \$60/members; \$70/guests. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send checks payable to BHCW, c/o Fran Slade, 6016 Grove Drive, Alexandria, VA. To be held at Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria.

MAY 10, 17, 23, 31

"Tea" Talk. 10:15 a.m. Experience the world through Tea with your guide, Lee Maguire. Join tea aficionado and Hollin Hall Senior Center Assistant Lee as he leads this four-part series about the world's second cheapest drink. Learn about the history of tea, its role in society, and how it has even changed history. Participate in blind tea tastings and help decide what tea best captures the essence of Hollin Hall Senior Center. At 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

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 Gerschwin and arranged by Jascha Heifetz, and Antonín Dvořák's Rosmarin, Liebesleid, Sicilienne and Rigaudon, "It Ain't Necessarily So," by George Gerschwin and arranged by Jascha Heifetz, and Antonín Dvořák's. Visit www.episcopalhighschool.org.

MAY 11, 12

"Crazy for You." Tickets are \$5/students, seniors; \$10/adults. Presented by T.C. Williams Drama Department. Show dates are May 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."

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Women's History Walking Tour. 1 p.m. Join the Alexandria Commission for Women and the Friends of the Commission for a Women's History Walking Tour. The one and a half mile tour will start at the Ramsey House Visitors Center, 221 King Street, Alexandria, and will end at the waterfront approximately an hour and a half later. Transportation will be provided from the waterfront to a reception with light refreshments at the historic Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street. For reservations, call Sarah Watson at 703-746-3123 or email Sarah.Watson@alexandriava.gov.

Free Bee Yard Sale. 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., the Free Bee "Shop for Free" Yard Sale" being held at the Faith United Methodist Church Campus, 7010 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. The Woodlawn Faith United Methodist Women (WFUMW) have collected donated items, and will set them out on tables like a traditional yard sale, but everything is free. Contact Maria Teel, President of WFUMW at 703-496-6380.



SUNDAY/MAY 13

AYPO Suite Meditations Concert. 3 p.m. The American Youth String Ensemble, led by Conductor Cheri Collins, and the American Youth Concert Orchestra, led by Conductor J.D. Anderson, celebrate Mother's Day with "Suite Meditations." The program includes Spata's Violet's Tango, Jarrett's Meditation, Copland's "Hoedown" from Rodeo, Bizet's L'arlesienne Suite No. 2, Khachaturian's Gayane Ballet Suite, and Beethoven's Egmont Overture. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors (65+), \$5 for students (including college with ID), free for ages 5 and under, and free for music teachers. Tickets at www.aypo.org/events or at the door. At Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria.

Barbershop Chorus Concert.

7 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$20. Fairfax Jubil-Aires present "A Salute to the Troops and Moms." At the Ernst Theater, NVCC Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Order tickets at: www.fairfaxjubilaires.org or call Ron at 703-975-7844; tickets also can be purchased at the door.

Princess for a Night. May 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again on Monday, May 14 from 2:15 to 5 p.m. The "Princess" program at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Entrance #13, Alexandria, allows high school students to shop for prom dresses, handbags, shoes and jewelry — all free. Students will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Katie Basinski, School Social Worker at 703-619-3304 or kabasinski@fcps.edu.

Jazzercise Fundraiser. 10 to 11 a.m. Fundraiser where 100 percent of donations go to the American Cancer Society. At Waynewood Elementary Gymnasium, 1205 Waynewood 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. Show Military ID at the door and receive a 10% discount. 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.

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.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With pianist Adam Golka. Britten's Sinfonia da Requiem, Debussy's La Mer, Ravel's Concerto for the Left Hand, and Elgar's Enigma Variations. Free pre-concert discussion for ticket holders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent a yard sale space for \$15 (1 space) or \$25 (2 spaces). At Minnie Howard School, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Donations can be dropped off the morning of the yard sale between 7-8 a.m.

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Civil War Crimean Oven Lecture. 1 p.m. Admission is \$10. Fort Ward Museum will sponsor a lecture on "The Story of Alexandria's Civil War Crimean Ovens and Camp California." The lecture will be presented by Wally Owen, Assistant Director at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848.

MAY 12 AND MAY 13

"Biblical Girl: Eve's Big Fat Family Reunion." Eve's daughters – and a few sons – come home to the Garden of Eden for a holiday family reunion in this engaging new musical. Two workshop performances, Saturday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 13 at 3 p.m. Free and open to the public; cash donation requested at the door. In the LAB at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

SUNDAY/MAY 13

"Introspection and Masculinity." 7 p.m. Nationally known cellist, Jonathan Aaron Cain, joined by Ukrainian pianist, Alexei Ulitin. The event is free but donations are accepted and will be applied to the MVUC Piano Restoration Fund. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria.

Mother's Day Open House. 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Take in the artwork while strolling through studios and galleries as you enjoy a lively Mother's Day afternoon filled with treats and sweets, artist demonstrations, and special spring activities. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

Mother's Day Tea at Carlyle House. 2 p.m. Tickets are \$27/person. Guests will enjoy finger sandwiches, scones with orange marmalade, banana or lemon tea bread, a Mother's Day desserts of Petite Fours, Cheesecake with Strawberries and Powdered Shortbread Tea Cookies all while sipping special blend spring teas from Tea & Spice Exchange of Alexandria. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Contact Carlyle House at 703-549-2997 or e-mail: carlyle@nvrpa.org

Sunday in the Woods Concert. 4 p.m. Premieres, two Debussy works as arranged for orchestra: Diane Overture (world premiere) and Operatic Love Duet from Diane au bois (U.S. premiere). Tickets are \$25/adults; \$20/seniors. At the Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Visit www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

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

Mt. Vernon Evening Lions Meeting. Social at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m. Interested persons are welcome to attend. At Pema's Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Contact Andrea Corsillo 703-960-4973.

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. John Philip Colletta will present, "Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events." This lecture demonstrates how to turn biographical facts into the real-life experiences they were; how to gather together and evaluate evidence about a particular event, including its historical context, to "individualize" every ancestor in your family tree. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, in Alexandria. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org

WEDNESDAY/ MAY 16

Dark Star Orchestra. Doors open 6 p.m.; Show at 7:30 p.m. Special acoustic show. Continues The Grateful Dead's Live Experience. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria. Call 800-745-3000. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Dragonflies and Damselflies. 7:30 p.m. Learn about the arthropod aerialists of the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve — dragonflies and damselflies like blue dashers, prince baskettails and eastern amberwings — from a presentation by Chris Hobson, Natural Areas Zoologist with Virginia's Natural Heritage Program. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh and the National Park Service. At Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

Square Dancing Lessons. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Singles, couples and families are welcome. Presented by the Boomerangs



THURSDAY/MAY 17

Ascension Day Choral Evensong. 7:30 p.m. Grant Hellmers, Organist-Chorister, will direct the Adult Choir in an Ascension Day Choral Evensong. Donations of non-perishable foods will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt St., corner of Pitt and Duke Streets in Old Town. Call 703-549-3312, grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

helps seniors 'age in place.' Held at George Washington's River Farm. Advance reservations required; call 703-303-4060 or email info@mountvernonathome.org.

"Pennsylvania Railroad." 10 a.m. Model Railroad Club presents the story of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the history of the famous Broadway Limited Passenger Train, the Pennsylvania Railroad and World War II, and HO display of PRR Locomotives and Cars. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Spring Flower Show. 12 to 3 p.m. Free. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8532 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Presented by the Garden Club of Waynewood, which is celebrating 50 years of gardening, education, service and friendship.

Consciously Exploring Your Legacy. 10:30 a.m. Free. Bev Hitchens of Alexandria is a professional organizer who will show seniors how to shed light on clutter so they can let go and move on. At The Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 703-845-5000.

FRIDAY/MAY 18

Mount Vernon Swing Band. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Owen Hammett will conduct the live band. Light refreshments will be provided by Sunrise @ Mount Vernon. Cost is \$4 at the door. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Music for Woodwind Quintet. 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 homepage:www.usafband.af.mil

SATURDAY/MAY 19

Kingstowne Canvases for a Cause. 2 to 6 p.m. Dr. Nikki Waddell will be holding an Open House to showcase her practice, and her not-for-profit art gallery, Kingstowne Canvases for a Cause. A part of Dr. Waddell's practice is providing a service to the community and one of many ways she does this is by providing a platform for local artists to showcase and auction off their work. The office is at 5901 Kingstowne Village Parkway, Suite 300, Kingstowne.

Princess for a Night. May 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again on Monday, May 21 from 2:15 to 6 p.m. The "Princess" program at Mount Vernon High School (Room H208), 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria, allows high school students to shop for prom dresses, handbags, shoes and jewelry — all free. Students will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Katie Basinski, School Social Worker at 703-619-3304 or kabasinski@fcps.edu.

Bra Drive. Bloomers of Alexandria will conduct its annual Bra Drive benefitting the BraRecyclers. The bras are distributed around the world to deserving women and girls in transition. Customers who donate gently used bras will get 20% off a new bra. At 924 King Street, Alexandria. Contact Bloomers' owner Kim Putens (202-297-9090) or kim@shopbloomers.com.

Kelley Cares 5K Run/Walk. 8 a.m. at George Washington Middle School. A fundraiser for the Therapeutic Recreation Program of Alexandria. Registration can be completed online at kelleycares.org. The Kelley Cares Foundation is a mission of love for Kelley Swanson. Call 703-772-0638 or email Lindsey.Swanson@gmail.com.

BPAC Ride. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. Bring a bicycle, water and a sense of adventure. The group will do an 18-mile ride up to D.C. to try out the protected bike lanes on Pennsylvania Ave. and 15th St., NW. RSVP to jonathan@jonathankrall.net

Open House. 4 p.m. With refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. At the Hermitage of Northern Virginia, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. RSVP by May 16 at 703-797-3815.

The Planets. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35/adult; \$30/senior; \$10/student. Featuring Kim Allen Kluge, conductor; Carlos

Square Dance Teaching Council. At the Lincolnia Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., in Alexandria. Call Nancy at 703-573-8378 or email tomnancystafford@cox.net. **Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, The Cutaways. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

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Mount Vernon At-Home Gala. 4 to 7 p.m. Includes music, food, auctions and raffle. Tickets are \$35/members; \$40/non-members. Mount Vernon At Home is a nonprofit organization that

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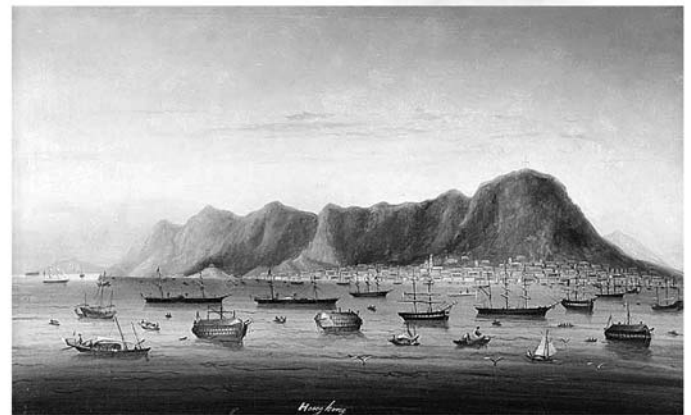
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Rodriguez, piano; Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2, Holst: The Planets. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Estate Planning and Life Transitions Seminar. 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Free. Presentations by expert attorneys, certified financial planners, stock brokers and others. A catered lunch is available (\$15 each/\$25 couple) by pre-purchase when you register. Hosted by Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Collingwood at Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Visit www.aldersgate.net or 703-765-6555.

Lion Chef Invitational. 7 to 10 p.m. Professional and amateur chefs alike will compete using the “not-so-secret” ingredient: lemons, in five categories: cocktails, appetizers/soups, main course, dessert, and African dish. Funds raised by the event will be used to support the programs in FHSSA, which focuses on expanding access to palliative care services in Africa. At the Madison Building Atrium of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria. Call 703-647-5167 or visit www.fhssa.org/lionchef2012.

Boutique's Give Back Charity Day. Some 30 retailers from the Old Town Boutique District and 30 charities will be participating. On this day, retailers will create an activity or promotion in their stores that would benefit that charity of choice. To be held at participating stores in the Old Town Boutique District. A listing of shops and charities is at www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com.

Sidewalk Sale for ALIVE. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On South Payne street between Commerce and Prince Streets, Old Town Alexandria. Rain date Sunday, May 20. Donations are welcomed. Bring to the Ice House, 200 Commerce St., Saturdays May 5 and 12 from 9-5 p.m., Sundays May 6 and 13 from 1-5 p.m. Call 703-684-1430 or email alivehouse@alive-inc.org or more information and for pick up of large items. A fundraiser to benefit



SATURDAY/MAY 12

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.

ALIVE! House Women's Shelter.

Continuing Education for Seniors. 9:30 a.m. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 13.

St. Rita Parish Festival. Free. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., games, raffles, food, white elephant, clowns, moonbounce and dunk-the-priest. At the parish parking lot at 3815 Russel Road, Alexandria.

Talk on School Desegregation. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join AARP, NAACP, DOVE, and Urban League of Hampton Roads at a “School Desegregation: Learn, Preserve, and Empower” event. At Charles Houston Recreation Center, 905 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Registration is required. Call 1-877-926-8300.

Fort Tours. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Soldier-led tours of historic Fort Ward will be held in honor of Armed Forces Day. The tours will feature museum staff member Kevin Moriarty in Union uniform, providing an orientation to the defenses of

Washington and a guided tour of historic Fort Ward, one of the largest of the forts that guarded the Federal capital during the Civil War. At Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848.

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. 3 p.m. Cost is \$20. Presenting Jean Sibelius' Violin Concerto with violinist Marlissa Del Cid, Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 6, and 2011 Composition Competition Winner Jonathan Kolm's Renewables. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.
Spring Virginia Native Wildflower Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Native trees, shrubs, ground covers, ferns and wildflowers will be for sale by the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Visit www.vnps.org or call 703-642-5173.

Historic Huntley Re-opens. A rare architectural gem, Huntley House, located at 6918 Harrison Lane in Alexandria, will open to the public on Saturday, May 19. This is a significant accomplishment after the property, which was acquired by the Fairfax County Park Authority in 1989, sat vacant for many years waiting for funding to enable historic restoration.

SUNDAY/MAY 20

Stories and Music in the Garden. 4 to 6 p.m. Set amid an enchanting boxwood garden, Stories and Music in the Garden offers lively storytellers, entertaining musicians, and delicious refreshments for kids of all ages. At Fort Hunt Preschool, on the grounds of the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com or call 703-768-7584

Family Walk for Childhood Cancer. Noon to 4 p.m. Speakers and family activities such as arts and crafts, cooking demonstrations, magic show, 26 ft. rock climbing wall, games, raffles, and a walk around the track to show support for the cause. To benefit Mattie Miracle Foundation and

fund a ChildLife Specialist position at Georgetown University Hospital. Admission is \$25 Adults/\$15 children. Includes T-shirt. At St. Stephen's upper campus, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Visit www.mattiemiracle.com

Women's Day. 11 a.m. Featuring the Rev. Dr. Jean Robinson-Casey. Lunch will be served. At Roberts Memorial United Methodist, 606 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Call 703-836-7332.

Jazz at Meade. 4 p.m. Donation is \$15. Featuring Kenny Sanders and Friends. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334 or visit <http://www.meadechurch.org>.

Marty Nau Jazz Trio. 3 to 5 p.m. Will be performing at Paul Spring Retirement Community, 7116 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Admission is free and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Call 703-768-0234.

Workshop on How to Prune Trees, Shrubs and Perennials. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.. Join Master Gardeners, Tree Stewards, and VCE Extension Agent Kirsten Buhls at a workshop that provides hands-on experience in pruning small trees and shrubs and deadheading/cutting back perennials. Bring your own pruning tools (hand pruners, lopping shears, pruning saws) if available. At 2416 Ridge Road Drive, Alexandria. To register, call 703-228-6414 or visit www.mgnv.org.

The Songs of Bob Dylan. 7 p.m. A Hungry for Music benefit featuring Chatham Street, Tim Bracken, Willie Barry and Rod Deacey. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.focusmusic.org or call 703-501-6061.

Spring Concert. 7 p.m. The Wakefield Chorale will present its annual Spring Concert — 30 Years of Song with “Our Music Man.” Tickets available at door. At the Ernst Cultural Center, Annandale Campus, NOVA College. Call 703-451-7917.

Cosmic Quest. 2 to 4 p.m. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Children's Arts Festival, “Cosmic Quest,” at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. in Alexandria. In addition to activities that range from face painting, yoga, and an instrument petting zoo, the symphony will present two concerts featuring selections from Holst's The Planets. Tickets \$5.

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SSSAS Girls' Lax Coach Jenkins Earns Win No. 600

Saints coach co-founded program at St. Agnes School in 1976.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Wearing a polo shirt and sunglasses with a T-shirt tied around her waist, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' lacrosse coach Kathy Jenkins roams the sideline during the first half of the Saints' May 3 home game against Holy Child.

As Jenkins shouts instructions, the Saints continue scoring, eventually building a 15-2 halftime advantage. In the second half, Jenkins stands the collar on her shirt and the Saints go into "turtle" mode, passing the ball around the field and chewing up clock rather than running up the score.

It was business as usual for St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in the sense that its 15-2 victory against Holy Child was the kind of dominant effort for which Jenkins' Saints are known. But while the performance was commonplace, it carried greater significance for the 61-year-old Jenkins, who earned the 600th victory of her 37-year career. After



Kathy Jenkins, 61, co-founded the girls' lacrosse program at St. Agnes School in 1976.

the game, players gathered around Jenkins and hugged the coach who has become an icon since co-founding the girls' lacrosse program at St. Agnes School in 1976.

"I just loving doing it," Jenkins said. "I try to not think about the 600th win. I'm more about how the girls are doing and

having a great experience and playing. It's great. Today they came really enthusiastic. They were very excited for me, which is really nice. I don't like to think about myself, I'd really rather think about the team and my passion for the sport."

Jenkins' passion for girls' lacrosse helped

bring the sport to St. Agnes, which merged with St. Stephen's School in 1991. She joined the St. Agnes faculty in 1971 as a 20-year-old from Erie, Pa., with a background in basketball. Five years later, she co-founded with Alix Fellows a girls' lacrosse program that would grow into of the nation's best. At first, however, Jenkins had to recruit athletes at St. Agnes to try a new sport.

One of the athletes who played for the Saints during the program's infancy is West Potomac head coach Lori Cochran.

"I think I was in the eighth grade ... when she decided to start a lacrosse team and she was pretty much just trying to recruit all the athletes," Cochran wrote in an email. "We had no clue what it was but she said she would get us some sticks. I vividly remember the first day on the field with my really cool wooden stick and she was standing next to the goalie cage in a Lilly Pulitzer pink and green skirt with matching headband, and had a rule book in her hand. She was reading what a 'crease' was and that we couldn't cross over it."

"We weren't really sure what was going on but we all thought it was so cool to be a part of something totally different."

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TC Crew Freshman Girls Capture Silver Medal

When they began the season, the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 was like any other freshman boat in the sport of rowing — unproven, untested, and unsure of how they would do. By the end of this past weekend, the TC girls' freshman 8 was something else — one of the two best boats in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Titan rowers earned that honor at the Ted Phoenix Regatta Lower Boat Championship, an annual competition that is raced on the Occoquan Reservoir at Sandy Run Regional Park just south of Washington and pits third varsity, fourth varsity, freshman, and novice crews against each other to determine who has the fastest boat in the Old Dominion. The T.C. girls' freshman 8 entered the contest with two victories in their previous three outings.

On a day when the temperature approached 85 and the humidity was even higher, the girls won their morning heat with a time of 5:40.10, which would prove to be the fastest time of any boat on the day. In the afternoon final, the Titan rowers faced a near-catastrophe at the start of the race when the boat in the lane next to them veered in their direction, colliding with their oars, and causing them to come to a complete stop. That same boat then swerved in the opposite direction, causing the same fate for the boat from National Cathedral two lanes away. Unfortunately, regatta officials didn't stop the race, leaving the TC girls with no choice but to re-



The T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 are seen at the dock at the Ted Phoenix Regatta on May 5 after being awarded the silver medal as one of the two top boats in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Members of the freshman 8 include (from left): Zoe Gildersleeve, Rachael Vannatta, Taylor Sanders, Maura Nakahata, Claire Embrey, Margaret McVeigh, Kyra McClary, and Maeve Bradley. Sitting in front of Bradley, just outside the picture, is coxswain Kathrina Policarpio.

sume rowing.

They charged down the course and crossed the finish line with a time of 5:47.28, just two seconds behind Woodson. Their performance earned them the silver medal as one of the top two freshman boats in Virginia. It also set the stage for other

top performances at regattas in the coming weeks. Members of the TC girls' freshman 8 include: coxswain Kathrina Policarpio and rowers Maeve Bradley, Kyra McClary, Margaret McVeigh, Claire Embrey, Maura

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TC Boys', Girls' Track and Field Win Invite

For the first time in three decades, the T.C. Williams boys' and girls' track teams on May 5 each took first place at the T.C. Williams Track and Field Invitational.

The Titans had a strong showing in field events, led by Ayzha Ward winning the girls' shot put and discus. TC also took third, fifth and sixth in the shot put and third and fourth in the discus.

Jonathan Anderson won the boys' shot put with a personal-best mark of 54 feet, 1/2 inch. Ward and Anderson are state qualifiers in the events. Jose Urrutia won the boys' discus with a toss of 149-0 1/2.

Sydney Schaedel took first in the girls' pole vault with a personal-best and state-qualifying clearance of 10-6, which tied a meet record. Joshua Abbey Alcon won the boys' pole vault with a 13-foot clearance. Nicolas Ahumada placed second at 12-6.

In track events, the TC boys' 4x100 relay team of Percy Haskins, Za'Quan Summers, Terrence Curry and Davon Cooper placed first with a time of 42.69 seconds. The girls' 4x400 team of Schaedel, Jada Toote, Kathryn

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Washington Redskins running back Tim Hightower will be the keynote speaker at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club annual dinner May 15 at the Westin Carlyle Hotel.

SPORTS

2012 Athletes of the Year

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Washington Redskins running back Tim

Hightower will be on hand as 25 of the city's best high school athletes are honored for their academic and athletic excellence at the 56th annual Alexandria Sportsman's Club Awards dinner May 15 at the Westin Carlyle Hotel.

A 2004 graduate of Episcopal High School, Hightower was a fifth round NFL draft pick out of the University of Richmond and played three seasons for the Arizona Cardinals before being traded to the Washington Redskins prior to the start of the 2011 season.

During his rookie year, Hightower scored the winning touchdown for the Cardinals in their last drive of the 2008 NFC Championship Game to propel Arizona to Super Bowl XLIII over the Philadelphia Eagles.

Also being honored at the event will be Bishop Ireton High School football coach Tony Verducci and longtime area player and coach Dan Lehman. Lehman will be given the club's Hall of Fame Award for his distinguished career following his playing days at George Washington High School while Verducci will be presented with the Coach of the Year award.

"Tony is among the most well organized, passionate and energetic people in the athletic program," said Bishop Ireton Athletic Director Bill Simmons. "He has turned a program with little history of success before his tenure into a program that is recognized as one of the best programs in the entire state of Virginia."

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and retired Marine Corps officer, Verducci will enter his sixth year as head coach of the Cardinals' football program. His brother Frank is the offensive line coach and run

game coordinator for the University of Florida Gators and brother Tom is the senior baseball writer for Sports Illustrated Magazine.

"Tony is a leader, a great ambassador and tireless worker," Simmons said. "We are very fortunate to have him as our head coach."

Lehman was a football, basketball and baseball standout at GW High School in the early 1950s. He played freshman basketball, baseball and varsity soccer at Duke University before transferring to the University of Virginia where he played varsity baseball for two years.

A 1957 UVA graduate, Lehman earned a master's degree in education before embarking on a teaching and coaching career that has spanned more than 55 years. He also had a 30-year career in commercial real estate where his sales exceeded \$75 million.

As a coach, Lehman has more than 160 varsity wins. He began his coaching career with Virginia Concrete in Alexandria's Little Major League before moving on to Groveton H.S., W.T. Woodson H.S., Alexandria's American Legion Post 24 Club, Flint Hill H.S., Paul VI H.S. and the Potomac School.

Additionally, he spent 25 years as a high school basketball official and two years as a scout for baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates.

Founded in 1947, the Alexandria Sportsman's Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing local high school athletes for excellence in sports and proficiency in the classroom. In addition to the Athlete of the Year honorees, four scholarships winners and a Sportsman of the Year award will be announced at the dinner.

"It's important to honor these athletes during their high school years, not only for their performance on the field but in the classroom as well," said ASC president Frank Flaherty. "Our yearly awards dinner is an Al-

Tim Hightower to keynote Sportsman's Club awards dinner May 15.



Bishop Ireton's Tony Verducci will be honored as Coach of the Year.



Dan Lehman will be presented the ASC Hall of Fame Award.



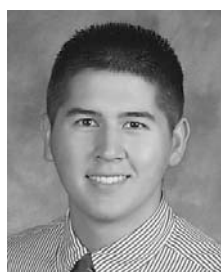
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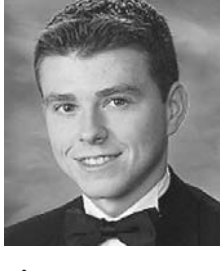
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Coach Jenkins Earns Win No. 600

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Nearly four decades later, Jenkins' teams have produced 24 conference tournament titles, 21 league championships and six state titles, and Jenkins has been inducted into the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame Potomac and Virginia chapters.

"I feel like the school has been unbelievable in the backing and support I've gotten and all of our teams have gotten," Jenkins said. "It's a great school academically and athletically. My four children went here. They had great opportunities and I feel like they learned how to be a student and an athlete. I feel like the school gives so much that I've never wanted to leave."

"I think I'll be on my deathbed when I leave."

This year, SSSAS improved to 19-3 with a 17-4 victory against National Cathedral on May 8. The Saints' three losses came against Bryn Mawr, Vero Beach and Georgetown Visitation.

"Our three losses this year, [our players] were devastated," Jenkins said. "It was really hard to pick them up. I say, 'You know what, you played hard out there ... you learn from your losses,' but I have never seen a team so devastated because no team really wants to be the one to lose those big games."

Part of the reason the Saints take losses



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St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' lacrosse coach Kathy Jenkins secured her 600th career victory when the Saints defeated Holy Child on May 3.

so hard is because the players want to win for Jenkins.

"She's very inspiring as a coach," said junior Carly Reed, the program's all-time leading goal scorer. "She's tough on you, but it's a good kind of tough. You want to play for her and you want to represent her. ... Everyone knows she's a great coach, so as a team we have to go out and prove how great of a coach [she is] and how much she's taught [us]."

Jenkins' teachings stick with her players after they leave the program. Her knowledge helped Cochran as a player, and now it's helping her as a coach.

"She was awesome from day one," Cochran wrote. "She was passionate about the girls as individuals and loved her job. She and Mrs. Fellows had a blast on the field every day. They worked really well together. As a coach now myself for the past 12 years, the one thing I have realized from her was to be consistent. Every day she was up, positive, serious and committed. You can't come one day and be moody or just joking around all the time, because the coach needs to set the tone for the team."

"Consistency is the key to success. We would run the same drills, same routines every day the first couple of years. We knew what she expected from us and what we could expect from her."

Along with coaching the girls' lacrosse program, Jenkins teaches fifth-grade physical education and coaches middle school tennis, basketball and lacrosse, and high school tennis. She said she would like to continue coaching for "four or five more years."

"I'm 61, so I would like to stay as long as I can and as long as I'm able," Jenkins said. "I think it's what keeps me young and keeps me going. I look forward to coming here every day and being with the team."

TC Crew

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Nakahata, Taylor Sanders, Rachael Vannatta and Zoe Gildersleeve. The freshman girls are guided by Coach Pat Marquardt.

In another close race that was marked by a strong performance by a Titan boat, the T.C. Williams boys' freshman 8 — who came in second in their morning heat behind eventual winner Washington-Lee — narrowly missed capturing the bronze medal in the afternoon final when they crossed the finish line .27 seconds behind St. Albans, who came in third with a time of 5:04.68, compared to the TC time of 5:04.93. The freshman boys are guided by Coach Matt Holland.

Another gritty performance by a T.C. Williams boat was turned in by the girls' novice 8, who came within a hairsbreadth of the making it to the final when they crossed the finish line .30 seconds behind second-place Madison in a heat where only the top two boats advanced.

Other Titan boats competing in the Lower Boat Championships were the TC boys' novice 8, the girls' third 8 and the girls' fourth 8, each of which performed well in their individual contests and all of which demonstrated

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SPORTS



KATIE SMYTHE

Ayzha Ward took first place in the girls' shot put during the T.C. Williams Track and Field Invitational on May 5.

Track and Field Win Invite

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Hendley and Morgan Lataillade finished first with a time of 4:01.63.

Summers took second in the 100 and 200. Anteneh Girma won the boys' 3200 and took fourth in the 1600.

Schaedel took home the meet MVP trophy for winning four events: pole vault, 800, 2000 steeplechase and 4x400 relay. The sophomore set a meet and school record in the steeplechase with a time of 7:39.25.

The TC boys totaled 118.5 points, more than 35 points ahead of second-place finisher Thomas Stone of Waldorf, Md. The TC girls scored 94 points, beating North Point (Waldorf) by five points.

The TC boys last won the Invite in 2010.

The T.C. Williams track and field teams will compete in the Victor Cahoon Track Classic on May 12 at Osbourn Park High School in Manassas.

TC Crew

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real progress and fortitude in their first year of rowing. The TC novice boys were guided by Katie Bond and Stephanie Patton, while the novice girls were headed by Maureen Tuchowski and Matt Given, with assistance by Heather Casey, Meaghan Casey and Cathy Hott.

The T.C. Williams crew team will compete next in the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship for Upper Boats, which will be held at Occoquan this coming Saturday, May 12. The TC crew team is guided by boys' head coach Pete Stramese and girls' head coach Mercedes Kiss.

For the complete schedule and more information about T.C. Williams Crew, visit www.tcwcrew.org or www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters.

LETTERS

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development policies in exchange for the support of the incumbent mayor. Del Pepper has been on the Council 27 years and now votes in lockstep with the Mayor. Paul Smedberg also supports the development policies of the current Democrat majority.

The good news is that there are a few candidates who think differently. Ms Menjivar and Ms. Moshenberg have actually been working to support the lives of the underrepresented communities here in Alexandria to give them a voice. Arthur Peabody seems to understand that development without much thought for the future — or citizens — is not worth a great deal. Allison Silberberg recognizes as unfair the treatment of the taxi cab drivers by a City government more used to hobnobbing with the real power brokers and big campaign donors than those who struggle to pay rent.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to members of the NY nonprofit, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc., that the 2012 ASCO Annual Business Meeting will be held on June 6, 2012, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (Central Standard Time) at the Hyatt McCormick Place, Regency Ballroom, 2233 South Martin L. King Drive, Chicago, IL 6061. Members with questions can call 571-483-1316.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 2003 Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22314 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Unit at (703) 838-4709.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources will hold a Public Information Hearing to discuss the proposed Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery nomination to the state and national registers, in City of Alexandria, VA. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Lloyd House, 220 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Public comment regarding the proposal will be taken at the time of the hearing or can be sent to: Director Kathleen Kilpatrick, VA Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221. This proposal has been recommended eligible for the Virginia Landmarks and National Register. Proposals will be presented to the State Review Board and the Historic Resources Board on June 21, 2012 in Richmond, VA. For a copy of the proposal and/or a boundary map, contact Marc Wagner, VA Department of Historic Resources, 804-482-6099 or marc.wagner@thr.virginia.gov.

Boyd Walker has fought hard to preserve Alexandria's history and is not under the thumb of special interests.

Please join with me on June 12 to vote for Menjivar, Moshenberg, Peabody, Walker, and Silberberg.

Anne Peterson

Improving Safety

To the Editor:

When someone in Alexandria has an emergency and calls 911, they expect help to arrive quickly. In parts of Alexandria, help may not arrive for 15 or 20 minutes, however, when it may be too late to really matter.

While Alexandria has first-rate emergency responders, these responders are operating in a second-rate emergency response system. Many of our fire stations are very old and a challenge to use and maintain. Many of our fire engines, ladder trucks, and ambu-

lances are of a vintage that replacement parts to fix them are hard to find. Fortunately, two new medic units were purchased last year, a new ladder truck is arriving this fall, and four new fire engines will be arriving early next, but more are needed.

The fire stations that we do have are not optimally located to serve all of our neighborhoods. Of the nine fire stations currently operating in Alexandria, only two are located west of Quaker Lane where 53 percent of us live. A tenth fire station is in the process of being built on west Eisenhower Avenue, but it will not be operational until later next year. There is no fire station west of I-395, where 20 percent of us live and few of the high-rise buildings have sprinklers. BRAC is also located there and now relies on the City for its emergency services. Construction of a fire station west of I-395 is 10 years hence according to the City's Capitol Improvement Budget. We do not have enough emergency responders to staff our fire stations. Only recently has the number of responders staffing our fire engines increased from three to four. These numbers matter, not only in terms of the difference they make in our overall safety and wellbeing, but they also affect everyone's insurance rates.

While we are definitely moving in the right direction when it comes to upgrading our emergency response system, more remains to be done. As the citizen leader of the Beauregard Corridor Stakeholders Group, I made the acquisition of a fire station west of I-395 a top priority as we negotiated development rights with the owners of the land in the Beauregard Corridor. Consequently, the Beauregard Small Area Plan that will be considered by City Council on May 12 includes a developer-provided fire station west of I-395 that can be built within a year or two, if the Small Area Plan is approved.

Since providing emergency services is a core responsibility of local government, I promise to continue working to ensure that Alexandria's emergency response services are first-rate.

Donna Fossum

Candidate for City Council

Commentary On the Budget

To the Editor:

I write today about the budget city council recently passed largely for two reasons. First, the public deserves to know my views. Second, we have received numerous

e-mails, some from ACPS PTSA parents and school board members urging council not to cut the ACPS budget. And third, to address concerns/beliefs that action by council to cut the ACPS budget was intended as a punitive measure to punish the school board for not firing the superintendent.

Last year, council directed the city manager to return a base budget that did not contemplate an increase in the tax rate. Admittedly, due to an increase in real estate values and therefore, tax assessments, even with a flat tax rate, the average tax bill would increase by approximately \$52. Though I would have preferred guidance for a decrease in the tax rate that would keep tax bills flat, aware of the political climate we operate in and also in honesty and fairness to my colleagues, knowing that Virginia Retirement System ["VRS"] annual mandated contributions and WMATA subsidies rise every year, I also understand the roles of pragmatism and compromise in governance. While pure ideology has its place in politics, it continues the elusive search for permanent home in government when there is a two-party system and elected representatives from both, such as we have in Alexandria. I remain assured that this two-party representation indeed suppressed a rate increase this year and held things down last year, too.

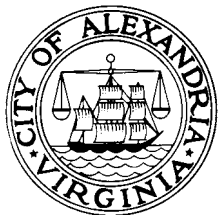
City Council's guidance to the city manager provided for a merit pay increase to city employees (a \$3.3 million line item in our base budget), a percentage increase in the allocation to ACPS based upon projected schools population growth and an increase to the base for public safety. Much to our chagrin, we later learned that the General Assembly passed legislation that would require all local jurisdictions providing retirement benefits through VRS to increase salaries by 5 percent to accommodate state-mandated employee contributions to VRS. This was an unbudgeted expense that at maximum will cost \$5.5 million over 5 years and minimally, \$600,000 to the city, excluding the schools, this year and \$500,000 to ACPS if doing the 1 percent phase-in the city was opted rather than biting the bullet to do the 5 percent total this year.

Based on revenue re-estimates and a projected FY2012 surplus, city council was given an add-delete spreadsheet that factored in the \$600,000 needed to provide city employees a 1 percent down payment mandated by the VRS pass-through contribution. Even with this \$600,000 built in, there was an overage of \$980,000 for us

to use to restore funding previously cut and to use to honor some requests we have received during budget season, without increasing the tax rate. Admittedly, this \$980,000 surplus was the result of pulling back \$1.2 million previously dedicated to meet the ACPS budget request. The decision to do so was not taken lightly nor was it a retaliatory measure. It was done knowing that ACPS did receive \$1.3 million from the Commonwealth of Virginia. So though the funding source may have changed, the budget did remain whole. As a matter of fact, it was better than whole as council also transferred dedicated CIP funds to the tune of \$800,000 to construct an artificial turf field at a school site. As a fourth generation educator, I retain a very firm and strong commitment to education but I also understand the reality that as long as an institution can rely on receiving money that it is not personally responsible for generating the revenue for, it will continue to spend it and find ways to justify the need for more. It is not lost on me or members of the public at large that there have been financial mismanagement issues at ACPS that folks believe should have been better managed by the school board and superintendent but our budget action was not a response to that. My response was to categorically appropriate funds to address that issue, but the motion failed for lack of a second. To those who have castigated council for our budget choices I say yes, our cost per student is coming down in ACPS and yes, we do spend 32 percent of the city's overall budget on education while others in the region are purportedly spending 40 percent to 50 percent of their budget on education. But I ask the same folks sharing these numbers to reconcile how despite spending 32 percent of our budget to their 40 – 50 percent, how are we still the second highest per student expenditure at \$17,500 per year?

At the end of the day, my view remains that budgets should reflect the values and views of the communities they are intended to benefit, balancing consideration to our taxpayers as our number one priority. I congratulate my colleagues on working collectively to achieve that goal in a budget that in the end, with none of us getting all we wanted, we unanimously supported. No, political ideology did not win out at the end of the day. But in my humble opinions, it is the people who count, all Alexandrians, who did.

Alicia Hughes
City Councilwoman



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-1-7 (POST-EMPLOYMENT NON- PENSION BENEFIT TRUST FUND ACCOUNT) of Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

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



Virginia Irene Sullivan Bruch. "Ginny"

On Saturday, May 5, 2012 of Alexandria, VA. Wife of the late Truman E. Bruch; mother of the late Truman E. Bruch; mother of the late Susan Bruch Rose; mother-in-law of Richard L. Rose; grandmother of William L. and Robert A. Rose; great-grandmother of Truman L. Rose.

Friends may call at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA on Saturday May 12, from 2:00 pm until time of service at 4:00 pm. Interment private. Donations preferred to Vitas Hospice at: vitascharityfunds.org. Flowers, gifts and a guest register may be found at: www.everlyfuneralhomes.com

Home Life Style

The Best Seats Outside The House

Local designers offer tips for creating a spectacular patio or deck.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Warm weather means more time spent lounging by the pool or grilling on the patio. A winter-worn outdoor space can make popular warm weather pastimes less than appealing.

Creating a space that provides both comfort and style can be a daunting undertaking. Local designers are offering suggestions for creating a luxurious retreat fit for relaxing or outdoor entertaining.

When a home's interior flows effortlessly into its outdoor surroundings, a patio or deck becomes an extension of the house. "Accessories are now focused on bringing indoor luxuries outside," said McLean-based designer Shanon Munn of Ambi Design Studio in McLean. "Outdoor furniture is now made larger and more comfortable, and outdoor fabrics are more beautiful than ever. We're really able to match the outside



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTANICAL DECORATORS

When designing this patio in Alexandria, landscape architect Stephen Wlodarczyk of Botanical Decorators incorporates flowers in bursts of color to create a striking, contemporary space.

more closely to a home's interior."

Lamps, mirrors and even chandeliers are among the trendiest alfresco accents. Outdoor rugs deliver an instant elegant impact. "Another nice luxury is an outdoor articulating fan," said Munn. "Those work twofold. They keep you and your guest cool and keep mosquitoes away."

INDULGENCE WAS THE THEME on a Potomac patio designed by Jim Rill, principal of Rill Architects. He furnished the space with kitchen appliances and a television, all built for outdoor use, and topped it with a stained wood ceiling. "It's like having a living room outdoors," said Rill. "The spaces are connected to the outside, while also protected from the elements."

When designing the patio of an Alexandria home, Landscape architect Stephen Wlodarczyk of Botanical Decorators incorporated flowers in bursts of color. "I see the use of bold colors being the trend," he said.

Wlodarczyk said that growers are developing "designer" flowers in hues that span the color spectrum. He has a penchant for coneflowers, which bloom throughout the summer and come in varieties with names like hot lava, gumdrop and Maui sunshine.

David Watkins, a Fairfax Station resident and manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Fairfax, Gainesville and Merrifield agrees that brightly colored blooms pack a powerful punch. "We're adding vibrant colors to landscapes with flowers like knockout roses and endless summer hydrangeas," he said.

The trend extends to patio furniture. "We're going from patio umbrellas and chair cushions in browns and blacks to colors like magenta," said Watkins.

TO MAKE A PATIO or deck child-friendly, Nancy Towmey, principal designer of Finnian's Moon Interiors, an Alexandria-based firm, suggests weatherproof storage ottomans and child-sized tables and chairs. "Kids like to be comfortable just like everybody else," she said. "Ottomans are great for holding their toys."

Don't skimp when it comes to quality. "I would encourage people to buy something decent. It is usually worth the money

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PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE CONNECTION

Trendy alfresco accents like outdoor lamps, mirrors and even chandeliers help can make a patio or deck feel like an extension of a home's interior. McLean-based designers Shanon Munn and Amanda Welch, of Ambi Design Studio, incorporated these elements into the master deck of the D.C. Design House.

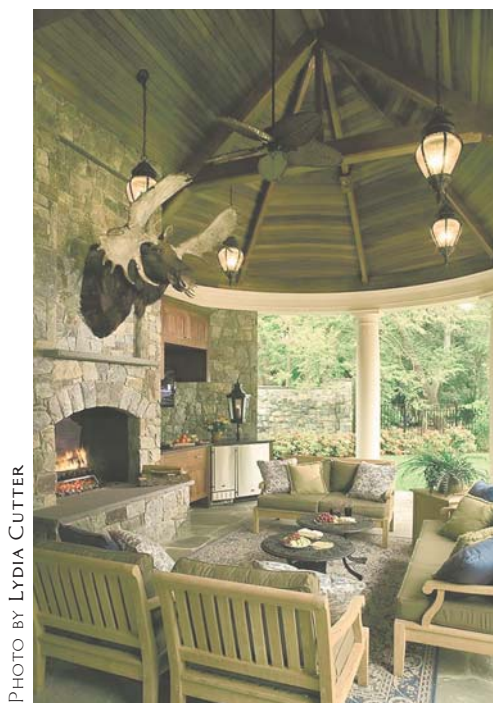


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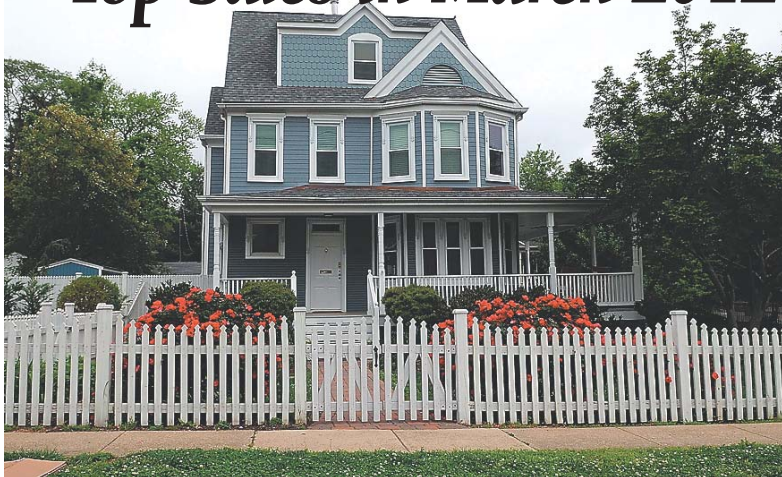
Jim Rill, principal of Rill Architects, designed this Potomac patio adding a stained wood ceiling as well as kitchen appliances and a television built for outdoor use.

Alexandria REAL ESTATE

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IN MARCH 2012, 163 ALEXANDRIA HOMES
SOLD BETWEEN \$1,144,500-\$87,000.

Top Sales in March 2012



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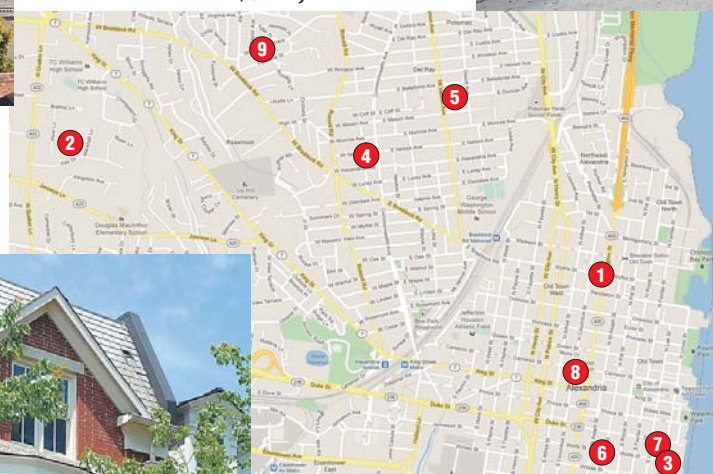
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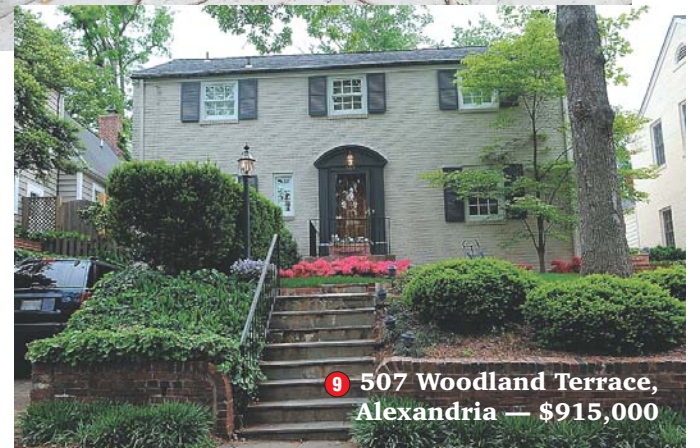
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Alexandria — \$949,500



7 104 Waterford Place,
Alexandria — \$930,000



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9 507 Woodland Terrace,
Alexandria — \$915,000

8 124 Columbus
Street North,
Alexandria —
\$927,500



Address	BR	FB	HB	...	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision	Date Sold
1 714 WYTHE ST	5	..	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,144,500	Semi-Detached	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN	03/23/12
2 805 HALL PL	5	..	2	..	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$990,000	Detached	0.47	22302	CHAPEL HILL	03/29/12
3 401 UNION ST S	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$985,500	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN	03/16/12
4 103 MONROE AVE W	4	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$975,000	Detached	0.21	22301	DEL RAY	03/12/12
5 211 DUNCAN AVE E	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$955,000	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY	03/23/12
6 507 WOLFE ST	3	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$949,500	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN	03/30/12
7 104 WATERFORD PL	3	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$930,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	WATERFORD	03/27/12
8 124 COLUMBUS ST N	3	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$927,500	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CHURCH SQUARE	03/09/12
9 507 WOODLAND TER	3	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$915,000	Detached	0.15	22302	JEFFERSON PARK	03/30/12

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HOME SALES

In March 2012, 163 Alexandria homes sold between \$1,144,500-\$87,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,144,500-\$755,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision	
714 WYTHE ST	5	..	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,144,500	Semi-Detached	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN
805 HALL PL	5	..	2	..	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$990,000	Detached	0.47	22302	CHAPEL HILL
401 UNION ST S	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$985,500	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
103 MONROE AVE W	4	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$975,000	Detached	0.21	22301	DEL RAY
211 DUNCAN AVE E	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$955,000	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY
507 WOLFE ST	3	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$949,500	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
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124 COLUMBUS ST N	3	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$927,500	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CHURCH SQUARE
507 WOODLAND TER	3	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$915,000	Detached	0.15	22302	JEFFERSON PARK
114 FAYETTE ST S	3	..	1	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$885,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN
131 DONELSON ST N	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$875,191	Detached	0.22	22304	COOPERS GROVE
813 ROYAL ST S	3	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$840,000	Townhouse	0.07	22314	YATES GARDENS
405 FONTAINE ST	4	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$829,000	Detached	0.15	22302	JEFFERSON PARK
3305 CAROLINA PL	4	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$826,500	Detached	0.14	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
5237 BESSLEY PL	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$801,750	Townhouse	0.05	22304	CAMERON STATION
1127 BAYLISS DR	5	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Detached	0.18	22302	TUCKAHOE
1420 KEY DR	3	..	2	..	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$765,000	Detached	0.53	22302	SEMINARY
929 ORONOCO ST	3	..	2	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$755,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN

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Patio

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to invest in something decent," she said.

Gina Benincasa, landscape designer with D&A Dunlevy Landscapers, Inc. says that when building the patio of a McLean home recently, her team paid particular attention to the foundation. "Trendier patios are now very detailed and use all different kinds of stone like limestone and travertine stone," she said. "Adding a pebbled mosaic as part of the patio or in some cases the whole patio is really decorative and can give it a European feel."

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T.J. Fannon, Mary Myers and Susan Fannon.



Nancy van Gulick, Corrine Winburn and Barbara MacMurray.



Donald Simpson Sr. and Donald "Donnie" Simpson of Simpson Development Company were named Local Business Philanthropist of the Year.



Salvation Army board member Theo Androus with Gunner Jurgensen.

Annual Initiative Increases Volunteerism, Online Giving

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new donors and brought awareness to philanthropy throughout the city."

The following day, more than 300 people turned out for the ACT Generations of Giving Gala at the U.S. Patent and Trade Office. The '60s themed event honored Patsy Tiger with the Legacy of Service Award and the Ariail Family with the Legacy of Giving Award.

May 4 began with 300 community leaders attending Volunteer Alexandria's Business Philanthropy Summit breakfast at First Baptist Church. Honored were BB&T as the Large Philanthropy Business of the Year, Simpson Development as Local Philanthropy Business of the Year, Janet Barnett of Senior Services as Nonprofit Leader of the Year and Kim Fiske

as Board Leader of the Year.

Following the breakfast more than 600 volunteers participated in a day of service, donating time at sites across the city performing necessary upkeep and repairs.

The weekend wrapped up May 5 with the Jaycee-sponsored Community Contributions Day at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, where donations were made to organizations like Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity and ALIVE!

Throughout the four-day event, the all-youth run Kids Helping Kids organization hosted lemonade stands throughout the city, culminating with Lemonade Day on May 5.

"This year has been a great success for everyone," Porter said. "We certainly exceeded our goals and are already looking forward to next year."



John and Caren Camp with Elvis, aka Lyles Carr.



Kids Helping Kids volunteers from Saint Stephens and Saint Agnes kick off the Lemonade drive at the ACT Gala.

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Veterans from American Legion Post 24 participate in the Spring for Alexandria day of service at the Charles Barrett Library.



Philanthropy Summit co-chairs Mike Anderson and Val Hawkins.

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3	EMPOWERED WOMEN INTERNATIONAL INC	\$15,804
4	RunningBrooke in 2012	\$12,746
5	ALIVE INC	\$11,249
6	The Giving Circle of Alexandria Spring/Summer	\$10,190
7	AT HOME IN ALEXANDRIA (AHAI)	\$10,130
8	DADEBYE TOWERS MUSEUM SOCIETY	\$8,989

Casa Chirilagua tops the Spring2Action leaderboard with 186 unique donors donating \$33,774 to the nonprofit.



Senior Services Executive Director Janet Barnett, third from left, was named the 2012 Nonprofit Leader of the Year at the May 4 Business Philanthropy Summit. Joining her were her mother Norma Safren, Barbara Anderson, Michele Evans, Chief Eddie Reyes and Vola Lawson.



Leslie Ariail, front left, accepts the Legacy of Giving Award from Andrew Blair on behalf of the Ariail family. Standing behind her are WJLA meteorologist Bob Ryan, daughter Allison Erdle, John Ariail III, Shreve Ariail and ACT Executive Director John Porter.

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This stately 1800s colonial is sited on a gorgeous half acre lot in an outstanding location. With three original fireplaces and abundant windows it retains the charm of its era and it has been thoughtfully expanded to include three bedrooms, three full baths, an eat-in kitchen, first floor family room and plenty of room for further expansion!

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Yacht Haven Beauty

Lovely three-bedroom, two-and-one-half-bath classic contemporary. A short boat ride (or drive) to Mount Vernon, this updated beauty boasts vaulted ceilings, gleaming hardwoods, and a 15-ft x 22-ft living room with wall of windows and floor-to-ceiling fireplace. Located on over 1/2 acre with room to expand. Two-car tandem garage with extra storage.

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