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William Murphy tries out a trombone.



Sarah gets a little help from her mother Elizabeth McMahon with holding a violin and bow.



Hannah and Emily Mikolot (not pictured) take turns with the cello in the instrument petting zoo. Holding the cello is the girls' grandmother Caroline Miller.

At the Instrument Petting Zoo

The door of T.C. Williams High School opened Sunday, May 20 for the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's annual Children's Arts Festival, Cosmic Quest. The Blackbox Theatre was transformed into an instrument petting zoo. The cafeteria offered art stations, reading centers, yoga and hand bell demonstrations. Two concerts were performed by members of ASO and featured selections from Holst's Planets symphony. For more information about upcoming events visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885

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An Election Without Enough Candidates?

Lack of candidates may put write-in candidate on School Board.

BY SARAH CARROLL
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GAZETTE PACKET

Election officials say only one candidate for School Board has qualified as a candidate for the November election — Karen Graf. That leaves the race wide open with less than three weeks before the filing deadline. Two more candidates have started the process of filing paperwork, and three more candidates have expressed an interest. The situation is most dire

on the West End, which has traditionally been the least competitive of the three districts.

"We could see a scenario where that seat is filled by a write-in candidate," said Alexandria Registrar Tom Parkins. "It's conceivable that someone could win with a few dozen votes."

The deadline for candidates to qualify is June 12 at 7 p.m. Those interested need to have 125 signatures of registered voters in their district. They also need to file some basic forms, such as a state

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Spotlight on Child Safety

Upon becoming aware of "National Missing Children's Day," Margo Chisholm, who heads Child Services in the Alexandria Public Library, became its advocate in the City of Alexandria. Educational materials were shared throughout the City's schools, libraries and law enforcement offices. The success of her efforts will be on display at the Beatley Central Library this coming Friday, May 25, throughout the afternoon.

"Take 25" is a program of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Its purpose is to encourage parents (including grandparents) and guardians to "take 25 minutes" to talk with their children about ways to stay safe. Each day, 2,200 children "go missing;" the vast majority are located quickly.

"Over time and in a mysteri-

'Take 25' at Beatley

FRIDAY/MAY 25
12 p.m. - Mayor's Proclamation reading
12 - 5 p.m. - Child ID and Safety Fair
1 p.m. - Story time with Miss Christian
1 - 3 p.m. - Alexandria Police tours of Crime Scene Van and "the Tank"
2 p.m. - Safety crafts with Miss Joy
3 p.m. - Safety presentation by Police Officer Charlie Lloyd
4 - 5 p.m. - Meet and greet law enforcement dogs: Sherman (Sheriff's Department) and G'Kar (Police Department).

ous way, adults develop a sense of personal safety," Chisholm said. "We become aware of our surroundings and are able to make good decisions for our own protection. The most important citizens in our community are the children. We owe it to them to provide guidance that will help them to stay safe."

— MICHAEL MCMORROW

Heading Toward Six Years in the Red?

Alexandria is on track to exceed its own debt limits from 2014 to 2020.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria is on the verge of exceeding its own debt limit, and the city's budget-advisory committee is warning that any additional borrowing could jeopardize the city's credit rating.

Current projections show that the city will exceed its own debt limit from 2014 to 2020, a six-year period that Alexandria will be in the red as it finances construction of the Potomac Yard Metro station. City officials say that the credit-rating agencies in New York City have thoroughly examined the plan and given it the green light. Even though the limits have

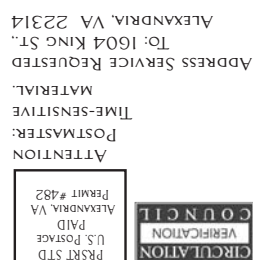
been violated, city leaders say, Alexandria is not at risk of losing its AAA/Aaa bond rating.

"Absolutely not," said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks. "Potomac Yard is a special exception. It's kind of an add-on to the debt limit because of its unique circumstance in generating, over time, significant tax revenues for the city's general fund."

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. If any borrowing is needed to finance any of those plans, the committee warns, Alexandria could put its credit rating at risk.

"We caution that additional borrowing to implement these additional projects would significantly

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No Representation

The Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals is facing a legal challenge to its recent decision on the waterfront, and city officials are denying them an opportunity to have legal counsel.

"We are being denied due process," said **Geoffrey Goodale**, a member of the BZA. "The city attorney is playing fast and loose with the facts."

Tuesday night, members of the City Council considered a request from the board for legal representation in an appeal city officials are pursuing in Circuit Court against the board's recent ruling on the waterfront. At issue is a determination from Planning Director **Farroll Hamer** that citizens could not bring a protest petition forcing a supermajority vote for the zoning change, which would increase density at three sites slated for redevelopment from the existing 300,000 square feet to 800,000 square feet. The stakes are high because the plan passed on a five-to-two vote, one vote shy of a supermajority. During a late-night meeting in April, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to overturn Hamer's determination. City Council members now say appealing the board's ruling is an important step in setting a precedent to make sure citizens don't bring a protest petition any time neighbors don't like a development. "This has nothing to do with the waterfront," said Mayor **Bill Euille**. "It has a lot more to do with the fact that this will limit future development."

In response to a series of emails, Councilman **Paul Smedberg** offered a motion for the city to spend up to \$5,000 on legal representation for the board. Then City Attorney **James Banks** said he knew of no role for an attorney representing the board, which is not a party in the appeal. Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** criticized the effort as a political gesture to placate critics. "If you are going to put a dead skunk on the table," he said, "we might as well call it a dead skunk." Smedberg eventually withdrew his motion, and council members pledged to offer legal support if any individual members of the board become a party in the case.

"We need legal counsel now," replied Goodale.

Whistleblower Hotline

Do you know about waste, fraud and abuse at City Hall? Get out your phones. Alexandria is preparing a new hotline for city employees or citizens to become whistleblowers. It's an idea originally proposed by Councilman **Frank Fannon** after a number of embarrassing ethical problems in recent years.

The list includes a human resources employee charged with embezzlement, a Chinquapin Recreation Center employee charged with embezzlement, a meter maid convicted of pocketing quarters, a DASH employee who was taking taxpayers for a ride and a Fleet Services division chief who sold a city-owned trailer to a local farmer for \$3,500. Late last year, Deputy General Services Director Timothy Wanamaker resigned after city officials learned he pled guilty to a felony charge in a New York federal court after admitted to using work-issued credit cards to pay for non-work related travel and expenses.

"We are guardians of \$508 million of taxpayers dollars," said Fannon. "We have to let our citizens know we are not going to tolerate any waste, fraud or abuse." City officials hope to have the new hotline operational later this year.

Accounting, Not Ethics

School officials say ethical problems weren't at the heart of recent accounting problems with system's budget office. It was just bad accounting. "We continue to find no evidence of personal gain," said School Board Vice Chairman Helen Morris in an update to City Council members this week. Earlier this year, an independent audit of the school system's capital budget program found what investigators called a "dysfunctional environment" at the Beauregard Street headquarters. That led the city's vice mayor to call for Superintendent **Morton Sherman** to step down, although School Board members disagreed and decided to stand by their man. Now, School Board members say the problems identified in the audit have been corrected even as school officials are looking for more ways to tighten the budgeting process. "While we had many of the proper procedures in place, they weren't being followed," said School Board Chairwoman **Sheryl Gorsuch**. "Now we have confidence that they are."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



PHOTO BY EDISON RUSS/GAZETTE PACKET

The Kelley Cares 5k starts with its largest number of participants ever.

5k Race Raises Money for Field

Field to use rubberized turf safe for people with special needs.

BY EDISON RUSS
GAZETTE PACKET

The Kelley Cares Foundation hosted a 5k race May 19 to raise funds for a Miracle Field at the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center.

A Miracle Field is a baseball field covered with a

synthetic, rubberized compound that acts as turf, so people who use wheelchairs and walkers can play safely.

This race was the foundation's largest ever, with 850 people registering and 701 participating.

Kelley Cares made a \$40,000 commitment to the Miracle Field, \$10,000 of which it contributed last year. Money left over from the remaining \$30,000 and after the costs of the race are deducted from the \$51,100 raised Saturday will support the Therapeutic Recreation Program, one of the foundation's part

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Redskins Owner Backs Child Safety

Snyder's commitment extends to locally-based center.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
GAZETTE PACKET

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, a mixed private-government organization headquartered in Alexandria, has the enthusiastic support of Redskins owner Daniel Snyder.

In a recent telephone interview, Snyder explained his personal commitment to activities involving child safety and health. One of his children was a "preemie." As with any premature birth, heightened medical care and attention was required. It was a period of anxiety for he and wife Tanya; they decided to focus charitable activities on issues involving all children. "Children are our legacy.

Child Safety

Information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is found at www.missingkids.com or call 1-800-THE-LOST.



Snyder

about the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and arranged a visit. Learning of the terrible things that can happen to children, things that still go on, "just tears your heart out," he said. He committed to support the center, support that continues today, including service on the National Advisory Board.

When the concept of a modern, 24 hours, 7 days a week, nationwide operations center was floated, Snyder funded it. "With my business background in public relations and

communications, it made sense and was a natural thing to do." Visitors are not admitted to the

They are the gifts we make to the future," he said.

Around the same time two decades ago, a business associate told Snyder

area staffed by law enforcement and social work professionals, but a plaque notes his contribution. Snyder is very comfortable with the fact it rarely is seen by outsiders.

As to the center's outreach safety program, called "Take 25," Snyder's opinion is one word: "Terrific." Creating awareness of dangers children face is of vital importance, he said. The annual program is tied to National Missing Children's Day each May 25. Parents and guardians are urged to take 25 minutes and talk with their children on ways to stay safe.

Asked to look into the future of the center, Snyder points to one external area needing improvement.

"The media and knowledgeable members of the public must be drawn into paying more attention to the Center and its work," he said. Child safety should be one subject that all agree is of "critical importance" in society.

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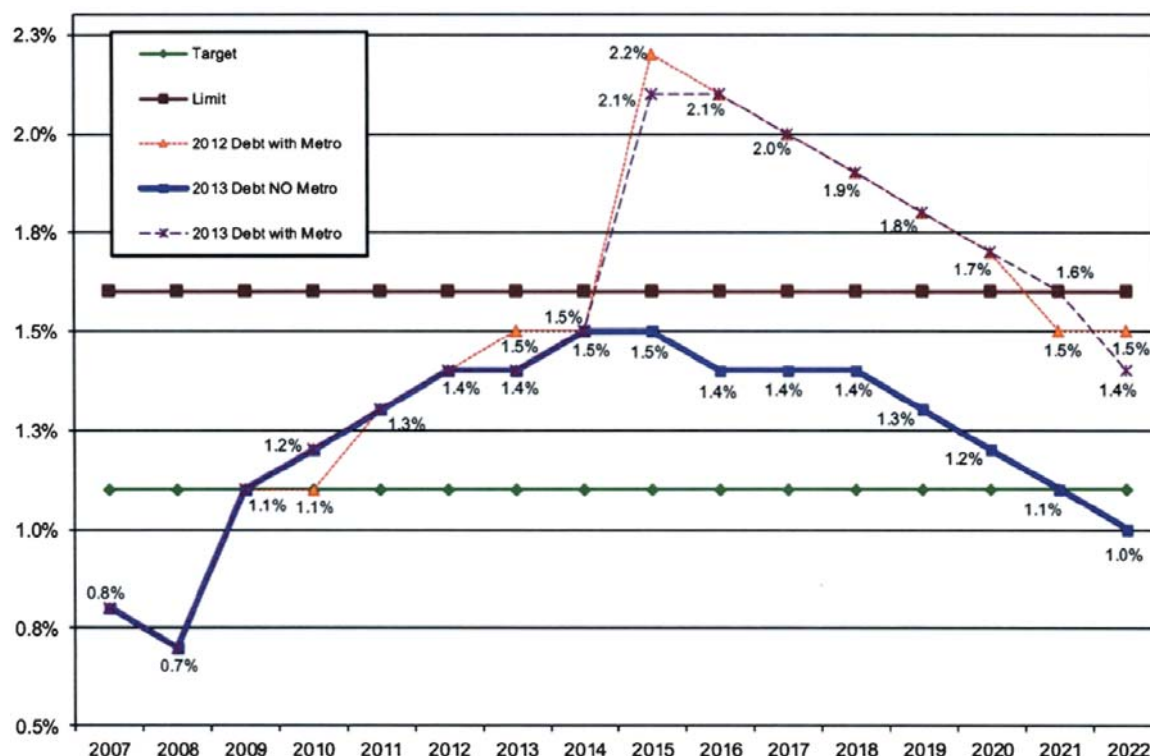
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Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee Debt service as a percent of real property assessed value.

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deteriorate the city's performance relative to its debt policy guidelines and adversely impact our AAA/Aaa bond rating," the report concludes.

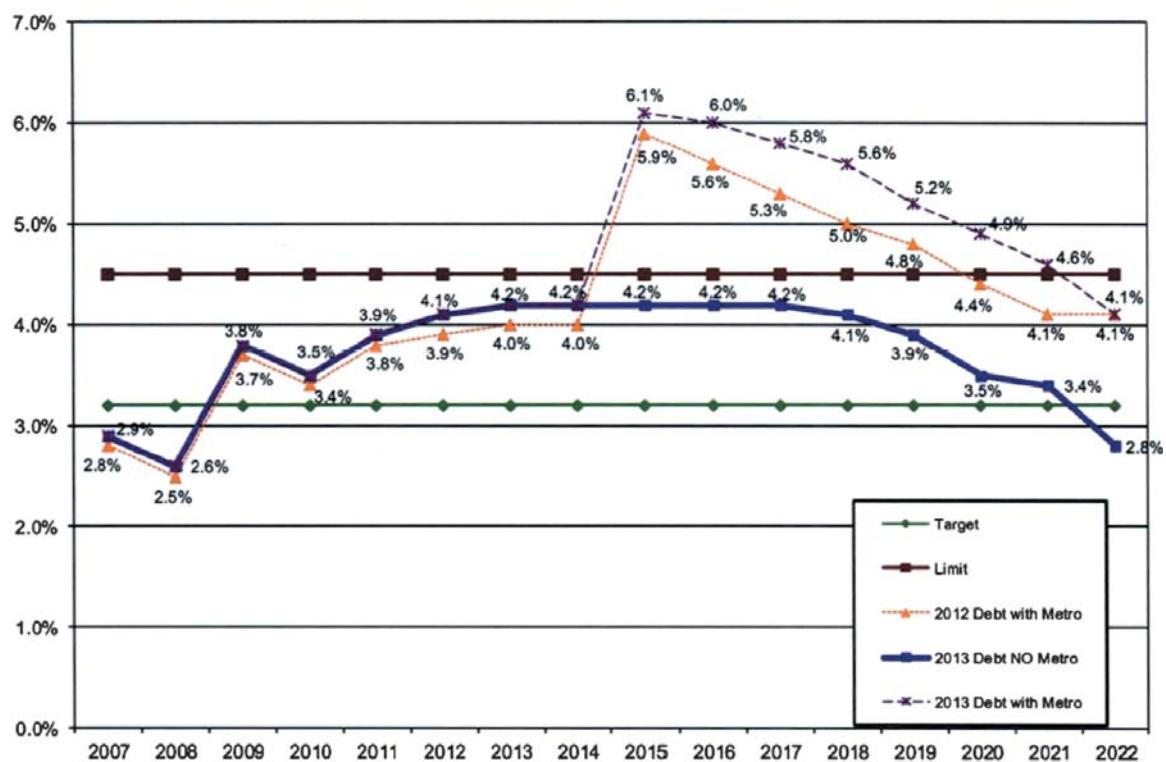
IN THE COMING YEARS, city officials say, new capital projects will be financed without borrowing money. As an example, Jinks pointed to the recently approved Beauregard small-area plan. City officials were able to negotiate \$210 million worth of public benefits without borrowing a dime. Some of that came from developers, and some of that came from the city's operating budget. None of it is financed through the debt. Jinks said that the waterfront plan has no debt spending, and if city leaders can repli-

cate the model used in Beauregard and the waterfront, they'll be able to finance the transportation master plan without borrowing money.

"It's really a unique circumstance that was really not on the radar screen decades ago when the debt limit policies were established," said Jinks. "We didn't want to be in a position of amending the debt limits to accommodate Potomac Yard because that would have made it higher in perpetuity."

That puts the city in a precarious position with any potential new capital spending. For example, the school system's full out-year requests are not already funded through the capital-improvement plan. That means finding a way to pay for those new schools

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Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee Debt service as a percent of personal income.

PEOPLE



Reshma Begum answers questions about a set of salad plates.



Dimitri Warren arranges items on one of the houseware tables at the Ice House.

ALIVE! House Holds Sidewalk Sale

Volunteers arrived early at the ALIVE! House on South Payne Street on Saturday, May 19 to set up for the annual sidewalk sale.

The sale stretched from the Ice House at the corner of Commerce to Prince Street where it turned the corner. The annual sale benefits the house that provides shelter to women and families in transition. For more information on ALIVE! visit www.alive-inc.org or call 703-837-9300



ALIVE! volunteer Mike Oliver talks with the shoppers.



ALIVE! House director Nicole Goodman greets shoppers on South Payne Street.

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Dildova Rakhmatullaeva poses for a picture with friends Sarah, Clare and Chachi.



Diamond Summers, Raeesah Fleming, Willie Billingsley, Kacey Sumpter and Portia Green.

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Prom Night

T.C. Williams High School held its Prom on Saturday, May 19, at the Waterford Springfield.



Alexus Walker and Dontae Taylor.



Grant Stewart gives his date, Michaela Lynott, a rose wrist corsage.



Kaday Dassana and Sandra Asomirdha.



Maroe Palacios Cruz and Pisao Yim.



Kyonni Pratt and Shawnte Bryan.



Najee Suratt and her date and Andrew Swersky emerge from their limo at the Waterford Springfield.



Kimberly Graves, Kennetra Wood and Taneshia James.



Leidy Gonzalez and Terell Williamson check in at the reception table.

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would mean potentially raising taxes or finding a way to persuade a developer to pay for them. Another option would be to defer them indefinitely until the Metro station is completed and the city is back in the green.

"Most conservative cities and counties like the business of worrying about their credit rating because they know it forces hard choices," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government Leadership at George Mason University. "That's what governing is about."

MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET advisory committee recommend against any additional borrowing for any other projects that would cause the city's debt to be further in excess of debt policy limits. For now, they also recommend against raising the

debt limits, although some members of the advisory committee suggest that's something the city may have to consider.

"There could be decision to realign the debt policy guidelines," said Margaret Gullen, a member of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. "If that realignment occurs, then you may not in the future bump up against the target and the limit."

But that decision could come with a risk. If the city decides to raise the debt limit rather than exceed it, the bond rating agencies may decide to change Alexandria's bond rating. That would mean the city would have higher interest rates, a scenario that would jeopardize the funding plans that have already been calculated.

"That would be gambling," said Shafroth. "And the fiscal folks in the City of Alexandria don't seem to me to be gamblers."

City Fire Department Celebrates EMS Week

May 20 to 26 is Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Week in Alexandria, emphasizing Learning Instructions For Emergencies or L.I.F.E.

❖ May 24 at 9 a.m. the Inova Alexandria Hospital will sponsor a breakfast honoring EMS personnel. Mayor William D. Euille will read the EMS Week Proclamation followed by an award ceremony and special remembrance ceremony for Paramedic Joshua

Weissman.

❖ May 25, EMS personnel will set up an informational display at Dulany Gardens, at the intersection of Dulany Street and Ballenger Street near the fountain from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

❖ Friday evening, May 25, the National Memorial EMS Bike Ride's "Muddy Angels" will be concluding a seven day bike ride honoring fallen EMS providers at the Alexandria Westin Hotel, 400

Courthouse Square.

❖ On Saturday, May 26, EMS personnel will be at the City's Farmers Market in front of City Hall, 301 King Street from 8 a.m. to noon.

❖ On Saturday, May 26, EMS personnel will be at the Del Ray Farmer's Market, located at the intersection of East Oxford Street and Mount Vernon Avenue from 8 a.m. to noon.

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Design Public Hearing

Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 7 - 9 p.m.

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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.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Six Times the Voters

Alexandria Registrar **Tom Parkins** is forecasting a 12 percent to 15 percent turnout for the June 12 Democratic primary, which would mean about 9,600 to 12,000 voters are expected to show up at the city's precincts on Election Day. That's a dramatic increase from the firehouse caucus that has traditionally been used to select the slate of candidates — a process that included about 1,700 voters in 2006 and 2,000 voters in 2009. That means about six times as many voters will participate in the selection of the party's slate compared to recent election cycles.

"Because there are a large number of candidates, that could make a difference," said Parkins. "If you have several candidates that really organize and get people out, we could see those numbers go up."

A whopping 14 candidates are seeking six slots on the Democratic ticket for City Council in a fiercely competitive race that has tightened in recent days. Perhaps the biggest change is that the contest will be conducted in a citywide primary rather than a firehouse caucus. That means that all of the city's precincts will be open on Election Day rather than one centralized location. Another factor contributing to the higher turnout is the top of the ticket. Democratic voters will also be selecting a congressional candidate, longtime incumbent U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** or first-time candidate **Bruce Shuttlesworth**. Parkins said he's basing his projections on the hotly contested 2004 Democratic primary between Moran and **Andrew Rosenberg**.

"Most of the turnout for the June 12 primary will be driven by the Moran-Shuttlesworth race," said Parkins.

Politics of Beauregard

The Beauregard small-area plan is shaping up to be one of the hottest election issues in this campaign cycles. During a heated debate at Cora Kelly Elementary School earlier this month, candidates were asked to take a position on the issue, which was being voted on that weekend. Incumbent Councilman **Paul Smedberg** said he was leaning yes, although incumbent Councilwoman **Del Pepper** declined to answer because she wanted to make a decision after hearing testimony during the public hearing. She eventually voted yes.

Even after the vote, the issue remains a topic of conversation on the campaign trail. And candidates continue to refine their views. During the Cora Kelly debate, **John Taylor Chapman** said he would vote "to delay it or vote no."

"I don't believe that we, as a city, should be continuing to force out folks that have lived here for decades," said Chapman. "We have an opportunity on the West End where we have sort of cashed in our opportunity in other parts of the town to push people. Now we're pushing people out of the West End to other areas. That's not right."

Now that City Council members have passed the plan, Chapman says he would have voted to defer rather than voting against the proposal.

Mark Your Calendars

Voters hoping to get a glimpse of all 14 candidates will have two more opportunities.

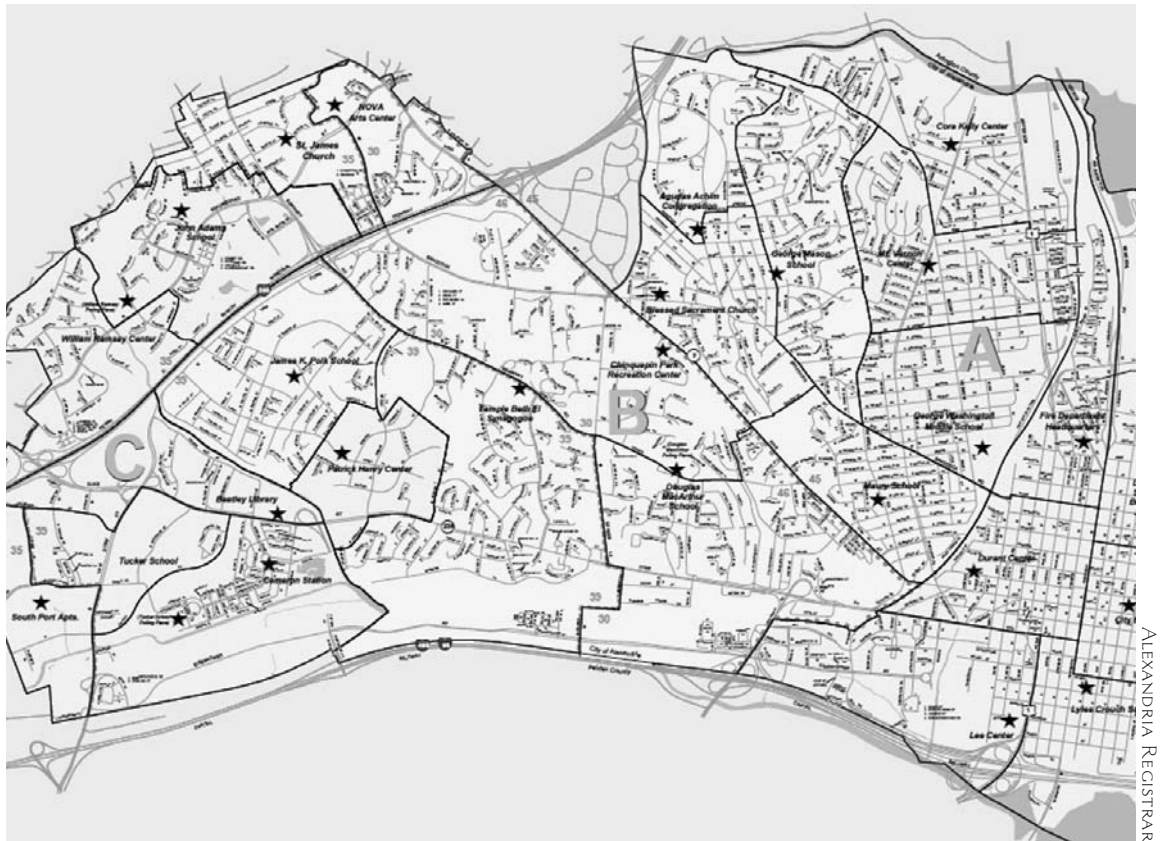
The second and final forum hosted by the Alexandria Democratic Committee will be at 7 p.m. on June 4 at George Washington Middle School. Like the first event at Hammond Middle School, the party's official forum will be hosted by Sorensen Institute executive director **Bob Gibson**. Like the first party debate, the event will feature lightning rounds, core questions, candidate-to-candidate questions and personal statements.

"This is the best opportunity to hear from all our candidates together at one time," said party chairman **Dak Hardwick**. "Come out and get to know these candidates and hear about their vision for Alexandria."

Another event that will feature many if not all of the Democrats is the Chamber of Commerce's legislative reception, which will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Westin Hotel. Although the event will not feature a formal debate, voters will have an opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

POLITICS



Alexandria is divided into three different districts for School Board representation, each of which has three seats.

Opportunity for Write-in Candidates?

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ment of candidacy and a financial disclosure form. "Collecting the signatures is the time consuming part," said Deputy Registrar Anna Leider.

Several of the incumbents say they haven't made up their mind yet, including Chairwoman Sheryl Gorsuch. The chairwoman is confronting a serious health problem in her family, and she's trying to determine whether she wants to commit to another three years on the board, which includes several meetings a week and many late nights.

"Right now, my family has been my number one priority, and that's what I'm focusing on," said Gorsuch, adding that she has not yet started collecting signatures to get on the ballot. "It doesn't take long to get those. The first year I ran, we got it in a weekend."

School Board members Charles Wilson and Blanche Maness say they have not yet made up their mind and may decide at the last minute.

Some of the incumbent School Board members have already announced they will not seek reelection. Arthur Peabody will not seek another term for the School Board because he is seeking a seat on the City Council. And Mimi Carter says she's stepping down because she'll have two children in middle school.

"I figure the School Board will still be there six years from now," said Carter.

Some candidates have decided that they will be running in November, although election officials haven't received the official forms yet. Incumbents who say they're running again are Helen Morris, Marc Williams and Ronnie Campbell.

"The School Board is a very time-intensive endeavor, and we've all worked very hard over the past three years," said Morris, who is currently the vice chairwoman. "I can't say anything for new candidates or the other members of the school board, but I know I had to think hard about the fact that I wanted to run again. But I had some very compelling reasons to run for reelection."

Williams has also begun planning for his upcoming

New Voices

Karen Graf, 41, District A: A native of San Francisco, Graf was raised in Novato, Calif. She attended California State University for undergraduate and earned a master's degree in technical communication from Northeastern University. She has worked as a technical writer and manager for companies and had her own contracting company.

Joyce Rawlings, 62, District A: A native of Washington, D.C., Rawlings studied at Northern Virginia Community College. She is a program coordinator at the Family Resource Center in Alexandria and has also worked at Head Start and at an after-school program in the Alexandria school system. Rawlings says she's concerned about school achievement, special education and the development of satellite schools. She also says she's committed to increasing the representation of minority groups on the School Board. Her home precinct is Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology.

Chris Yianilos, 40, District B: A native of Fairfax County, Yianilos was raised in Springfield. He earned an undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech and attended law school at Washington and Lee University. He worked as a law clerk for a federal judge in West Virginia and moved to Alexandria in 2003. He says he is committed to raising student achievement and opposes the potential use of a lottery in response to enrollment growth at Alexandria elementary schools. He will hold an event tentatively scheduled for June 23 to launch his campaign. His home precinct is George Mason Elementary School.

ing campaign.

"I ran in 2008 on a reform platform, and nothing has changed for me," he said. "I am proud of the real progress in raising student achievement that we have made. I want to stay on the board to continue the reforms we have put in place to assure that all students have what they need to achieve at high levels."

Campbell, a School Board member who was first elected in 2006, is also readying herself for a campaign come November.

"At this time, my intentions are to run," said Campbell. "I'd like to see some of the things we've started as a board to come to fruition."

PEOPLE



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Residents and community members attend the annual Founders Park Community meeting May 20. Issues affecting the waterfront and the park were discussed.

Gathering Highlights Waterfront

Annual Founders Park Community Association meeting attracts crowd.

Residents and concerned citizens gathered May 20 for the annual Founders Park Community association meeting to discuss issues affecting the park and the future of the Alexandria waterfront.

FPCA president Dave Wilcox presented a plan for

the association to organize and implement signage and storyboards at selected points throughout the park to increase awareness of the role the site has played throughout the history of the city.

City Councilman Frank Fannon addressed the crowd before informally meeting with residents and answering questions regarding future plans for the waterfront. Candidate for City Council Bob Wood and mayoral candidate Andrew Macdonald were also in attendance to discuss issues affecting the park and FCPA members.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Bob and Annette Hineman listen to remarks at the Founders Park Community meeting.



Judy Hildebrand and Rita Molleur.



City council candidate Bob Wood, left, and candidate for mayor Andrew Macdonald, right, discuss issues affecting the park with resident Howard Bergman.

Supporting Miracle Field

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ners that focuses on building self-confidence in people with special needs through teaching them recreational skills.

The foundation was started in 2006 in honor of Kelley Swanson, who had worked with the TR Program since she was in fourth grade until she died of sudden illness.

"She had friends that were participating in the program," said Lindsey Swanson, Kelley's older sister and one of the race directors for the foundation, "and she really wanted to help out, and just ended up loving it and loving the kids, so she ended up basically growing up with the kids that were part of our program and helped for eight years, was there every weekend and was a very dedicated volunteer."

KELLEY GRADUATED from T.C. Williams High School and was planning to attend Virginia Tech with her twin sister, Katey, when she died.

Kelley's family helps with the foundation. Kelley's twin sister, Katey, is also a race director, along with Lindsey's husband, Terry Burcham. Kelley's parents, Sandy and Mimi, also sponsored this year's race.

Kelley's friends and friends of her family also participated in and helped with the race.

"Kelley was a dear friend of mine from high school," Jarreau Williams said. "We

graduated the same year. We were actually going to be going to Tech together as well."

James Sadighian and Justin Knoernschild also went to T.C. Williams with Kelley and ran in the first race.

"We've usually been involved one way or another with helping this thing out," Knoernschild said.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS, such as Garret Martucci, who finished first overall at 16 minutes 18 seconds, heard about the race through friends. The first female to finish, Barbara Fallon Wallace, who had a time of 17 minutes 40 seconds, heard about the race through the news.

The cost to construct the field is \$420,000, \$285,000 of which is provided by the city, with the remaining \$135,000 being provided by the private sector.

According to Mac Slover, the director of sports for the City of Alexandria, The Miracle Field was originally in the city's capital improvement plan for 2020, but it was moved up to the 2013 fiscal year, which takes effect in July, when the youth support advisory board, Kelley Cares, ACPS and various private citizens went to City Council and agreed to raise funds privately.

Slover said about \$140,000 has been raised privately and that the surplus would go toward anything related to the Miracle Field, such as fences.

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MacARTHUR STARS

The MacArthur Environmental Club won a prize of \$100 at the Alexandria Earth Day celebration by its presentation of a song and clothes on the theme of recycling. The prize will be used for improvements to MacArthur School.

Winning prizes for their art work were Jack DelNegro and Lucy Lasida, whose work will be exhibited at Alexandria Hospital; Dakota Hunt and Alexandra Preston, whose work will be displayed at the Alexandria City Public Schools Board Room, and Sally Kim, whose still life drawing has been entered in the Virginia School Board Association contest.

The Chess Club wound up their activities this year with a tourna-

ment in which four students received first place medallions: Henry Anderson, Kindergarten; Jonah Cook, First Grade; Cooper Bosland, Second Grade; Holden Swindell, Third Grade.

FREE CONCERT

The Washington Revels Heritage Voices will present a concert of Civil War songs at the Fort Ward Amphitheatre May 24, 7 p.m. (Rain date is May 31).

ROBBINS' NEWS

The Robbins of King Street are proud of son Andrew, who is now the Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Winchester, and a grandson, Christian Gundberg, who is now working down at the Patent Office on Duke Street.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

Remembering on Memorial Day

Time to honor, also time to ensure proper care of veterans.

In February, Brig. Gen. **Terence J. Hildner**, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, there is just one reported death in Iraq, and more than 115 in Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded in the war on terror, although that number is likely to be revised upward. The New York Times reported earlier this month that the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigo-



Command Sgt. Maj. Guitaud Leandre, 13th ESC, hands Cindy Hildner an artillery shell moments after it was fired from a cannon in her husband's honor at Fort Hood Feb. 9. Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner of Fairfax died in Afghanistan Feb. 3.

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rate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook

helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. **Douglas Jay Green**, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Other Virginia losses since Memorial Day 2011:

Capt. **Jesse A. Ozbat**, 28 of Prince George, Va., died earlier this month on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb.

Constructionman **Trevor J. Stanley**, 22, of Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Stanley, a Seabee, was assigned to Naval Mobile Construc-

tion Battalion 3

Pfc. **Michael W. Pyron**, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Parwan province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 25th Signal Battalion, 160th Signal Brigade, 335th Signal Command Theater, East Point, Ga.

Maj. **Samuel M. Griffith**, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. **James Ronald Leep Jr.**, 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. **Levi Efrain Nuncio**, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when en-

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A Day To Remember, Celebrate U.S. Heroes

BY BILL ARAMONY
COMMANDER POST 24

When you walk down the ramp to enter Alexandria's American Legion Post 24 (at the base of the pole flying the American flag), a brass plaque to your left reads: "For God and Country. Erected to the memory of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines from Alexandria, Virginia who gave their lives during the World War." The names of the dead are listed.

Much history underlies that plaque.

The referenced "World War" was World War I. The last name on the plaque, William Thomas, was African American and during the segregation era Alexandria's Post 129 was established in his name. The American Legion Auxiliary of Post 24 donated the plaque.

The Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion worked side by side with veterans to serve Legion purposes and principles. Those principles originated with the formation of the American Legion in 1919, led by Lt. Col. Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, Jr., the eldest son



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of the 26th President. These forefather veterans were not focused on war. The WW I veterans were war-weary. One purpose for the Legion, indeed, was to lift their morale. Other purposes were to serve veterans and to serve the principles for which they fought.

The Legion's existence and its purposes

were formalized by an Act of Congress followed by other Congressional acts sought by the Legion such as the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau (now Department of Veterans Affairs) and the first GI bill. Children and youth programs (in part to counter fascism), emergency relief funds and much more were established by the early American Legion.

Much has changed since the dedication of Post 24's World War plaque. And much has not changed.

Public Invited

American Legion Post 24 will host a remembrance ceremony May 28 at Alexandria National Cemetery, 1450 Wilkes St., at 11 a.m. The ceremony is open to the public and will be followed by a reception at 400 Cameron St. Enter the cemetery where Wilkes Street dead ends. Enter Post 24 at the base of the flag pole. Read the plaque.

Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen continue to die in the service of their country. Their veteran comrades, sons and daughters continue to honor those who died and to serve the principles that they died to preserve.

The Legion continues its efforts on behalf of national security, children and youth, and veterans and veteran rehabilitation, and we remember those who died in service of their country.

Memorial Day is a day to remember. Memorial Day also is a day to celebrate. It is a day to celebrate the memories of these heroes and their families. It is a day to celebrate the principles of America for which they died, principles which continue to be served today. Remember and celebrate these men and women who died

in the wars and other conflicts after the World War, but also all of the principles which they served and which their comrades, sons and daughters, and great-grandsons and daughters, continue to serve.

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Snapshot

9 a.m., May 21: South Union St. Firehook Bakery's manager Mezzie caught in the act of contributing to the beautification of Old Town for Memorial Day weekend and the start of summer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greening of The Waterfront

To the Editor:

Over the last week, the media and local activists have tried use an environmental group's ranking of the Potomac as "America's #1 Endangered River" as evidence against the City's Waterfront Plan. To set the record straight: the Waterfront Plan comprehensively addresses the major threats to the health of the Potomac River. In fact, each of the Plan's major initiatives will substantially reduce, not increase, negative impacts on the environment.

The changes proposed in the Plan combine government actions and requirements on private development to significantly reduce pollution caused by stormwater runoff and improve the quality of

the water that enters the Potomac.

Just in the Waterfront's "core area," from Robinson Terminal North to Robinson Terminal South, 8+ acres of riverfront land will see major improvements in how stormwater is handled. Here's how:

❖ The Plan turns pavement into parks.

The Strand parking lot, which is more than an acre of asphalt, drains directly into the Potomac. The Plan calls for this lot to be replaced with a park with much less pavement and improved stormwater handling.

Prince Street ends at the river's edge. The Plan calls for the last block of Prince Street, as well as a small portion of Wolfe Street, to be turned into parks.

Over the long term, and through negotiation with the Old Domin-

ion Boat Club, the Plan calls for the Boat Club's parking lot to become a park.

❖ Redevelopment allows strict controls on runoff to be applied to the major development sites.

Today, the three development sites — Robinson Terminal North, Robinson Terminal South, and major portions of the Cummings/Turner block — are entirely covered by either pavement or a building. Rainfall on these properties can quickly find its way into the Potomac. The Plan will improve the situation in several ways:

Reducing overall pavement coverage on the sites. At least 25 percent of each site must be open space, a portion of which will replace pavement with soil.

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Pulling development more than 100 feet from the river. The Plan calls for moving development away from this most environmentally sensitive area of the shoreline. The Robinson Terminal buildings are as close as 50 feet from the river.

Through strict controls on stormwater from each site. These rules were in place before the Waterfront Plan was approved, but without redevelopment the requirements do not go into effect.

Through green roofs and other new approaches. More than five acres on these redevelopment sites are covered by roofs. "Green roofs" incorporate plants to detain and clean stormwater before it leaves the roof to enter waterways.

Through the City's Green Building Policy, whereby new buildings are subject to multiple standards for energy use and environmental impact.

Requiring each redevelopment site to contribute to on- and off-site public benefits, including environmental improvements, above and beyond the minimum required.

❖ The Plan makes existing parks even better for the environment.

The Plan calls for replacing the "rip-rap" shoreline in most Waterfront parks with a more natural shoreline that includes native plants that interrupt and help clean stormwater before it enters the river.

The Plan includes a new wetland feature in Oronoco Bay Park — an area that was marshland when the City was founded — that will also help clean stormwater.

The Plan calls for new or replaced hardscape, wherever possible, to use material that allows water to filter into the ground, rather than run off into the river.

❖ Sanitary sewer flows generated by Waterfront Plan redevelopment will be conveyed directly to the sewage treatment plant and cannot overflow into the Potomac.

All new development will be served by a trunk sewer that is now using about 15 percent of its capacity. There is more than enough capacity in this trunk sewer to handle all of the flows from new development. Portions of Old Town to the west of the Waterfront Plan area are still on a combined storm and sanitary sewer system, which can periodically result in sanitary sewer overflows into the river. The ultimate solution to this problem lies in the areas of the City where these systems are still combined. However, the Waterfront Plan calls for any remediation actions that can be accomplished in the Waterfront area to be pursued. As Mayor of an Eco-City and a supporter of clean water initiatives, including the Clean Water Act, I stand behind this Plan and am confident in the environmental improvements it will bring to our City, its residents, and visitors — and to the life of the Potomac River.

William D. Euille
Mayor, City of Alexandria


Mistaken Presumption?

To the Editor:

As someone who has raised millions of charitable dollars, whose nonprofit management text The New York Times described as "one of the better," I thank Rod Kuckro for his contribution to the Virginia Chap

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The familiar faces of business banking in Alexandria



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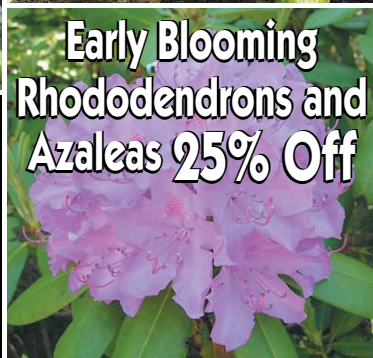
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 12

ter of the Sierra Club. He guessed wrong and payment is due.

In Rod's May 17 Letter to the Editor he offered to donate a sum for each Securing Alexandria's Future Council endorsement he mistakenly presumed. Securing Alexandria's Future, like his Democrats for a Better Alexandria and Alexandrians for a Livable City, are political action committees [PACs]. All seek to influence the outcome of the June 12 Democratic primary.

Council candidate Donna Fossum's name was not listed in Packet writer Michael Lee Pope's same day story, "A Divided Slate." Politically, \$100 is a reportable gift is it not? Rod gambled and hopelessly a check was mailed.

Perhaps his error has earned Ms. Fossum a second look.

Sarah Becker

Past President, West Old Town
Citizens Association
Alexandria

Learn How To Protect Children

To the Editor:

Who could hurt a child? I don't know, but many adults do hurt and exploit children for selfish reasons. Our children deserve our protection from predators and others who do not have their best interests at the forefront. Adults all share the common experience of childhood. Who among us has not felt vulnerable, alone, or betrayed as a child? Do you remember who hurt you as a child? Was it an adult or another child perhaps? How long did the pain linger in your heart and soul? I know that mine does to this day. Childhood hurts affect our adult behavior and may leave us under developed in body, mind and spirit. Childhood injury to body and mind can be minimized if adults use common sense and encourage children to take on the responsibility of personal safety. Children will grow into their own sense of personal safety with adults guiding and challenging them to think about situations, places, and people that are potentially harmful. Instead of not thinking about childhood personal safety, let's empower them with courage and tools.

On Friday, May 25 from 12-5 p.m. the Beatley Central Library, the Office of the Mayor, the Alexandria Police Department, the Al-

exandria Sheriff's Department and the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children will host Take 25, a national campaign to make child protection a community priority and encourage parent and guardians to Take 25 minutes to talk to their children about personal safety. Children are our legacy, let us make a commitment to keep all of them safe.

Margo L. Chisholm
Alexandria

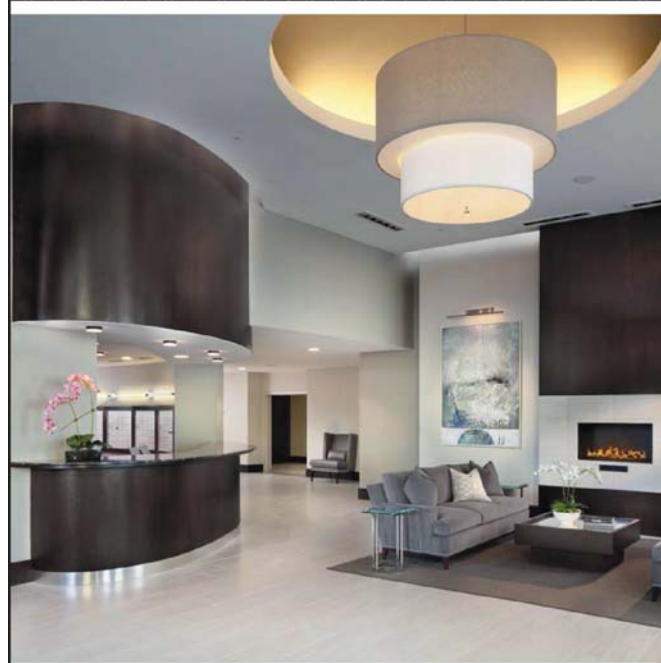
Add to City Greenery

To the Editor:

There are many sites in Alexandria, especially in Old Town, which could benefit from the Congressional legislation urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act. It couldn't come at a better time. There's a new sense of urgency to develop urban/suburban greenery, from pocket parks to miles-long green ways. This is a renewal of the 19th C. movement called "lungs of the City." Opportunity sites abound in Alexandria and our Council should be open to this green transformation. Hopefully the Parks for Everyone wave will

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This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,121,000-\$601,000 range.
For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	PostalCode	Subdivision
22 WOLFE ST #57	5	5	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$2,121,000	Townhouse			22314	HARBORSIDE
507 HIGH ST	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,335,000	Detached	0.51		22302	OAKLAND
19 FRANKLIN ST	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,285,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	FORDS LANDING
311 LEE ST S	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,230,000	Townhouse	0.06		22314	OLD TOWN
1112 ROUNDHOUSE LN	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,200,000	Townhouse	0.06		22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
510 QUAKER LN	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.63		22304	GOODMAN HOUSE
823 MARSHALL LN	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,045,000	Detached	0.53		22302	CHAPEL HILL
3205 CIRCLE HILL RD	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,037,500	Detached	0.26		22305	BEVERLY HILLS
215 PRINCESS ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,025,000	Townhouse	0.04		22314	PRINCESS
826 RIVERGATE PL	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,002,500	Townhouse	0.06		22314	RIVERGATE
400 RUSSELL RD	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$985,000	Detached	0.16		22301	ROSEMONT
1005 KING ST	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$962,950	Townhouse	0.02		22314	OLD TOWN
321 FAYETTE ST S	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$947,500	Townhouse	0.03		22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
2181 JAMIESON AVE #1807	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$935,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
2506 DEWITT AVE	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$921,501	Detached	0.17		22301	DEL RAY
126 WATERFORD PL	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$920,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	WATERFORD
801 ROYAL ST S	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$901,000	Townhouse	0.08		22314	YATES GARDENS
407 RUCKER PL	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$855,000	Detached	0.11		22301	ROSEMONT
120 WOLFE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$849,000	Semi-Detached	0.02		22314	OLD TOWN
608 JOHNSTON PL	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$838,000	Detached	0.13		22301	ROSEMONT PARK
825D ALFRED ST N #DUNCAN	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$820,500	Townhouse	0.00		22314	OLD TOWN COMMONS
3606 TUPELO PL	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$818,000	Detached	0.46		22304	GENERAL COOPER ESTATES
4710 NEWCOMB PL	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Detached	0.40		22304	BELLE WOOD
2416 CAMERON MILLS RD	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$789,900	Detached	0.13		22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
811 ALBANY AVE	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$785,000	Detached	0.23		22302	PARK RIDGE/COLLEGE PARK/CLOVER AREA
24 BRADDOCK RD W	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$780,000	Detached	0.18		22301	ROSEMONT/BRADDOCK
725 FAYETTE ST N	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$762,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314	BRADDOCK LOFTS
1111 ROYAL ST N	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	HEARTHSTONE MEWS
303 CAMBRIDGE RD	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$731,500	Detached	0.18		22314	COLLEGE PARK
101 ADAMS AVE	4	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.10		22301	ROSEMONT PARK
5272 POCOSIN LN	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Townhouse	0.04		22304	CAMERON STATION
635 FIRST ST #203	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22314	LIBERTY ROW
2603 CENTRAL AVE	5	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$683,500	Detached	0.13		22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
101 ROSS AVE	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314	OLD TOWN
690 JANNEYS LN	5	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$674,900	Detached	0.19		22302	MAPLE GROVE
274 MURTHA ST	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$670,000	Townhouse	0.03		22304	CAMERON STATION
304 LEE CIR	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Detached	0.44		22305	BEVERLY HILLS
1503 DOGWOOD DR	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$657,000	Detached	0.11		22302	DYES OAKCREST
3510 GODDARD WAY	4	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Townhouse	0.05		22304	QUAKER RIDGE
110 COLUMBUS ST	1	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Other	0.03		22314	OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA
2151 JAMIESON AVE #1610	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
2420 DAVIS AVE	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$649,950	Detached	0.10		22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
301 LURAY AVE E	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$637,500	Detached	0.11		22301	BRENTON
3602 DEARBORN PL	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Detached	0.29		22304	FORT WILLIAMS PARK
804 GIBBON ST	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$629,999	Townhouse	0.02		22314	OLD TOWN
814 TIMBER BRANCH PKWY W	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$622,100	Detached	0.18		22302	TIMBER BRANCH
1204 MICHIGAN CT	2	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314	NETHERGATE
332 CAMERON STATION BLVD	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$601,000	Townhouse	0.02		22304	CAMERON STATION

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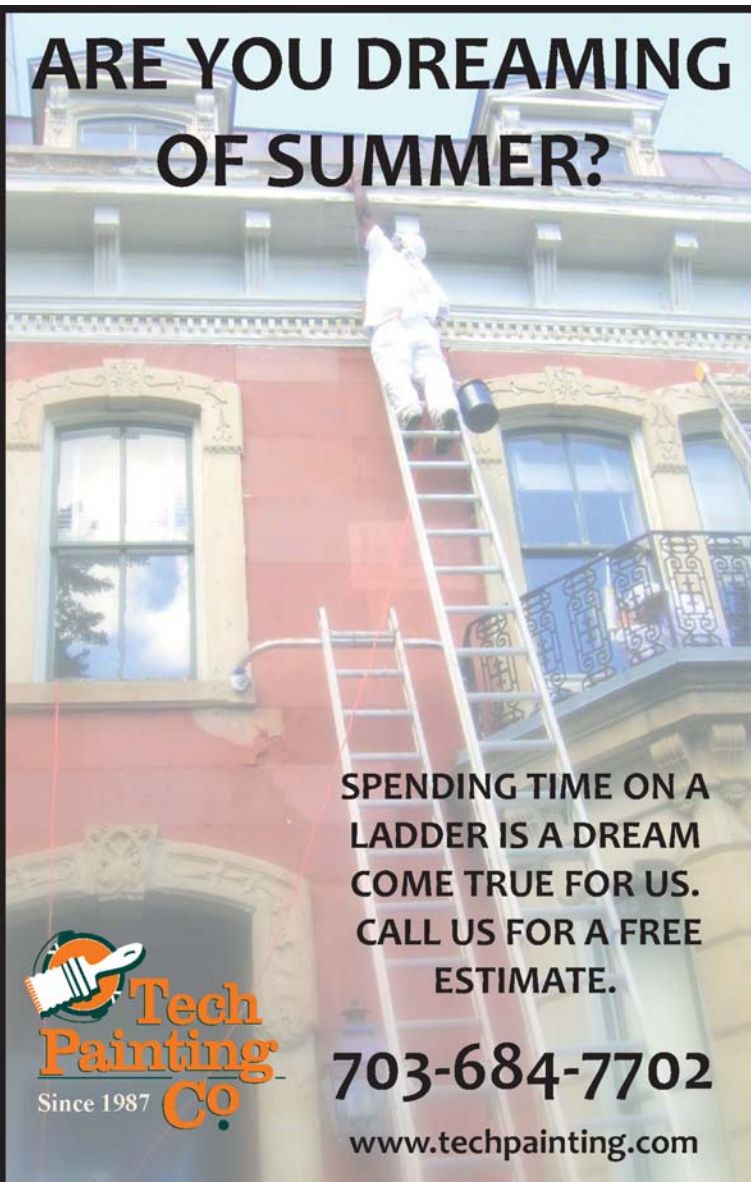
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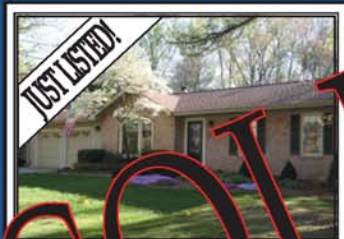
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LETTERS

Bike Share Now Needs City Money

To the Editor:

On May 14, I met with the other members of the Waterfront Commission. The city's new bike share program headlined the docket. It seems that last October the City Council voted unanimously to authorize Alexandria to join the regional Capital Bike Share Network. Rich Baier's pilot program was to be jump started using some \$400,000 of federal grant funds so we wouldn't ever have to pay anything. However, now we find out that on April 13, 2012 the Federal Highway Administration announced that federal funds could not be used for operating expenses associated with bike share programs. Therefore, the city intends to use \$186,000 out of its Transportation Improvement budget to fund bike share's operating expenses through Fiscal Year 2013. The actual cost of the bikes is \$411,000 which is funded with two other grants. This latest information was not shared with the Waterfront Commission or anyone else for that matter until the Council Docket for May 22 was published. This total lack of transparency pales the imagination.

At that meeting we spent an hour and a half trying to resolve where the one waterfront bike share station should be located. The city staff wanted to "force feed" it between the Torpedo Art Center and the office building at 201 N Union Street. Since the Commission was not in favor of this location, eight other locations were proposed. The Commission did not endorse any of them. Additionally, two motions were tabled at that meeting. One was to disallow any bike share stations east of Fairfax Street. It failed. I personally tabled the other motion which was that "No bike share program will be initiated until the Union Street Corridor Traffic Plan is completed, with bike share included as one of the traffic inhibitors." It also failed.

To date, this new concept has been touted as a great success in Arlington and the District of Columbia where there are some 190 stations holding some 1600 bikes. Users of these bikes can pick them up or drop them off at one of the stations by either register-

ing on online or at a station.

The bike share program works well in both of those communities as the streetscapes and the traffic flow are conducive to their use. However, in an historic venue like Old Town Alexandria with its narrow streets already crowded with pedestrians, tour buses, metro buses, dash buses, delivery trucks, trolleys, garbage trucks, skate boarders, joggers, and cyclists, putting more bikes on our narrow streets is just another impediment and not one that we would consider in our best traffic practices.

The city's plan is to erect eight bike share stations holding some 70 bikes throughout Old Town. Four of the stations are on King Street, three others outside the Old and Historic District and one other to be decided on the waterfront. The locations are:

1. King Street Metro station
2. Braddock Road Metro station
3. Intersection of King and West streets
4. King Street between N. Patrick and N. Henry Streets
5. Intersection of King and N. Royal streets
6. Intersection of N. Union and Cameron streets (with eight alternatives)
7. Near Trader Joe's at the Intersection of Pendleton and N. St. Asaph streets
8. Near the Henry building at Pendleton and N. Henry streets.

Why is it that the city government always tries to stuff 10 pounds into a five-pound bag? We were all witness to the multiple traffic problems expounded upon during all the Waterfront Planning meetings. This culminated in the Council adopting the Waterfront Work Group's recommendation to develop the Union Street Corridor Traffic Plan as soon as possible.

Believe it or not the Old Town Civic Association has not even been briefed on the proposed implementation of the bike share program. In the interest of total transparency it would appear that the Old Town Civic Association should have been the first to be briefed, not the last. I have repeatedly said that if the City had not been given grant money they would have never embarked upon this program. Well, guess what, I was wrong, they have. They are now going to spend some of our tax dollars to do it. Isn't it about time that we consider all the consequences of initiating such a program in view of our current traffic problems in the Old and Historic District and stop this folly. Just add this to the other campaign issues.

Townsend A. (Van) Van Fleet
Alexandria

Correction

The May 17 issue incorrectly listed Councilman Paul Smedberg as opposing the Beauregard small-area plan. Smedberg should have been listed in the column of those who support the plan.

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Jovan Pope warms up his arm for the softball throw.



Eyobe Gevemew races to the finish line.



Marlow Franklin Jr. sails through the air attempting to better his long jump.

Hershey's Track & Field Meet

Hundreds of city children competed in the annual Hershey's Track and Field Program on Saturday, May 19 in the Parker-Gray Stadium at T.C. Williams High School. The meet featured the 50,

100, 200, and 400-meter dash; 800 and 1600 meter run, 4 x 100 relay, softball throw and standing long jump. Winners can advance through District, Regional, State and National Competitions.

Stop Ignoring The Obvious

To the Editor:

Last Friday night, the Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) voted 6-1 to ask the city to provide them with independent legal counsel as they face the city's high priced legal team in court. The city government, led astray again by the City attorney, Mr. James Banks, is determined to fight both the citizens on the BZA and the citizens who correctly filed the petition which challenged city zoning actions on the waterfront. This is worth reviewing.

Before this dramatic vote, the City attorney attempted to characterize the BZA's involvement as merely procedural and their exposure minimal. He seemed to say, "Trust me, I understand the law, you don't." In yet another display of loss of trust in city government, the City's own BZA essentially said, "No way!" In their discussions, the BZA correctly pointed out the clear conflict of interest involved where one side's counsel in an adversarial proceeding attempts to dispense impartial legal advice to the other side. You don't need to be a lawyer to understand that the BZA heard the bus idling and chose not to be thrown under those wheels. Aside from the fact that their decision was completely correct in light of the city's own zoning provisions, their personal reputations are at stake. If you think not, go back to the first sentence Voted 6-1. City government should stop ignoring the obvious.

Talk about ignoring the obvious. The mayor pronounced that the BZA decision established a bad precedent for zoning actions throughout the rest of the city. Perhaps. The city attorney followed behind exclaiming that the BZA just didn't understand the law. Wrong. Two lawyers from the city attorney's office spent hours explaining the law that night, but couldn't convince a body of citizens, schooled in zoning ordinances, that plain English meant something else. But, this courageous body of citizens gave the city government the right answer to the mayor's problem. The second resolution passed by the BZA that night said effectively, "If you don't like the city's own zoning ordinance, change it." Implicitly, they were also saying, "Do your legislative job and don't haul our reputations into court."

The final insanity in all this was pointed out Sunday by an astute citizen at a gathering of citizens in Founder's Park. On Tuesday, when the City Council discusses how to answer the BZA, there is a most innovative solution at hand. Let the city use their own attorney to present their case, and supply the citizens and the BZA with the services of the high priced attorneys hired from McGuire Woods. Private citizen costs defending the rights of all Alexandrians and the city's own BZA is fast approaching \$100,000. You simply can't make this stuff up!

Bob Wood

Candidate for City Council

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Lisa Schumaier, a juried artist at the Torpedo Factory, works primarily in 3D sculptures.

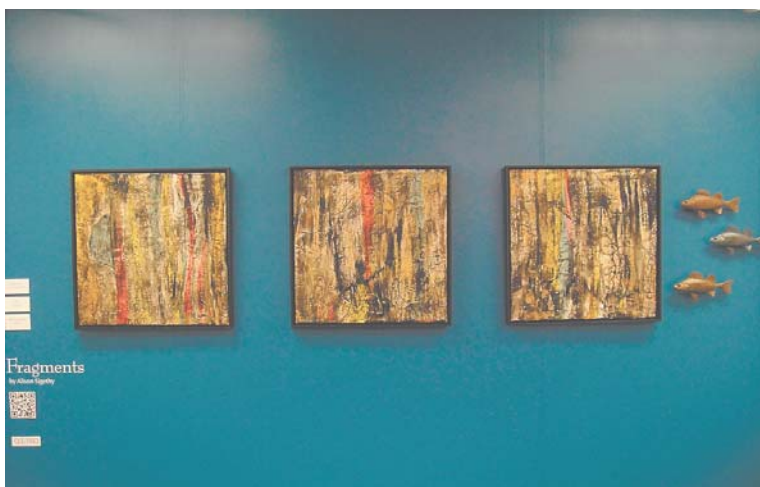


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"Fragments," by Torpedo Factory artist Alison Sigethy, is a different style of work compared with her traditional glass medium.



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Torpedo Factory artist Lisa Schumaier's Microwave Project.

Artomatic

After a three-year hiatus, Artomatic returns to the Washington, D.C., area. The 11-story office building at 1851 South Bell St. in Crystal City has been converted to a gallery. There are 1,300 artists with work on display, which means no single trip can do the event justice. Artomatic is free, and proper identification is required for alcoholic purchases at cash bars. Hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays noon to 1 a.m., and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Artomatic is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information and list of planned events visit: artomatic.org.



PHOTO BY MONTIE MARTIN/GAZETTE PACKET

The Batala Washington all female drummer group opened for this year's Artomatic. The 40-woman drummer group wowed the audience with high-energy rhythms grounded in Brazilian and reggae beats.

Unleashed Creativity

Local artists test new material at Artomatic 2012

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

On Friday, May 18, an immense display of synchronized drumbeats and vibrant rhythms performed by Batala Washington hailed the grand opening of Artomatic 2012.

Forty all-female members drummed the signature Brazilian-reggae-samba tunes of Giba Gonçalves, who created the international Batala groups in 1997. The Washington, D.C., chapter is one of 23 ensembles that perform worldwide.

"We're very excited to play at Artomatic, we're really amped," said conductor Ellen Arnold Losey. "A lot of the women joined after hearing us the last time we played at Artomatic in 2009."

Many in the audience were keen to take up the offer. "It was fantastic, I want to join now," said Alexandria native Arden Colley. "It was worth coming out just to see that."

This year's Artomatic boasts 1,300 artists in the largest location to date for the D.C. area's chief artistic event — filling the 11 stories of 1851 S. Bell St. in Crystal City.

Artomatic is an unjuried event, and the only requirement for artists is a nominal fee to cover building expenses as well as several volunteer shifts. The open, non-judgmental nature of the event means amateur and professional artists alike can take risks in ways they may not otherwise be able to.

"It's crazy wild and so much fun," said Torpedo Factory artist Susan Finsen. "It's an opportunity for artists to play."

Torpedo Factory artist Lisa Schumaier embraced the quirky atmosphere of Artomatic with a large installation of her untitled work on the ninth floor. The work highlights the role of women as producers, and includes motifs of eggs, nests and diversity.

"The work is about women as producers and protectors of the future," said Schumaier. "It stems partly from micro loans, when you give money to women it comes back five-fold."

Schumaier's sprawling installation is a sharp departure from her standard 3D sculptures. "I wanted to do more than just showing sculptures. At Artomatic everybody is making a statement, they're driven to say something and make a big impact," said Schumaier. "At Artomatic you rub up against other artists doing so many amazing things, there's great energy."

Fellow Torpedo Factory artist and Alexandria native Alison Sigethy used her installation space on the third floor to move away from her signature style of glass sculptures. The result was a series of "cliffscape" images made from bark, kelp and other environmental material.

"The whole placeless, timeless aspect appeals to me, I like that nebulous look," said Sigethy. "For me Artomatic is a chance to get some exposure for new things I'm trying, it offers an opportunity to do



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Torpedo Factory artist and Alexandria native Alison Sigethy traditionally works in glass sculptures with environmental materials.

installation art which is hard to show."

Opportunities for creative exploration are at the core of Artomatic. While the artists themselves have taken a leap with innovative concepts, visitors are invited to step outside boundaries and to learn more about personal tastes.

"What is shocking to one person might be run of the mill for someone else. It's a chance for self-analysis, to see what your personal perceptions are," said Angela Fox, president and CEO of the Crystal City Business Improvement District.

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WEDNESDAYS

Summer Rehearsals. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 30, and June 6, 13. Potomac Harmony Chorus will host a series of open rehearsals at The Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Avenue, Alexandria. Each week through May and June, women (13 years and up) are invited to join the chorus on the risers to learn how to sing four-part a cappella, barbershop harmony style. Call 703-764-3896 or email chorus@potomacharmony.org or www.PotomacHarmony.org.

MAY 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.

THURSDAY MAY 24

Confederate Memorial Day. 6 p.m. Service of Remembrance hosted by the Gen. Samuel Cooper Chapter #105 MOS&B at Christ Church in Alexandria at the intersection of N. Washington St. and Cameron St., Alexandria. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the service will start soon thereafter followed with a presentation at the mass grave in the churchyard. A garden party catered by Dixie Bones will follow at the Mary Custis Lee UDC R.E. Lee Camp Hall located 4 blocks south from the church at 806 Prince St. The service at Christ Church is funded by the Samuel Cooper Chapter of the Military Order of Stars and Bars and is of no cost to you; the cost of the Garden Party is \$25/person. RSVP to Quartermaster, Lawrence Graham, P.O. Box 4024, Oakton, VA 22124. Phone: 703 217-7871 email: lawrence@goccim.net

MAY 25 TO MAY 27

Sunset Celebration at Mount Vernon. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$18/adults; \$12/children. Visitors may take evening tours of the Mansion, relax and enjoy wine and desserts available for purchase in on the lawn overlooking the Potomac River. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at MountVernon.org or at the Ford Orientation Center ticket window until 8 p.m. the evening of the event. At Historic Mount Vernon.

FRIDAY/MAY 25

Child I.D. Fingerprinting & Safety Fair. Noon to 5 p.m. The Alexandria Police Department will assist the Beatley Library with a child identification event to fingerprint local children and help parents learn about ways to keep their children safe. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria.

SATURDAY/MAY 26

Memorial Day Salute. 8 p.m. The Virginia Grand Military Band will be performing works by Sousa, Gilmore and Liszt. With special guest, John Philip Sousa, IV. Adults \$20, band directors, students and those under 18 free. At Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call Jeff Arwood, 703-426-4777, www.vgmb.com

Unsinkable Women, Stories and Songs of the Titanic. 8 p.m. A one-woman show written and performed by actress Deborah Jean Templin, who toured with the Broadway production of the musical "Titanic." The 90-minute program tells the story of nine different women who sailed on the ill-fated luxury liner. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.victoriansocietyatfallschurch.com or contact Terry Hooper at 703-241-2751. To purchase tickets, mail your check, made out to the VSFC, to P.O. Box 7436, Falls Church, VA 22040 Attn: Unsinkable Women. At The Lyceum in Alexandria.

Master Vinyasa Yoga Class. 1-2:30 p.m. With guest teacher Jonathan Miles. \$20 if pre-registered. At 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria. Visit www.532Yoga.com suzanne@532Yoga.com Call 703-209-0049.

Acro Yoga. 3-5:30 p.m. With guest teacher Jonathan Miles - Partner Yoga fun! All levels welcome \$40 if pre-registered. At 532Yoga, 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria. Visit www.532Yoga.com suzanne@532Yoga.com 703-209-0049.

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. At Del Ray Artisans' gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, rain or shine. Profits support Del Ray Artisans. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/YardSale or Fundraising@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Virginia Grand Military Band. 8 p.m. A Salute to Patrick



THURSDAY/MAY 24

Civil War Concert. 7 p.m. Free. Featuring the Washington Revels Heritage Voices at Fort Ward's Amphitheatre. Their repertoire of Civil War music includes military and patriotic songs, African American spirituals, and popular folk tunes from the period. Fort Ward Museum and Park is located at 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848.

May 27, from 4 to 9 p.m. featuring beer can chicken, BBQ ribs and sides. On Monday, May 28, hamburgers and hotdogs and sides all day. A Remembrance Table ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, and the National Remembrance ceremony is at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, May 28. At Alexandria Elks Lodge #758, 7120 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.elks.org>

SUNDAY/MAY 27

1964 The Tribute. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. A tribute to the Beatles live. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.1964site.com.

Alexandria Running Festival. Half marathon at 7:30 a.m. 5K at 8 a.m., and children's race. Register on-line at www.mc-coop.org/arf or call 703-927-4833. Race-day registration opens at 6 a.m. near Eisenhower Avenue Metro, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue.

TUESDAY/MAY 29

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

WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

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

Author Talk. 7 p.m. Come and hear local author Chet Nagle speak about his book, The Woolstorters' Plague & The Iran Covenant. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us

THURSDAY/MAY 31

"Then, Life Gave Me Lemons." 6 to 8 p.m. A night of shopping, sushi, sweets and more! At Lou Lou Boutique of Old Town, 132 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-299-9505. To RSVP, go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3582636763>

MAY 31, JUNE 1-2

West Potomac Spring Show. 7 p.m. "Now & Then, 50 Years of Hits, 1962-2012." Presented by the West Potomac High School choral groups. Produced by Ernest Johnson and Gennifer DeFillipo, choreographer. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Online tickets are available at www.westpotomacchoirs.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 1

Dr. John in Concert. 7:30 p.m. At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

Contribute to Time Capsule. Youth up to age 18 are invited to submit an essay or art work representing the present day library. Submit on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. Entries should be submitted at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Entries will be placed in the time capsule to be opened in 50 years. Deadline to enter is June 1. Call 703-768-9840.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

Mosaic Harmony. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25/advance; \$30/door. A Silent Auction begins at 6 p.m. An interfaith, multicultural community choir that draws on the rich heritage of African-American inspirational music to lift the spirits. At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://mosaicharmony.org/tickets.php>. contact promotions@mosaicharmony.org or call 301-717-1221.

Buy, Sell, Trade Event. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Aunt E's Closet. Come buy, sell, trade jewelry, cosmetics, crocheted items, electronics, games, clothing, books, household items, etc. At Meade Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria.

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Call Dana Dishman at 571-447-8317.

“We’re Still Here: Celebrating an African American Community at Fort Ward.”

1 to 4 p.m. Free. A commemorative program recognizing the post-Civil War African American community known as “The Fort” at Fort Ward. Program held on the front lawn of Fort Ward Museum, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the grave site of Clara Adams, a matriarch of the community who was born on June 2, 1865. The program continues in the Park amphitheatre where public remarks will include an overview of the history of “The Fort” families, remembrances of and reflections on daily life in the area by individuals who lived on the site or whose ancestors resided there, and a performance by the Oakland Baptist Church Choir. Fort Ward Park is at 4301 West Braddock Road.

Volunteer Training. Curious about early American medicine and health? Then consider volunteering as a tour guide at the Stabler-Leadbeater

Apothecary in historic Old Town Alexandria. The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, at 105-107 South Fairfax Street, is hosting a new volunteer training June 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This three-hour class includes a tour and the basics of giving museum tours. Pre-registration is required. Volunteers can complete an application online through www.apothecarymuseum.org or email Michele.longo@alexandriava.gov. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org or call 703-746-3852.

SUNDAY/JUNE 3

Come Fly, Drive, Float or Spectate. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your RC Planes, RC Helicopters, RC Trucks, RC Cars, Free Flight Planes, Control Line Planes, RC Boats and more. At West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria. Contact engineering teacher Joseph Franco at jfranco@fcps.edu or visit www.westpotomacengineeringstore.com.

KIN: Songs by Mary Karr and Rodney Crowell. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50. With special guest Steuart Smith. At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

I’ve Got Rhythm... I’ve Got Music. 4 p.m. The Virginia Bronze Handbell Ensemble performs at the Memorial Theater, George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria. Visit www.vabronze.org or call 1-888-824-2541.

TUESDAY/JUNE 5

“What the Heck is a Sesquicentennial?” 6 to 8 p.m. Morrison House presents author William S. Connery who will discuss the details of his book on the Civil War Sesquicentennial. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or call 703-838-8000.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the band, Bluejazz 2012. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

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

FRIDAY/JUNE 8

Musician Jonathan Coulton. 7:30 p.m. With Justin Townes Earle. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Valentina Lisitsa, Pianist. 7:30 p.m. Free; unreserved seating. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Visit www.wpc-alex.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 9

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. Keynote speaker is ex-Gov. Tim Kaine, Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate. Also honored will be Vice Mayor Kerry Donley and City Councilman Rob Krupicka, who are leaving the City Council this year. Tickets are \$125. At the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria.

Wine Tasting Event. While sipping a variety of wines and tasting an array of cheeses and charcuterie, you can walk around the boat-building workshop sponsored by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Tickets are \$45; \$55 after June 1. Sponsored by Grape + Bean of Alexandria. Tickets are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/243578 or phone 1-800-838-3006.



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548-0035. Visit nvfaa.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 15

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

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

CASA Info Session. 11 a.m. to noon. Fairfax CASA trains volunteers to advocate for a child’s best interests in Court. Meeting at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. For reservations or information, contact Elisa Kosarin, Associate Director – Recruitment and Training, at 703-273-3526, ext. 22, ekosarin@casafairfax.org, or visit www.fairfaxcasa.org.

Juneteenth Celebration. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Music, entertainment, vendors, food. A history of Juneteenth and Multicultural Health Fair. At Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Call Randy Stephens at 703-501-3431.

Author William Connery. 10 a.m. Friends of Alexandria Archaeology hosts William Connery, who will speak about his recent book, “Civil War Northern Virginia 1861.” At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327, Alexandria. Free but reservations required. Visit archaeology@alexandriava.gov.

TUESDAY/JUNE 19

“All the King’s Women.” 7 p.m. Cost is \$30. Wine and cheese reception in the Green Room and a benefit performance. Silent auction. Enjoy a night at the theatre and help support Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Alexandria, or by calling 703-549-2997. Visit www.nvrpa.org.

Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. Constance Potter will give the presentation, World War I Graves Registration and Gold Star Mothers. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org

JUNE 22 TO JULY 8

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT). Show times are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. (June 22, 23, 29, 30, and July 6 and July 7); Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. (June 24, and July 1 and July 8). Online Tickets \$17/adults; \$14/youth/senior; Box Office Tickets \$18/adults; \$15/youth/senior. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd., Alexandria. . Visit www.acctonline.org or call 703-660-2611.

JUNE 22 TO 23

SkateFest / Sk8 For a Cause. A fundraiser for the Children’s Hospital National Medical Center. After completing the Sk8 For a Cause 4-checkpoint course through Wakefield Skate Park, skateboarders, their families and friends enjoy a day of skateboard competitions, vendors, food, demos, auctions, music and more. Visit www.skatefestfairfax.com

SATURDAY/JUNE 23

Alexandria Food and Wine Festival. Noon to 5 p.m. At John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle Street, in Old Town Alexandria. This is a free event to attend; however tickets are needed to sample food and beverages. Each booklet is comprised of a total of 25 taste tickets at the price of \$20. Each food item costs between 1 to 5 tickets. Call 703-624-0245 or visit www.alexandriafoodandwine.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 12

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. Featuring King Teddy. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 13

DJ Dance Party. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick’s Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.
Paul Thorn. 7:30 p.m. With Jamie McLean. Tickets are \$25. Will perform the new release, titled What the Hell Is Goin’ On? At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Jamie McLean Band. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Will be playing “Live at Gibson” CD Release. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 14

Tony Denikos. 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. Part of Second Thursday Concerts at the Athenaeum. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-



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'Xanadu' Is a Zany Spoof of the 1980s

Signature's production not to be missed.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Don't bother telling "Xanadu" that it's based on one of the worst movies of all time. It's already in on the joke, reinventing itself as an outlandishly zany spoof of the 1980 movie about a muse descended on skates from Mount Olympus to inspire the creation of a roller disco in Venice, Calif.

Directed and choreographed by Matthew Gardiner, the Signature Theatre production of Douglas Carter Beane's 2007 Tony Award nominated version of "Xanadu" focuses on Clio, a muse sent on a quest to inspire struggling chalk artist Sonny to build a roller disco. Disguised as an Australian rollerblader in leg warmers, Clio changes her name to Kira and falls into forbidden love with Sonny.

Helen Hayes Award winner Erin Weaver is the comically endearing Clio/Kira, whose jealous sisters place a curse on her in hopes of



PHOTO BY SCOTT SUCHMAN

Erin Weaver (center, as Kira) with her Greek Muses (from left to right) Nickolas Vaughan, Kellee Knighten Hough, Nova Y. Payton, Sherri L. Edelen, Mark Chandler, and Jamie Eacker. "Xanadu" plays at Virginia's Signature Theatre through July 1.

her eternal banishment to damnation or worse — the 1980s.

Weaver is irresistible in leg warmers on wheels, the signature look made famous by Olivia Newton-John in the movie. Her brilliant Broadway belt shines as does her devastatingly funny parodying of Newton-John's breathy vocals. With charisma to spare, Weaver masterfully couples Newton-John's wholesomeness with a de-

lightful touch of trampy.

The object of Clio/Kira's inspirational light is frustrated artist Sonny Malone, a slab of buff beefcake in tube socks and denim cutoffs played to endearing perfection by Charlie Brady.

With music and lyrics by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, "Xanadu," an Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical and a Drama Desk Award for Best Book, retains hits

from the film but adds new arrangements of "I'm Alive," "Magic," "Suddenly," and "Dancin'." The interpolating rendition of two classic Electric Light Orchestra songs, "Strange Magic" and "Evil Woman," is a side-splitting show stopper.

Working from an unpromising original screenplay, Beane ingeniously pays mock homage to the cult classic with a devilish shtick for two of Clio's sister muses — Calliope and Melpomene, played respectively by the stage-devouring comic actresses and Helen Hayes Award winners Sherri L. Edelen and Nova Y. Payton.

The wickedly funny duo time and again steal the show, highlighted by their theme song "Evil Woman."

Veteran actor Harry A. Winter is polished perfection as Danny Maguire, a magnate who bankrolls Sonny's disco dreams after messing up his own brush with a muse 35 years earlier. His comical talents especially shine when he later channels the plucky tones of the Greek god Zeus.

Among the multitasking first-rate ensemble members, Nicholas Vaughan cranks up the sassy attitude as mister-sister muse Terpsicore while Mark Chandler

rounds out the hilarious drag duo as Thalia.

"This is like children's theater for 40-year-old gay people," deadpans Edelen's Calliope, and indeed Beane cleverly lampoons '80s pop culture with a deft touch and complicitous wink at the audience that lets them in on the joke.

With a masterful production team of Misha Kaufman (scenic design), Kathleen Geldard (costume design), Chris Lee (lighting design) and Matt Rowe (sound design), Signature Theatre has created an engagingly goofy spoof filled with witty humor and magnetic performances.

The epitome of pop-rock cheese, "Xanadu" is a feel-good experience from beginning to end — a 90-minute hilarious romp filled with insider references sophisticated enough for pop culture cognoscenti yet hilariously entertaining to even the most novice of theatergoers. Dig out those leg-warmers and head over to Signature Theatre for the must-see show of the summer.

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OPINION

Continuing the Conversation

BY MARY ANNE WEBER
CHAIR, ALEXANDRIA
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For the second year in a row, Alexandria is holding an unusual exhibit of art. Its purpose is both a celebration of creativity and the artist's own special vision, and an opening gambit to begin the conversation on what mental health is, what it means to have a mental illness and how those with intellectual and developmental disabilities see and deal with the world around them.

The exhibit opened on May 12 at the Lee Center where it will remain until the end of June. Opening night brought the artists themselves with

their red ribbon badges, their families, volunteers and guests along with those who had worked with some of the artists during the year. The art depicted the world of children and adults, who deal with mental illness, substance abuse, incarceration and intellectual disabilities. Some were joyful and made you smile to look at them, some were intriguing like "the suitcases," some beautiful and some filled with pain.

Dr. Margaret Dowell, a Maryland-based artist and adjunct professor at the College of Southern Maryland was the guest speaker. She is a co-editor of the book "Addiction and Art"



and editor of a website www.AddictionAndArt.Org. She talked about art as a way to communicate, to understand addiction and to help society be more supportive toward those on the road to recovery. Classical pianist Ann Lee performed a piece by Sergei Rachmaninoff which was composed after an experience of severe depression.

This exhibit and celebration like the first was proposed by the Mental Health Anti-Stigma Hope Campaign in collaboration with the Community Services Board, Alexandria's Therapeutic Recreation program, the Alexandria Office of the Arts and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts along with the Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, Kelley Cares Foundation, and the American Art Therapy Association. Those who worked to put it all together included college interns Margaret Johnston, Kristin Halvorsen, Monica Dreyer, Sandra Wang and Sarah Strobel Hill, who worked with artists to help them prepare for the exhibit; Cheryl Anne Colton, city Office of the Arts, Jackie Person, City of Alexandria Therapeutic Recreation program, Masharia Holman, Anti-Stigma Hope Campaign, Susan Drachsler,

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The relationship between the artist and mental illness, substance abuse disorders or other illnesses is not new or unusual. But in this exhibit the artists are not well-known, formally trained or even recognized for their talent. They are people who are communicating their special vision, people who for various reasons are considered outside society which is why this art was once called "outsider art." Their art comes from within themselves from their own personalities and is often unusual in concept and subject. Some in the past did become well known while others have always remained anonymous.

Those who wish to see this work for themselves should visit the Lee Center where the work will remain up until June 30. From July to December, it can also be seen at the Beatley Central Library.

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OPINION

Making Progress: Transforming T.C. Williams High School

By DR. MORTON SHERMAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

One thing that we all have agreed upon as a community, especially over the past few years, is that the success of T.C. Williams High School is a priority for our students and the City of Alexandria. Together we have committed tremendous time and effort, along with significant resources, into the transformation of our high school for the sake of our students.

As we near the completion of the school year for the second class of graduates from T.C. Williams since the school received the persistently lowest-achieving designation from the U.S. Education Department in 2010, we have much progress to celebrate as we forge ahead with much work to do.

I encourage you to join me in celebrating the progress we've made at T.C. and pledging to continue to support the school and our students in continuing this progress and meeting the challenges to make T.C. great for all students.

T.C. Williams High School jumped four spots in "The Washington Post's" 2012 Challenge Index, an annual list formulated to determine how effectively area schools prepare students for college. T.C. Williams is



wide, T.C. Williams rose from 923 to 783. These improvements are tremendous accomplishments for the students, the school leadership, teachers, counselors and the entire T.C. staff. T.C. also can take pride in two National Merit Scholars: Andrew Dewhurst and Kathryn Gareth Gorsuch Aplin. Both students are seeking futures in engineering. T.C. also has two National Achievement Scholars this year: Aduragbemi Gbopemi Jibodu, who plans to study aerospace engineering, and Saara K. Kaudeyr, who plans to study medicine.

They represent the highest standards of academic excellence in the nation, and their excellent education at T.C. Williams has prepared them for great success in college. They are joined by their peers who receive recognition as our Scholars of the Week, students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and contributions to their school and community. Visit our

website, www.acps.k12.va.us, to read more about these exceptional students.

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND of Alexandria (SFA) is awarding more than \$370,000 in first-year scholarships to 166 seniors in the T.C. Williams Class of 2012.

The colleges these students will attend this fall include Alexandria School of Practical Nursing, Art Institute of Dallas, Bennett College, Brigham Young University, Case Western Reserve University, Catholic University, Christopher Newport University, Colgate University, College of William and Mary, Columbia College Chicago, Columbia University, Cornell University, Davidson College, Emory University, Ferrum College, George Fox University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Gettysburg College, Hampton University, Harvey Mudd College, James Madison University, Johns Hopkins University, Longwood University, Marshall University, Mary Baldwin College, Marymount University, New York University, Northern Virginia Community College, Northwestern University, The Ohio State University, Old Dominion University, Philadelphia University, Radford University, Richard Bland College, San Diego State University, Syracuse University, Tulane University, Tuskegee University, and the University of California at Santa Barbara.

We know that the Class of 2012 has many more success stories and accomplishments than what can be mentioned here, including championship sports teams, most recently our Boys' Varsity Soccer, Boys' and Girls' Track and Field and Boys' and Girls' Crew teams; and our award-winning bands, orchestras and choirs. We are proud of each student and graduate for your hard work and accomplishments, and we are proud of T.C. Williams as a whole. As a community we can celebrate that we have tackled head-on the challenge of transforming T.C. The message sounds forth loud and clear to the teachers, students, staff, administration and the community: We did not give up on one another, but instead banded together, and that is how we will continue our transformation. Our success at T.C. Williams and throughout ACPS is told one student at a time ... adding up to a great education for the children of Alexandria.

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Remembering on Memorial Day

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emy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. **Michael Wray Newton**, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

HERE ARE the names of other local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and in support of the “war on terror.” We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Capt. **Charles A. Ransom**, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. **Sean T. Callahan**, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan:

Sgt. 1st Class **Anthony Venetz Jr.**, 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. **Sean R. Cutsforth**, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Spc. **William K. Middleton**, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. **Christopher E. Cabacoy**, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with a roadside bomb.

Pfc. **Benjamin J. Park**, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

On May 12, 2010, **Donald J. Lamar II**, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. **Christopher D. Worrell**, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. **Steven J. Bishop**, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. **Kielin T. Dunn**, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. **Brandon T. Islip**, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. **Stephan L. Mace**, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special ex-

emption.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. **Dillon Jutras**, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. **Daniel Ryan Bennett**, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. “He loved his country, and we’re so proud of him,” said his mother.

2nd Lt. **Sean P. O’Connor** of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O’Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O’Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. **David Sharrett II**, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son’s death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. Just last month, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son’s death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

Army 1st Lt. **Thomas J. Brown**, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. **Scott Kirkpatrick**, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the “warrior poet,” and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. **Christopher Neiberger**, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother’s death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an amazing organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a “good grief” camp for children who have lost a parent.

Staff Sgt. **Jesse G. Clowers Jr.**, 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. **Jonathan D. Winterbottom**, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. **Andy D. Anderson**, 24, was killed by enemy fire in

Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class **LeeBernard E. Chavis**, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. **Robert Drawl Jr.**, 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist **Felipe J. Garcia Villareal**, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. **Shane R. M. Mahaffee**, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. **Nicholas Kirven**, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. **William E. Hecker III**, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. **Ayman Taha**, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. **Chris Petty** of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. **George T. Alexander Jr.**, the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

Lt. Col. **Thomas A. Wren**, 44, of Lorton,

died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. **Michael Martino**, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. **Laura M. Walker** of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 **Matthew S. Lourey** of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer **Helge Boes** of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. **Tavon Lee Hubbard**, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. **Alexander Wetherbee**, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. **Jeff Kaylor**, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer **Nathan B. Bruckenthal**, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer **Sharon T. Swartworth**, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. **James D. Blankenbecler**, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. **James F. Adamouski**, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. **DeForest L. Talbert**, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. **Binh N. Le**, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. **Russell Verdugo**, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. **Mark N. Stubenhofer**, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. **Javier Obles-Prado Pena**, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. **Krisna Nachampassak**, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. **Nathaniel J. Nyren**, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. **Tenzin Dengkhim**, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief **Joel Egan Baldwin**, 37, from Arlington; Maj. **Joseph McCloud**, of Alexandria, and Major **Gloria D. Davis**, 47 of Lorton.

— MARY KIMM,

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For Wounded Warrior Project

Tiger Cubs from Alexandria’s Cub Scout Pack 129 present a donation to Patrick Murray for the Wounded Warrior Project (WPP) during their monthly Pack meeting at the Pit. The Scouts donated all the proceeds earned from running a concession stand during the Pack 129 Bike Rally held at George Mason Elementary School to the WPP. The Bike Rally, held this year on April 14, is an annual neighborhood event the Pack leads with the support of Spokes, the Alexandria Police Department, Burke and Herbert Trust and Youth for Trails. Patrick Murray, a cousin of Tiger Cub Jack Apigian, learned first hand about all the good WPP does for veterans while recovering from injuries he sustained as a Marine deployed to Iraq in 2006.

Legal Notices

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 60611. Members with questions can call 571-483-1316.



Margo Austin White (Age 95)

Margaret (Margo) Austin White longtime resident of Alexandria, Virginia passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2012 in her home. She was preceded in death by parents Lois and Herbert Austin, brother Jackson O. Austin, nephew Lawrence L. Austin, and cousin Fancher Wolfe. She is survived by nephews Rick Austin of Houston, Texas and Thomas W. Austin (Chantana) Seffner, Florida, three grandnieces and and three great-grandnieces. She was surrounded in life to the end of her days by a rich circle of friends young and young-at-heart who cherished and loved her vibrant spirit and wide-ranging interests. An adventurer throughout her days, she came to DC from Pennsylvania right before World War II and started work as an administrative assistant. She continued this role in New York City and then moved to Hollywood, California where she worked in studio offices to include that of the producer of Jack Benny's radio program. During this time, she began a life-long interest in maintaining a healthy lifestyle based on a deep knowledge of nutrition and exercise. She also completed certification as a physical therapist. She returned to DC and served for years as the Chief Physical therapist at Goodwin House retirement home in Alexandria. A lover of dance and wellness she was active in ballroom dancing and local hiking clubs. She was a spiritual seeker all her days, and she was a contributor to the start-up of the Unity Church in Alexandria participating in the music program and volunteering in the office for many years. In the 1990s she studied gerontology and completed a degree from NOVA in music theory and for some years taught piano lessons. A beacon of light and love for all who knew her, she touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service to celebrate Margo's life will be held at The Pavilion at Mark Center, 5708 Merton Court, Alexandria, VA. on Sunday, June 3, 2-3 p.m. Please provide or bring memories to share in lieu of flowers.

OBITUARY

Margaret E. Sexton (Age 84)

Of Alexandria, VA, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, May 16, 2012. She leaves behind a loving family of three generations, to include her dear husband of 64 years, James Grant Sexton. Also left to mourn are her daughters, Susan McDowell and husband Bruce, Sandra Makely and husband Steve, and Sheila Padilla; her son James Sexton Jr., her granddaughters, Audrey Bashar and husband Shap and Abigail Porter and husband Louis; her grandsons, Daniel and Jacob Padilla and his wife Margie Padilla; her two great-grandsons, Jordan and James Bashar; and her little dog, Olivia. Margaret enjoyed retirement from the Federal Government and in her free time loved to travel, garden, read and tend to her beloved little dogs. A gathering will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewella Dr., Alexandria, VA on Thursday, May 24, 2012 from 10-11AM where a celebration of life will take place at 11AM

Legal Notices

OBITUARY

Krystal (Summers) Katsikas, 75, died May 16 in Tampa, FL. A Geo. Washington HS ('55) graduate, she worked for DOD and Social Security. Survivors: husband Dimitrios; children Thomas, Peter and Angela; mother Sandra Summers; grandsons Dimitrios and Alexander and brothers Anthony, Tommie, George and their families. Burial: Trinity Memorial Gardens, Trinity, FL.

Notice of intention to file a petition pursuant to Virginia State Code 8.01-324

Hear ye that Local Media Connection L.L.C., publisher of the Alexandria Gazette Packet newspaper, will petition the CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VA to authorize the Alexandria Gazette Packet as a newspaper of general circulation for Alexandria whereas the Alexandria Gazette Packet newspaper may be used for legal notices and publications pursuant to Virginia State Code 8.01-324.

ABC LICENSE

Yvonne H. Le trading as Yvonne's Hair and Nails, 8643 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Day Spa license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Yvonne H. Le, owner
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200

Notice of AVAILABILITY For Public Comment

Proposed Construction Project - Nutrient Management Facility Alexandria Renew Enterprises

The Alexandria Renew Enterprises proposes to construct and operate a Nutrient Management Facility (NMF) on land west of the existing Water Resources Recovery Facility located at 1500 Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, Virginia. The NMF is needed to meet the new permit requirements for total nitrogen developed by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The NMF would consist of large, concrete, rectangular holding tanks, a pump station, an odor control system and the electrical facilities to power the new equipment. The tanks would have a total capacity of 18 million gallons and would be arranged within a partially buried, large rectangular concrete structure. The NMF structure would measure approximately 260 feet by 415 feet. An athletic playing field and related amenities for public use would be constructed on top of the tanks. The loan request is \$5.127 million.

In accordance with the Procedural Guidelines for the Virginia Wastewater Revolving Loan Fund, Alexandria Renew Enterprises has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. The EA evaluates potential environmental and human health effects associated with construction and operation of the NMF and athletic field at the proposed location.

The EA has been submitted to state, and local agencies for review and is available for public review at –

Alexandria Renew Enterprises
1500 Eisenhower Avenue,
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Written comments will be received and considered up to 30 days from the publication of this notice, and should be directed to –

Karen Pallansch, CEO
Alexandria Renew Enterprises
1500 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22314

A public hearing is scheduled as part of our June 19th Board Meeting,

June 19, 2012 @ 6pm

Alexandria Renew Enterprises
1500 Eisenhower Avenue
Room J-104
Alexandria, VA 22314

LETTERS

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join the organic revolution and pure/local food movements. However, you don't have to wait for City Council. Throw seeds in vacant alleys, on tree wells of established trees, next to undeveloped sites in town and demonstrate how easy it is to beautify our community. In fact, the circle which has the great Eisenhower statue on Holland Lane could use some knock-out roses.

Betty Spar
Alexandria

Best for Alexandria

To the Editor:

I have been following with interest some of the letters and blogs about the various PACs that have been formed to endorse candidates for the June 12 Democratic primary for City Council (Disclosure: I am part of one of those PAC's, Securing Alexandria's Future). The genesis of these groups is the unprecedented nature of the election: (1) This is the first time in modern history that the general election will not be in May, but in November, which coincides with the presidential election and very high voter turnout; (2) It is the first time in my recollection that the contest to decide who become the Democratic nominees is being determined by a State-run primary, rather than a party-run caucus; (3) There has never been a contest for the Democratic nomination in which 14 qualified candidates have vied for six places on the ballot; and (4) The outcome of the Democratic primary will be highly determinative of who is likely to be serving on the next City Council (that is not a partisan comment, but it is one based on the political reality of the Alexandria electorate).

So commentary from various people about which PAC was started first or denigrating people who are involved with one of them accomplishes very little other than contribute to some of the less than civil discourse that is permeating too much of our community these days. The fact is that every PAC formed is meeting a need that

many voters have asked for — to provide insight, opinion and recommendations about the candidates who are running. When we disagree (and this is true whether it is about elections or issues) that does not mean that one side is right and one is wrong, it just means we have different opinions. One of the things I have learned as both a participant in and an observer of the political process is that being angry at someone or something is often a motivator to become a candidate, but it rarely gets you elected and when a group of us came together to form Securing Alexandria's Future, we were looking for candidates who had positive, strategic, long-term, big picture views of the City and were willing to make tough (i.e., occasionally unpopular) decisions about our City's future. That does not mean that the candidates we did not endorse do not possess those traits, but elections are about choices and we made some. We think that Councilmembers Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg, former Council members Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson, and two bright and involved new candidates, John Chapman and Sean Holihan, are worthy of your consideration; and that Planning Commissioner Donna Fossum and civic activist Melissa Feld are also deserving of your vote if any of the first six candidates do not make it to your "final list." Finally, and regardless of how you pick the candidates you will vote for, our strongest recommendation is to use your entire ballot. You have six votes — use them all.

I am genuinely proud to be part of a group of people that cares enough about Alexandria's future that they are willing to make the effort and commitment to produce these recommendations. Some of the people participating in this effort include retiring Vice Mayor (and former Mayor) Kerry Donley, retiring Councilmember Rob Krupicka, former Councilmember Lonnie Rich, former City Manager Vola Lawson, former Housing Authority Chairman Melvin Miller, former Chief of Police David Baker, former CFO and CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Lynn Hampton, Hopkins

House President J. Glenn Hopkins, and many others (check our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/SecuringAlexandriasFuture> to see who else is involved). But this is not just a list of names of people with titles; these are people who have dedicated much of their adult lives to making Alexandria prosper ... to securing Alexandria's future. I hope over the next few weeks as voters learn more about the candidates — from their own efforts and the information provided by the PACs — that they will exercise their unalienable right to vote on June 12 and that they will make choices that they believe are in the best interests of Alexandria's future.

David G. Speck
Alexandria

David G. Speck, former member of the Alexandria City Council and Virginia House of Delegates

Where's Data For New Trolley?

To the Editor:

It's time to take a closer look at the proposed free Del Ray trolley service to determine whether it's politics or data-centric analysis that is driving this \$700,000 project.

In recent months, possible routes have been all over the map. Initially trolleys were to start and end at Braddock Road Metro. Then the decision was made to serve King Street Metro as well. After the "final" route was announced March 29, Council asked why service didn't extend into Arlandria. Now questions are being raised about why Commonwealth wasn't considered as the link to King Street and why Braddock is included if tourists are drawn to "Charmville."

This pilot project needs more than raw ridership numbers to justify itself. If the purpose is to benefit business, then criteria should be derived directly from the success of those who demanded this service. Benchmarks should be set, return on investment defined and

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Continuing the Conversation

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refreshments and several Alexandria businesses contributed with sandwiches, snacks, fruit, vegetables and dessert. They included Alexandria Cupcake, Balducci's Food Lover's Market, Best Buns Bread Company, Caboose Cafe & Bakery, Detox Kitchen, First Street Giant, Giant at Alex-

andria Commons, Great Harvest Bread Company, Harris Teeter at Foxchase, Monroe's an American Trattoria, Safeway at Bradlee and the Warehouse Bar & Grill.

Raffle items were provided by Alexandria Cupcake, A Show of Hands, Gallery Lafayette, Nickell's & Scheffler and the Warehouse Bar & Grill.

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Braun Saves TC Boys' Soccer in Regional Opener

Titans defeat Stuart in penalty-kick shootout.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

TC. Williams goalkeeper Nick Braun hoped it wouldn't come to this, but here he was, facing fire between the pipes with the Titans' season on the line.

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team was locked in a 1-all tie with Stuart after 80 minutes of regulation time and four five-minute overtime periods. It was the opening round of the Northern Region tournament on May 22 at Parker-Gray Stadium and the match would be decided by penalty kicks.

TC came up empty on its first try and Stuart quickly followed with a successful attempt, putting the Titans in a hole in the best-of-five shootout. TC's Alex Mansaray evened the score with a goal before Stuart's Griffith Miles stepped up with a chance to put the Raiders back in front. That's when Braun noticed the Stuart striker focusing a little too intently to the goalie's left side. Figuring Santos was trying to fool him, Braun dove to his right as Miles fired a shot.

Boom! Braun came up with a save, keeping the shootout even at 1-all.

TC's Abdel Al Nimiry connected on his ensuing attempt, putting the pressure on Stuart's Luke Richardson to counter. Once again, Braun picked up on a Raider striker focusing too much on one side of the net. This time, Braun dove to his left.

Thud! Another save. This time, the Titans gained control of the shootout and they wouldn't let go.

Mauricio Salvatierra found the net on the Titans' fourth attempt and senior co-captain Kelvin Marin-Solis put home the game-winner as T.C. Williams defeated Stuart, 1-1 (4-2), to advance to the regional quarterfinals.

Braun raised his right arm in triumph as Titan fans rushed the field in celebration.

"I feel ecstatic because the entire game I



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams goalkeeper Nick Braun raises his right arm in celebration after his two saves during a penalty-kick shootout helped the Titans beat Stuart in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament on May 22.

thought, 'Oh please don't let us go to penalty kicks, please don't let us go to penalty kicks,' because that's the most nervous part for the players and for me, obviously," Braun said. "... I don't like to guess [where an opponent is aiming during a penalty kick], but I see a lot of them, they'll look to one corner and if they make it really obvious, then I know that's not where they're going, so I'll [go the other way]. That happened twice. Those were the two saves."

Braun's effort helped the Titans avoid an upset. TC, the No. 1 seed from the Patriot District, created chances during regulation but came up empty until Mansaray scored on a corner kick from Manuel Benites in the 63rd minute. The Titans didn't hold the lead for long, however, as Stuart, the No. 4 seed from the National District, tied the score with a goal in the 72nd minute.

After the teams failed to score in four five-minute overtime periods, the game went to penalty kicks. Stuart quickly put the pressure on Braun and the Titans as the Raiders took a 1-0 lead after each team had one attempt in the shootout. From there, Braun's

consecutive saves propelled TC to victory.

"For him to come up with those saves is indicative of the hard work that he does," TC head coach Martin Nickley said. "... To be able to make two back-to-back saves like that, get us back into the thing, it's huge."

Mansaray spoke highly of Braun's effort.

"That's incredible," Mansaray said. "He was like a goalie I've never seen in my life. That was great. That was a great game and then he saved us."

Nickley said he already knew which five players he would select in case of a shootout. Four of the five Titans converted their PKs, including Marin-Solis, who was put in a position to win the game in the No. 5 spot.

"I guess that's the reason why they call me captain," he said. "They knew I was going to step up to these clutch situations. I was expecting [a difficult match] — I wasn't expecting it this early [in the regional tournament] — but thank God it came out the way we wanted it."

Marin-Solis said he knew all along he would shoot to his left.

"Never second-guessed it, never hesitated at all," he said. "I already knew I was going that way."

Braun, Marin-Solis and Nickley shared their appreciation for the enthusiasm of the Titan fans.

"There could not have been a better sight," Braun said, "than to see the entire bleachers filled with people cheering."

The win came four days after TC defeated Lake Braddock, 2-1, in the Patriot District tournament championship game on May 18 at South County Secondary School. The Titans captured the program's first district title since 2008.

"Winning that district championship is huge," Nickley said. "You can have a tremendous season ... but it's so difficult to win that championship and to go through those three matches

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— T.C. Williams forward Alex Mansaray about goalkeeper Nick Braun

there and to take that, so this team has certainly set themselves in an elite group."

TC will host Langley, the No. 2 seed from the Liberty District, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 in the regional quarterfinals.

SPORTS BRIEFS

SSSAS Boys', Girls' Lax Win State Titles

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys' and girls' lacrosse teams won state championships on May 19.

The boys' team defeated Blue Ridge, 7-4. The Saints, led by head coach Andy Taibl, finished the year with a 15-6 record.

The girls' team defeated Bishop Ireton, 15-4. The Saints finished the season with a 26-3 record under head coach Kathy Jenkins, including 17 consecutive victories and an ISL title to close the campaign.

SSSAS Girls' 4x800 Relay Wins State Title

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' 4x800 relay team won the VISAA state championship with a time of 2 minutes, 23.8 seconds on May 19 in Richmond. The team of junior Catherine Fonvielle, senior Jazana Goolsby, sophomore Alison Lindsay and junior Lizzie Zulauf also qualified for nationals.

TC Rowers Gear up for National Championship

Coming off a solid performance at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia this past weekend, the T.C. Williams crew team heads north once again this coming weekend to compete in the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta in Camden, N.J.

The national championship regatta is an invitation-only event, where crews are invited to compete based on their performance at state championship qualifying events. T.C. Williams earned its invitation because of its showing at the Virginia state championship earlier this month, which saw Titan rowers bring home a gold medal, a silver medal and a host of bronze medals. The Titans' appearance at the national championship comes on the heels of a solid showing at the prestigious Stotesbury Cup Regatta.

Held on the Schuylkill River, Stotesbury is the world's oldest high school rowing competition, a contest where any team is allowed to enter, but only those who make it through the time trials are allowed to compete. By that measure, T.C. Williams' appearance at Stotes was a success. Of the

seven boats T.C. raced in the time trials, six boats made it to the semifinals. Leading the way for the Titans were the girls' freshman 8, which posted the fastest time of any girls' freshman boat, and the boys' lightweight 8, which posted the fourth fastest time in their group. Also making it to the semifinal heats were the girls' first 8, girls' second 8, boys' varsity 4, and boys' freshman 8.

With only two or three boats per heat advancing, competition was fierce for the six coveted slots in the final races of the day. Against this competition, the T.C. girls' freshman 8 and the T.C. boys' lightweight 8 once again emerged, both taking second place in their semifinal heats. A regatta that began with more than 900 boats was down to a final slate of races, each featuring an elite group of six. In the hard fought girls' freshman 8 final, the Titan rowers finished out of the medal hunt with a time of 5:05.63, less than three seconds behind the third place boat from Bethesda-Chevy Chase.

The boys' lightweight 8 race was marred by controversy when the crew from Moorestown (NJ) High School in the lane next to T.C. called out in

unison the name of a Titan rower just before the start. According to T.C. Boys Head Coach Pete Stramese, this kind of poor sportsmanship is unheard of in rowing, and, is the equivalent of a golfer calling out the name of his or her playing partner just before they swing. The result for a golfer, he noted, is a poor shot. For the T.C. lightweight 8, the result was a poor start, which left them in a position of trying to catch up with the rest of the pack and left them out of the medal hunt in the end. Stramese has filed a protest with regatta officials and requested that the incident be reviewed and Moorestown — which finished in third place — be penalized accordingly.

This incident aside, both Stramese and T.C. Williams girls' head coach Mercedes Kiss remain upbeat about the Titans' performance at Stotesbury and their prospects at the national championship regatta in Camden. For the schedule of races this weekend and the remaining weeks of the Spring 2012 rowing season, visit the T.C. crew website at www.tcwcrew.org or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters.



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financial targets established in terms of increased tax revenue or similar tangible measures. A formal marketing plan is needed to identify projected ridership segments and describe how each will be targeted.

Earlier this year Council member Alicia Hughes asked about trolleys for the West End and was told via budget memo that this would require "market, demand and ridership analysis," "evaluation of existing and future WMATA, Fairfax Connector and DASH routes," "[a] Branding and Marketing campaign," and "more detail [sic] cost and benefit evaluation." Different strokes for different folks?

At a recent meeting, T&ES Deputy Director Abi Lerner stated the goal of the trolley was "economic development." Whose economic development?

The City promised neighborhood-serving retail in the 2008 Braddock Metro neighborhood, but existing space at the Henry/Monarch has been empty for years, while new mixed-use buildings like the Madison and Asher are underway. Will this service siphon off customers to Del Ray and starve future businesses at

Braddock?

Why run the trolley up West Street to Braddock, rather than Commonwealth Avenue, thereby duplicating service along the King Street trolley route? Commonwealth is a historic streetcar corridor, closer to King Street Metro and wider than West. Not all homes face the street and those that do have greater setbacks.

In the past, the City defined the measure of walkability from Metro as a quarter mile diameter around the station. Now T&ES claims the West Street link to King will serve more hotels because the Lorian and Hampton Inn — located a mere 2/10ths of a mile from the King Street station — aren't technically "served" by the Del Ray trolley if it doesn't stop at their doors. Absurd!

All seem to hope that, like King Street passengers, those who use the Del Ray trolley will be green-minded consumers with big open wallets and no cars. However, a recent parking study shows that Del Ray has adequate on-street parking and there is less deterrent to driving than in Old Town.

In contrast to King Street, there are many residents along the route in Arlandria and near Braddock Metro who live without cars be-

cause they can't afford them and are more likely to take a free ride without generating additional revenue by consumption. How does this factor in?

All of the consequences of the trolley must be considered, including the effect on future retail east of the Braddock Road Metro station, quality of life issues for West Street residents, and the impact free service will have on other transit modes, especially DASH, whose falling ridership levels still generate nominal revenue.

Council will review the final route in June. Let us hope that the proper homework is done before this project takes wing.

Leslie Zupan
Alexandria

Moving in Right Direction

To the Editor:

Imagine the perfect boyfriend (or whatever applies as your preference). Rich. Great family. Cultured. Shares your values. Educated. Treats you like a queen. The perfect boyfriend. Problem is, due to no fault of his own he's not per

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 28

fect for you right now. You've got problems that you need to resolve and as a result, you are not ready to receive him. This is my issue with the Beauregard Small Area Plan.

The coalescing nature of the five developers has been close to perfect. Interplay between developers and citizens directly has resulted in exceptional civic engagement. The developers are collectively offering over \$150 million, more in proffers for community benefits than every development in this city combined since 1987 by way of open space, affordable housing and amenities (like a fire station). The perfect boyfriend. But the planned area and mounting public distrust in government create issues that make development not so good for the citizens affected. I moved that we defer our vote to fall and work through some things because our background work meant consideration was not ripe for prime time. My motion was voted down, however. Thereafter, I refused to vote and abstained.

Three big issues that plague plan passage for me are lack of public trust, transportation and affordable housing. These are city, not developer-driven issues. Transportation level of service does not and will not aspire to meet average grade level C, even with contemplated improvements in one of the most gridlocked areas in the country. And regardless of the forces, the fact remains that over the past 12 years, Alexandria's market rate affordable housing stock has been reduced from more than 18,000 units to less than 6,000, of which 2,500 of the remaining are in the Beauregard Small Area Plan. While I was pleased to press issues at a community meeting to increase the proffer from a preserved 700 units (which has now increased to 800 units), it remains that approval of Beauregard yields a net loss of 1,700 market rate affordable units, displacing by means other than natural attrition, thousands of people and predominately people of color who add to the diverse fabric of the city, something according to the city's strategic plan, we collectively value. This is a problem that we have to work to solve harder. It requires more time and that we become more creative so that we may save more units.

I abstained rather than voted no because admittedly, I like the Beauregard Small Area Plan. Further, I appreciate the proffers and work of the developers to engage citizens and I did not want to communicate the contrary as I respect that the problems persistent don't belong to our boyfriend. I did not vote yes because I did not like the signal it would send to the community in light of the issues we face that don't have more complete plans of action: the absence of better transportation planning, an incomplete housing master plan and the failure to first complete the requested tenant survey, all of which collectively undermine public trust on quality of life issues on the West End.

In closing, I do give kudos to Councilman Krupicka, Vice Mayor Donley and Councilman Fannon particularly for offering a number of impromptu amendments related to affordable housing and transportation before adoption (I personally need more details than statements of intent). I remain

exceptionally proud of Councilman Fannon for working to include language that would first and foremost give priority to families currently occupying market rate affordable housing units in Beauregard as part of the 800 dedicated units. Given that there is a natural attrition of 40 percent of renters annually in Alexandria developments, this move would go far to ensuring that residents desirous of staying are not displaced. As for transportation, all I can say is we need to do much "more better."

To all citizens I say, please don't be faint of heart. Saturday's adoption was a beginning, not the end. Council must pass a resolution to ratify the vote on the Beauregard Plan concept and then later, vote on the rezoning that will essentially trigger the community benefits later in fall. I hope that as we continue to do our work, those disheartened (including me) will come to feel better and in the end, we do all continue to work together to perfect One Alexandria, even when the picture isn't wholly to one's individual liking.

Alicia Hughes
City Council member

Working with Citizens

To the Editor:

I appreciate the effort the Gazette has made to differentiate the four different slates that political action committees including Alexandrians for a Livable City support. You are doing the work that a local newspaper should do, educating the voters so that they may make informed decisions. I would appreciate your in-a-box list of how the candidates including incumbents stand on the disgraceful Beauregard Corridor Plan even more if you had put every incumbent in his correct box.

Paul Smedberg voted for, supported the Beauregard Corridor Plan, and affirmed his support even before an audience of opponents. I give him credit for being strong in his views. I saw equal strength and determination in his constant support of the waterfront plan. His strong and steadfast belief in positions we just as strongly oppose, is why Alexandrians for a Livable City does not endorse his re-election. Nor do we endorse any others who support the Beauregard Corridor Plan, including former council members Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson.

Being knowledgeable and well versed in city government while holding views about the city we strongly oppose, was in our view a reason to withhold endorsements. Why would we want council members who can do the wrong things well? Rather we support five candidates whom we believe will work with citizens to a much greater degree than any recent members of City Council to help us embark on a new and better path for the future of our city. They are Victoria Menjivar, Sammie Moshenberg, Arthur Peabody, Allison Silberberg, and Boyd Walker.

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