



**Major General Donald E. Fick, USAF, delivers the keynote address.**

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## Gathering on Memorial Day



**Sgt. Erik Campbell places a wreath at the grave of former Post 24 Commander Turner J. Anderson.**  
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### Veterans pay tribute to fallen soldiers.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

A crowd of more than 75 people gathered May 28 to pay tribute to Alexandria's veterans in a Memorial Day ceremony held at Alexandria National Cemetery. "It is the soldier, above all others, who prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war," said Gen. Donald Fick, quoting Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his remarks to the crowd. "Let us always remember the sacrifice our veterans have made so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today."

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— Gen. Donald Fick

## 14 Candidates For 6 Seats

Voters to determine direction of city.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**WHERE DO THEY STAND?**  
See election special on pages 6-7.

Are voters pleased with the direction of the city? Or are they looking for a new set of leaders?

That will be the central question for the Democratic primary on June 12, when voters will select six candidates that will appear as the party's slate for City Council in the November election. Issues surrounding growth and development have created the strongest divisions among the candidates, and voters will be presented with a clear choice.

Five candidates oppose the waterfront plan, which was criticized as allowing too much density in a

part of the city already clogged with traffic and pedestrians. Six candidates oppose the Beaugard small-area plan, which was criticized because it would displace thousands of low-income residents on the West End. Four candidates oppose a redevelopment proposal in Arlandria known as the Mount Vernon Village Center, which was criticized as an effort to gentrify a part of the city home to poor and Latino residents. And six candidates oppose a high-capacity transit project known Corridor C, which was criticized as promoting automobile traffic at the expense

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## A Question of Authority

Virginia Supreme Court sends Wales Alley case back to Circuit Court.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

"Remanding this case to the Circuit Court without deciding that legal issue is a waste of judicial resources," wrote Chief Justice Cynthia Kinser in dissent.

The Virginia Supreme Court has overturned a decision from the Alexandria Circuit Court about the use of a public alley in Old Town, but the case is not over yet. Justices in Richmond remanded the case back to the Alexandria court, which has yet to determine whether or not the city has authority to deprive the Old Dominion Boat Club the right to use the public alley.

The Supreme Court's decision is the latest development in an ongoing conflict between the Boat Club and City Hall, which culminated last summer when City Attorney James Banks threatened to use the city's power of eminent domain against the club. Members also clashed with city officials over

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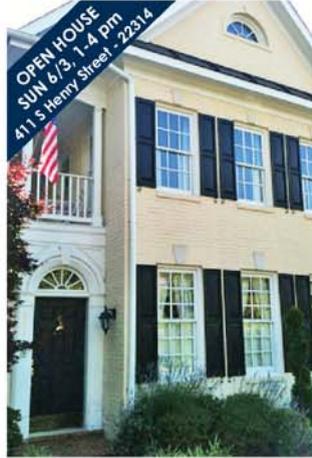
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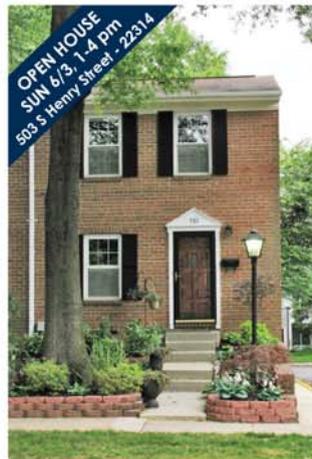
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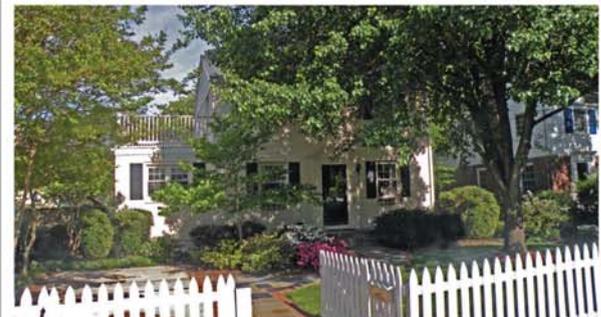
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## Settling Old Scores

It's been almost 40 years since the **Richard Nixon** administration filed a series of lawsuits against property owners along the waterfront. The Interior Department argued in court that anything east of the 1791 boundary between Maryland and Virginia rightfully belonged to the District of Columbia, an effort to force closed industrial spaces to open to the public.

Most of the cases settled, leading to the creation of Oronoco Bay Park and Founders Park. Robinson Terminal promised to open part of its property when it redevelops its two locations flanking Old Town. But one defendant held out, fighting the federal government for four decades. The Old Dominion Boat Club was eventually successful, beating back **Uncle Sam** where others failed. Now the federal government has agreed to pay for four decades worth of legal fees.

"I won't say the exact figure, but it was in the high six figures," said **Miles Holtzman**, president of the Boat Club. "It was a vindication for us."

Although the Boat Club won its case against the feds, it's still trying to fend off Alexandria City Hall. Recommendation 3.69 of the waterfront plan calls for the creation of a new public plaza where the Old Dominion Boat Club's parking lot currently exists. Planning Director **Faroll Hamer** once called the proposed new public plaza at the foot of King Street "the soul" of the waterfront plan, although city officials now say they have no immediate plans to act on the recommendation.

"It's a long-range vision," said City Attorney **James Banks**. "The city's plan says that it would like to see a park there at some point, it doesn't discuss how that's going to happen."

## Seven-Year Sentence

United States District Court Judge **James Cacheris** is sending a 30-year-old illegal immigrant back to El Salvador — after he serves seven years in federal prison.

Court records show **Melvin Eraldo Ramirez** has a lengthy and violent criminal history, including convictions for theft, abduction, malicious wounding and assault of a law-enforcement official. On Sept. 13, 2001, he was convicted of attempting to distribute cocaine and eventually deported in 2003. Since then, he has been deported in 2005, 2007 and 2008. In February, Ramirez pled guilty to illegally returning to the United States once again.

"This lengthy prison sentence helps send the message that re-entering the United States after being formally deported is a serious crime, particularly when that person is a convicted felon," said **Yvonne Evans**, acting director of the Enforcement of Removal Operation's Washington field office.

After completing seven years in an American prison, Ramirez will be deported once again, and authorities will be waiting to serve him with an arrest warrant in El Salvador accusing him of extortion.

## New School Board Candidate

Add another candidate to the growing list of people running for the Alexandria School Board. This week, **Kelly Carmichael Booz** announced her candidacy for District B. Booz is currently director of civic education at the Center for the Constitution at James Madison's Montpelier. Before that, she taught civics and government to middle and high school students from across the country and worked with teachers to develop curriculum at the Alexandria-based Close Up Foundation. She has also coached high school swimming at Falls Church High School and swimming at Hollin Meadows Swim and Tennis Club.

"We need a top-to-bottom review of our schools to build on what is working here and multiply the impact," said Booz. "Alexandria should be leading educational performance results in Northern Virginia, not lagging."

Elections officials are concerned about a potential lack of candidates, which could lead to write-in candidates elected to the School Board.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## A Labor Of Love

WWII veteran honors fellow comrades on Memorial Day.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**H**e moves throughout the cemetery, stopping to pause and remember the men he has come to see before placing a flag at their grave and moving on to the next. For World War II veteran Warden Foley, this Memorial Day ritual began nearly half a century ago as a labor of love and respect for his fellow veterans.

"I just always felt they should be honored in some way," said Foley, who travels to area cemeteries in the days leading up to Memorial Day to place flags at the graves of his fellow American Legion Post 24 commanders. "I've never kept track of the graves I visit each year. I just know where they are because I was a pallbearer at their funerals."

According to Vietnam veteran Jim Glassman, Foley has been quietly following his routine for more than 40 years now.

"No one has kept records and Warden has always been very private about doing this," said Glassman, who has been assisting Foley in his memorial tribute to fellow Legionnaires for the last 10 years. "But it's likely been more than 40 years now and he visits more than 75 graves over the



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

**WWII veteran Warden Foley, left, and Vietnam veteran Jim Glassman place a flag at the Mount Comfort Cemetery grave site of Thomas Mickler, a former commander of American Legion Post 24. Foley places more than 70 flags at the graves of his fellow Legion commanders in a yearly ritual he began more than 40 years ago.**

course of the days leading up to Memorial Day."

Foley and Glassman made stops at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Arlington National Cemetery and Mount Comfort Cemetery, where three former commanders are buried and a final flag was placed at the grave of Thomas Mickler on May 27.

"I can't remember when he died," Foley said, noting that the headstone was never inscribed with the date of his death. "The last of the men will be honored at Alexandria

National Cemetery on Monday."

At 91 years old, Foley has yet to slow down but admits that perhaps he needs to record the names and location of the grave sites so that others can carry on when he is no longer able.

"I've never used a map or written anything down," Foley said. "But I suppose it's time since I hope others will continue when I am gone. These men need to be honored and their service to our country and the American Legion never forgotten."

## Let's Roll

Alexandria veteran featured speaker at 25th Rolling Thunder rally.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**n estimated one million riders roared in procession from the Pentagon to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial May 27 in the 25th anniversary Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom in remembrance of American POWs and service members still missing in action.

"This is my way of helping remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we as a nation enjoy," said Alexandria's Kirk Lippold, commander of the USS Cole when it was attacked Oct. 12, 2000. "It is also to honor all those who continue to choose a life of consequence to serve our nation."

Lippold, a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Acad

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**Alexandria's Kirk Lippold pauses during his address on the National Mall during the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom rally May 27.**

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The Fund for Alexandria's Child to hold annual fundraiser June 8.

By MONTIE MARTIN  
GAZETTE PACKET

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FILE PHOTO

The annual Fund for Alexandria's Child river boat cruise on the Cherry Blossom is Friday, June 8. The evening's highlights include a dockside cocktail hour, live music and silent auction.

highlights guests will enjoy.

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**John Taylor Chapman, 30:** A native of Alexandria, Chapman grew up in public housing. After graduating from St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in 1999, he received a bachelor's degree in social studies education from St. Olaf College in Minnesota. He is currently an after-school specialist with Fairfax County Public Schools. From 2006 to 2007, he was president of the Alexandria Young Democrats. Since 2008, he has served on the executive committee for the Taylor Run Citizens Association. Since 2011, he's been president of the Alexandria NAACP. Chapman votes in the MacArthur Precinct.



**Melissa Feld, 41:** A native of Toronto, Feld moved to Alexandria in 2001 and became an American citizen in 2008. She has a bachelor's degree in government and history from the University of Toronto and a master's degree in American government from Johns Hopkins University. A former Democratic campaign and Senate staffer, Feld is currently a principal with PowerBase Associates, a research firm based in Alexandria. She is currently a member of the Maury Elementary School PTA. Feld votes at the Mount Vernon Center Precinct.



**Donna Fossum, 63:** A native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Fossum grew up in New Mexico and moved to Alexandria in 1982. She has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of New Mexico as well as a master's degree and a doctorate in sociology and a juris doctor from the State University of New York. She served as an attorney at the American Bar Foundation and on Capitol Hill. After receiving her doctorate, she took up a position at the Rand Corporation and is currently an independent consultant. For more than 20 years, she has been a member of the Alexandria Planning Commission. Fossum votes in the Beatley Precinct.



**Michael Hepburn, 29:** A native of Miami, Hepburn received a bachelor's degree in sports management from Florida International University in Miami. After graduating, he moved to Alexandria and took a position as coordinator of player services for the National Football League Players Association. He is a member of the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission and the Career and Technical Advisory Committee. Hepburn votes at the Tucker Precinct.



**Sean Holihan, 30:** A native of Long Island, N.Y., Holihan moved to Alexandria in 2007. He studied at Northern Virginia Community College and has worked at his family's construction company. Since moving to Virginia, he has worked for Del. Brian Moran (D-46) and state Sen. George Barker (D-39). He is currently a communications manager for NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia. Holihan votes at the Nova Arts Precinct.



**Tim Lovain, 63:** A native of Bradford, Pa., Lovain moved to Alexandria in 1983. He has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Chicago, a master's degree from Princeton, and a juris doctor degree from the University of Washington in Seattle. He works as a government relations consultant for Denny Miller Associates, and he lives in the Blessed Sacrament precinct.



**Victoria Menjivar, 53:** A native of El Salvador, Menjivar came to America in 1980. She has a bachelor's degree in individualized studies and multicultural communities from George Mason University, and she is currently an administrative assistant at T.C. Williams High School. Menjivar votes at the Mount Vernon Center Precinct.



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**Sammie Moshenberg, 61:** A native of Baltimore, Moshenberg has a bachelor's degree in humanities from Shimer College in Chicago and a master's degree in education from Loyola University in Maryland. She has lived in Alexandria since 1983, and she is currently the director of Washington operations for the National Coalition of Jewish Women. Moshenberg votes at the Cora Kelly Center Precinct.

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**Arthur Peabody, 65:** A native of Lynn, Mass., Peabody moved to Alexandria in 1972. He has a bachelor's degree in political science from Northeastern University and a juris doctor from Cornell University in New York. He was an attorney with the Department of Justice for 34 years, first in the Civil Rights Division then as assistant United States attorney in Alexandria. He is currently counsel for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Peabody votes at the Chinquapin Precinct.

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**Del Pepper, 74:** A native of Omaha, Neb., Pepper moved to Alexandria in 1968. She has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Grinnell College and did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. She served as a social worker in Cook County before moving to Alexandria and working as an aide to former Mayor Charles Beatley. She lives in the Patrick Henry precinct.

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**Allison Silberberg, 49:** A native of Dallas, Silberberg received a bachelor's degree in international relations and history from American University and a master's degree in playwriting from the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. An Alexandria resident since 1989, Silberberg is author of the 2009 book "Visionaries in Our Midst." She is currently the chairwoman of the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission. Silberberg votes at the Agudas Achim Precinct.

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**Paul Smedberg, 51:** A native of Hartford, Conn., Smedberg moved to Alexandria in 1987. He graduated from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania with a double major in economics and history. He also has a certificate of graduation from the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership. He works as a director of government affairs for Affymax, a bio-pharmaceutical company based in Palo Alto, Calif. Smedberg votes in the Lyles-Crouch Precinct.

\$500 from Saslaw for Senate  
\$250 from Ross Simons



**Boyd Walker, 43:** A native of Washington D.C., Walker was raised in Alexandria. He has studied at Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason University, and the University of Virginia. He is owner of Letterpress Properties, and he lives in the Durant precinct. Walker votes at the Durant Center Precinct.

\$200 from Elizabeth Gibney  
\$150 from Barbara Jayne Clancy



**Justin Wilson, 33:** A native of Cheverly, Md., Wilson grew up in Springfield and moved to Alexandria in 2001, though he also lived in the city for two years shortly after he was born. He has a bachelor's degree in business information systems from Virginia Commonwealth University, and works at Amtrak as a principal system engineer. Wilson votes at the Mount Vernon Center Precinct.

\$964 from Pork Barrel BBQ  
\$500 from Lindsay Angerholzer  
\$500 from Arthur Atkins  
\$500 from James McNeil  
\$500 from Saslaw for Senate

On the Issues

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**Waterfront:** Candidates were asked if they would have voted yes or no on the Jan. 21, 2012 docket item for the Waterfront small-area plan.

**Beauregard:** Candidates were asked if they would have voted yes or no on the May 12, 2012 docket item for the Beauregard small-area plan.

**Arlandria:** Candidates were asked if they would have voted yes or no on the Dec. 17, 2011 docket item for redevelopment in Arlandria.

**Corridor C:** Candidates were asked if they would have voted yes or no on the Sept. 17, 2011 docket item for creation of Corridor C in the West End.



Staff Sergeant Jerome Schorr places a wreath at the grave of former American Legion Post 24 commander F. Clinton Knight during the Memorial Day ceremony at Alexandria National Cemetery.



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Post 24 Commander William S. Aramony introduces guest speaker Major General Donald E. Fick, USAF.



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Bugler Gary Moore concludes the service with the playing of Taps.

## Gathering on Memorial Day

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Hosted by American Legion Post 24, the ceremony culminated with the laying of wreaths at the grave sites of former Legion commanders. Earlier in the week, members of Post 24 laid wreaths in honor of Alexandria veterans at the World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Alexandria World War I Memorial, the Confederate Soldiers Memorial at Christ Church

and the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War Memorial at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House.

"After 9/11, America learned that we are not free from acts of violence — that we are not un-touchable," said Fick, who paused several times to gain his composure while remembering Alexandria's fallen soldiers. "So today, let us pray for peace so that no heroes will have to die for us again."

**USAF Col. Kim Ching (ret.), a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, salutes the flag during the playing of Taps at the conclusion of Memorial Day ceremonies at Alexandria National Cemetery May 28.**



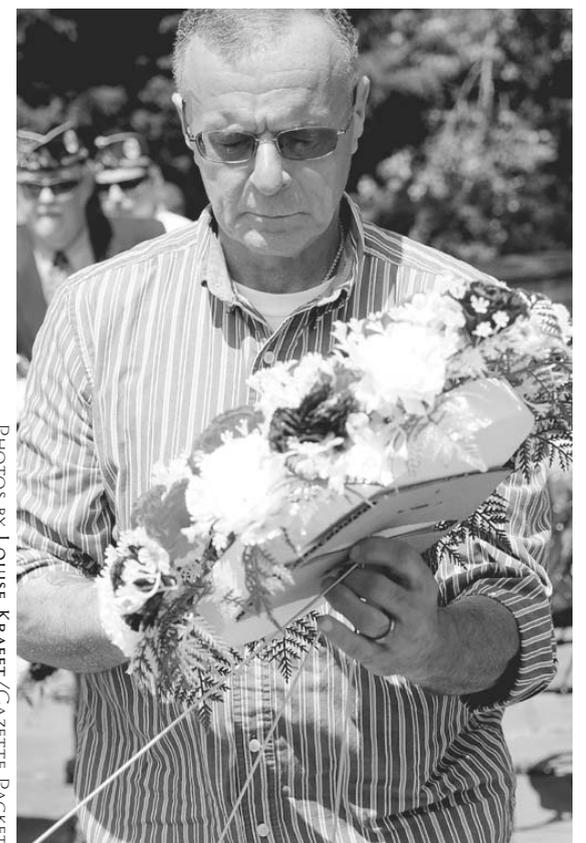
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WWII veteran USAF Col. Bill McNamara, left, talks with friends before the service Monday morning.



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Red carnations mark the graves of the Unknown Soldiers buried in the National Cemetery.



Chief Warrant Officer Steve Flamm carries a wreath to be placed at the grave of one of Post 24's past commanders.

# NEIGHBORS

## Taylor Run

### HILLTOP PARTY

Those party-loving people on Hilltop Terrace celebrated Memorial Day with a large gathering. Clam and Amy Lorenz, aided by children Charlie and Jay, and the Shriver family — Elaine Gort and Alex Shriver with Jake and Josh — organized the party.

Jinny Hines Parry and her family remembered many happy Wolf Trap picnics on previous Memorial Days.

### KEIRA SINGS

That very talented Keira Moran has written several new songs and will perform them at the Celebrate Fairfax event. Pat Benatar is the headliner for that performance which will be at Fairfax Government Center at 3 p.m. on June 10. Keira will also sing her songs at the Black Potato Festival up in Clinton, N. J., at which the headliner will be Buckwheat Zydeco from New Orleans.

Moina Ratliff and I got together and reminisced about the days when the holiday was called Decoration Day and people went out to cemeteries and put flowers on their relatives' graves.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

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# OPINION

# Surviving through Summer

## Helping teens.

It is that time again, the time from proms to graduation, and all the celebrations that come with it. It's lovely to think, from a distance, that this is a happy and uncomplicated time for teens as the school year winds down, many look forward to college in the fall and a summer of internships or other interesting activities.

Few adults with clear memories of high schools would likely be willing to turn back the clock and relive that time, especially with the addition of mobile phone videos and photos to accompany those awkward moments or more serious bullying or harassment.

We do know that many, if not most, teenagers will be celebrating, or possibly self-medicating, with alcohol, and that many will engage in binge drinking. While drinking and

driving, or getting into a car with a driver who has been drinking, can kill, there are many other problems that come along with binge drinking. Parents owe it to themselves to talk to their teens about it, even as the teen turns away, rolls eyes, and otherwise indicates he or she is ignoring everything you say, some information will go in. They do hear you, and sometimes even make use of the information later.

Keep talking. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home, without grounding them for the summer.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Planned Or Inadvertent?

To the Editor:

My opposition to the Beaugard rezoning's height, density, and Arlington-style out-of-character land use is almost beside the point. Instead, consider what city hall would like folks to believe versus what went into this rezoning catastrophe:

❖ The Mark Center fiasco happened accidentally or inadvertently: The Beaugard rezoning

shows city hall's support for Mark Center was but the first installment in upscaling the neighborhood's density and was likely purposefully undertaken, albeit cleverly disguised to appear "accidental."

❖ The previous city council's lame-duck decision to move the election to November was to increase turnout: Even opponents who believed the motivation was to benefit the majority party smarting over losing two seats missed how moving the election to November bought the extra 6

months needed to put this rezoning over. Had the old May election schedule remained, or had the November election been set in 2011, there would not have been time to arrange this vast rezoning.

❖ City hall cares about preserving affordable housing: This rezoning will destroy more affordable housing than anything the city has ever done to preserve or create it — more than the fire station development, more than Hunting Towers — because the current Beaugard rent increases only became feasible because the

## Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, and once again the Gazette Packet will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Gazette Packet puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos online at [connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday](http://connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday) or email to [smauren@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:smauren@connectionnewspapers.com).

city's offer of additional density created ex nihilo the additional market value driving the recent rent increases, had the city refused to consider changing the zoning, as city council's May 22 resolution on Hunting Towers made clear, and had the city refused to make infrastructure investments, the traffic gridlock would have been undesirable enough to hold down rents.

❖ City leaders care about hard-working people, many illegally present in our land: City leaders really care about developers and businesses having an ample supply of willing low-wage workers because this rezoning's single stroke displaces more of them than Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio or Prince William county board member Corey Stewart could dream of doing. Backed to the wall over failing schools, city hall found a wholesale way to winnow out families with children perceived as more likely to lower academic performance.

**Dino Drudi**  
Alexandria

## A Matter Of Respect

To the Editor:

Memorial Day is often taken for granted; too many don't give a thought about what it means. The freedom so many hold so dearly and yet so close to heart came from the many who gave their lives for our country.

On Memorial Day, in honor of all our veterans and those in military service, we all can say thanks.

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## Snapshot

**Hundreds of people lined up at Market Square May 25 for the annual free chili dog lunch provided by Hard Times Café at the beginning of Memorial Day Weekend. Hard Times Café has been offering free chili dogs at Market Square for more than 20 years to kick off the weekend.**

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## OPINION

# Helping To Restore Identities in Missing Persons Cases

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO, FACHE  
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL



Each year, Inova Alexandria Hospital's Radiology Department conducts more than 30,000 computed tomography (CT) scans that help our physicians, nurses and staff diagnose, treat and heal the many patients who seek our expertise. Our dedicated staff of 16 CT employees and technologists scan injuries from trauma, stroke, sports or chronic disease. They have pretty much seen it all; but a call for help from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) changed all that and launched a partnership that NCMEC has encouraged other hospitals to follow.

In 2010, I was contacted by John Rabun — a former colleague and NCMEC's then chief operating officer — with an unusual request:

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I like to share my way of saying thanks as often as I have written about a little rock in my neighborhood. It has a meaning for so many that can relate to a simple message that speaks of freedom. On the Veterans Memorial Walkway along the bike path of the 500 block of South Columbus and Wilkes Street sits this little big rock with its plaque that reads:

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Margaret B. Inman, Councilwoman;  
Nelson E. Greene, Jr., Councilman;  
James P. Moran, Jr., Councilman;  
Carlyle C. Ring, Jr., Councilman.

In honor of all our veterans and men and women in uniform who have served and fought for our country, let them not be forgotten.

**Geri Baldwin**  
Alexandria

## Value Those Bicyclists

To the Editor:

I am writing to respond to a let-

ter, "Bike Share Now Needs City Money," printed in the May 24 Alexandria Gazette Packet. As chair of the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), I was asked to attend the Waterfront Commission Meeting where the Capital Bikeshare station options were discussed. For me, this letter raises three concerns.

My first concern has to do with money. On this topic, the letter is making a mountain out of a molehill. My understanding is that the federal agency overseeing this grant changed the rules mid-stream and money that was planned to be used for operations (\$186,000 out of the \$6,000,000 grant) needed to come from elsewhere. That \$186,000 in grant money is still with us and can be used for other projects — I hope the City Council puts it to good use.

My second concern has to do with the idea that adding Capital Bikeshare to Old Town amounts to an attempt to "stuff 10 pounds into a five-pound bag." On this topic, the letter is making a mountain out of a molehill. To illustrate, I will repeat what I said at the Waterfront Commission meeting: The Mount Vernon Trail carries nearly one million people per year, mostly on bicycles and mostly rolling down Union Street. In other words, about 2,000 bicyclists per day visit the Alexandria waterfront. Capital Bikeshare, by contrast, will roll out this summer with only 70 bicycles in the entirety of Old Town. Next to those

set a precedent.

According to Joe Mullins, forensic imaging specialist at NCMEC, our assistance in that case and subsequent others became the launching pad for encouraging other hospitals around the country to also donate their CT services in support of NCMEC's worthy cause. "Inova Alexandria Hospital was the first hospital to show the world how it can all work," said Mullins. By enlisting help from their local hospitals, police departments around the country can retain custody of critical forensic evidence and send only the CT scans to Mullins — one of the few forensic imaging artists in the world to use FreeForm modeling for facial reconstructions.

Since that initial call, we have assisted in three other cases with the NCMEC. We also scanned some ancient artifacts for the Smithsonian, which helped them eventually secure funding to restore their CT scanner to working

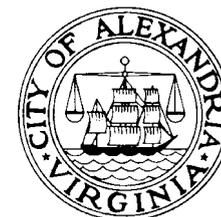
order. Our CT staff was honored to assist on each of these cases and willingly participated during the necessary odd hours to avoid any interference with our patient caseload.

Unfortunately, the "Lady of the Dunes" case remains unsolved; however, our CT expertise did assist in discovering the mystery behind a child's skull found in the Midwest in 1988. Known as "Baby Doe" that skull was determined to be of Native American origin and dated back to the 1700s.

We are proud of our contributions on each of these cases and honored to have become the model for other hospitals to follow. Whether we're caring for our patients or for the grieving loved ones searching for answers, we're all here for the same reason — to help each other.

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## CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FIRST HALF 2012 REAL ESTATE TAX AND REFUSE FEE ARE DUE JUNE 15, 2012

The first half 2012 real estate tax and refuse fee must be paid by June 15, 2012, to avoid late payment penalty and interest.

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Real estate tax information is available on the City's website at [alexandriava.gov/RealEstateTax](http://alexandriava.gov/RealEstateTax). Under Additional Resources on that webpage, there is a link for Real Estate Tax History and Payments, which provides detailed tax balances and payments. For payment questions or to request a tax bill, please call the Treasury Division at 703.746.3902 or email [payments@alexandriava.gov](mailto:payments@alexandriava.gov). For assessment questions or to change a mailing address, please call the Real Estate Assessments Department at 703.746.4646 or email [realestate@alexandriava.gov](mailto:realestate@alexandriava.gov). For refuse fee questions, please call the Solid Waste Division at 703.746.4410.

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counts are not yet part of their own traffic-counting efforts and have not been widely disseminated. It is time to recognize this large constituency by including representatives from our growing bicycling community on our boards and commissions.

Those 2,000 cyclists per day are not only a part of our community, they are also an opportunity. Studies show that for a storefront business bicycle traffic is like foot traffic — it is easy for a cyclist to stop and shop. People who shop by bicycle shop locally and shop often. They are important to our community and to our finances. We should make a greater effort to welcome them with better bicycle parking and with bike lanes leading away from Union Street and towards our shops and attractions. As it stands today, we have groups of cyclists, typically 5-10 per group, rolling down Union Street every day. And yet there is not one parking corral or other facility to encourage these groups to stop and spend money. In closing I ask that those of us who support commerce and tourism in Alexandria support measures, such as bike lanes and bike parking, that will better welcome our local bicycling community to Old Town.

**Jonathan Krall**

Chair, Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Alexandria

## Bikes Reduce Traffic

To the Editor:

In a lengthy letter published in your May 24 issue, Townsend A. Van Fleet presents arguments against the Bike Share program planned for Alexandria. Among his various objections, a central theme is that Bike Share will somehow exacerbate “traffic problems in the Old and Historic District.” This seems a rather curious point of view. Van Fleet makes much of what he terms Alexandria’s “narrow streets already crowded with pedestrians, tour buses, metro buses, dash buses, delivery trucks, trolleys, garbage trucks, skate boarders, joggers, and cyclists.” What is remarkable about this impressively comprehensive list (“garbage trucks” to “pedestrians”) is that it omits the word “automobiles.” It may be helpful to reflect for a moment on the fact that a primary objective of the Bike Share program is to reduce the number of automobiles on our city streets. As I am sure most fellow residents recognize, cars remain the principal source of congestion on the streets of Old Town. While I appreciate Mr. Van Fleet’s frustration at being impeded in his driving by the growing number of pedestrians, joggers, and cyclists on our city streets, programs like Bike Share that aim to reduce downtown traffic can only enhance Alexandria’s reputation as an exceptionally friendly and livable community.

**David E. James**

Alexandria

## What’s Best



### New K-9 Graduates

**The Alexandria Police Department held a graduation ceremony on May 24 for the graduates of the Basic K-9 School, hosted by the Alexandria Police Department’s K-9 Unit. The ceremony was held at the Police Department’s K-9 Facility, located at 1108 Jefferson St. Three Alexandria Police K-9 teams, one Arlington County Police K-9 team and one Prince William County Police K-9 team participated in the Basic K-9 School which started on Feb. 13. The five teams completed a 14-week training course in all areas of police K-9 work, including instruction on obedience, evidence recovery, suspect search, tracking, agility, criminal apprehension, building search and tactical deployments with canine. The class was taught by lead trainer K-9 Officer Carlos Rolon, who has been with the Department since 1998 and in the K-9 Unit since 2004.**

## For the City

To the Editor:

It is clear that an antidevelopment bloc has developed among the Democratic candidates running for City Council.

It is equally clear that these candidates have a limited understanding of city development policy and strategy.

Land use planning often involves complicated, difficult issues — and controversy.

It’s important that citizens understand more clearly the significant legal and financial constraints that the city faces when dealing with redevelopment proposals.

The first key reality is that property owners often have substantial legal rights to redevelop their properties at higher densities, as is the case in the three development parcels in the waterfront plan.

Second, in many cases, developers have few legal obligations to take actions to mitigate the effects of redevelopment or provide public benefits. For example, the city is legally prohibited from requiring a developer to provide affordable housing.

In response to this situation, the city in recent years has pursued a strategy in which it provides additional development rights in return for significant public benefits — amenities that the city often can’t provide without raising taxes.

By pursuing this approach, the city effectively takes control of the development process, steering it in a direction aimed at put-

ting the city first, not the developers.

The city staff has become quite sophisticated in negotiating these public-benefit packages. The package varies in each proposal, determined to a large degree by what citizens want. In the case of the Beauregard plan, citizens requested more affordable housing.

But there are problems with this approach. The main problem is that citizens may have a difficult time determining whether the benefits are fair and outweigh the costs of additional development. Citizens recognize that their neighborhood will get the new development, but are skeptical that they will get the benefits. They thus opt for the status quo.

But there are risks of accepting the status quo as well. In the case of the Beauregard plan, allowing development to proceed by right would have locked in the existing development pattern, including the problems of car dependency and separation of uses. The approved plan will include much denser development but also much more and much better open space, better integration of land uses, a more pedestrian- and bicyclist-friendly environment, and other improvements — all without a tax increase.

The city approach of trading more development for public amenities also pays off in another way. It increases tax revenues, which the city has used to provide additional spending for children from disadvantaged or lower-income families in our pub-

lic schools. The extra revenue has also helped support a range of other social services for less advantaged and lower-income residents in the city. This is something that residents expressing concerns about the loss of affordable housing have failed to understand or appreciate.

Thus, given the challenges the city faces vis-à-vis development, we need City Council members who take a pragmatic and realistic approach to these issues. Among the Democrats who are running in the June 12 primary, these include incumbents Paul Smedberg and Del Pepper; former Council members Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson; and newcomers Sean Holihan, Donna Fossum, Melissa Feld, and John Chapman, although Chapman made some unfortunate comments about the Beauregard plan.

Among the newcomers, Fossum has by far the most experience on development issues, given her long service on the Planning Commission, although the other candidates mentioned here can be counted on for a sensible approach to this often-thorny issue.

**Bill Hendrickson**

Alexandria

## Determining Transit Priority

To the Editor:

Although a goal of the Beauregard Small Area Plan Draft is to create a modern transit-oriented community, most of the attention has been focused on a traffic ellipse that is not part of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit corridor. The Draft Plan barely mentions the Mark Center Station, the prospect of VDOT approving the I-395 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) ramp or proposals for a transit station at Southern Towers. These changes are significant and should be addressed in the Draft Plan.

Mark Center Station was designed primarily for BRAC employees and not designed as a regional transportation station. Construction of the HOV ramp will increase demand for transit bus service along the I-95 corridor serving Lorton, Lake Ridge and Woodbridge to Mark Center Station. As a result it will likely need to be expanded as development in the area increases. Although VDOT will fund construction of the HOV ramp (\$80 million), no additional funding was provided to redesign or expand Mark Center Station.

Southern Towers is currently a major transfer station. WAMATA and DASH buses serve the plan area providing transit service to Pentagon Metro. It is also a transfer station for commuters traveling to other nearby destinations. With the proposed increase in population in the plan area, realignment of streets, and a proposed Bus Rapid Transit system, it will be necessary to modernize and redesign the current transit operation and service at Southern Towers.

The impact of growth on transit both at Southern Towers and at Mark Center have not been factored into the planning. The Draft Plan should address the design of the transit proposed at Southern Towers and

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arrangements for funding the transit improvements. Constructing a major transit station will put Mark Center on the regional transit map, increase ridership and build on the qualities that make living in this area attractive.

This brings us to the ellipse. Among other things, the Draft Plan requires construction of a \$35 million traffic ellipse (a traffic circle) at Seminary Road and North Beauregard. It also requires construction of the ellipse be completed prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for 2,400,000 square feet of development. The Implementation Plan assumes construction of the ellipse between years 2018-2020.

The ellipse is not currently part of Corridor C and is not critical to the initial phasing of redevelopment and creating a transit oriented community. Therefore conditions for redevelopment in the Beauregard Corridor should not be contingent on construction of the ellipse, but be linked to meeting the transit needs of current and new residents. Initial funding (public/private) should be included in the plan to ensure the infrastructure for transit in the Plan area is in place as a condition of obtaining an occupancy certificate for new or replacement apartments.

Priority should be given to ensuring all transitway improvements including bus stations are completed prior to issuing a certificate of occupancy for the various phases of new construction. Since the ellipse is not part of the transitway plan, this would send a signal Alexandria places a higher priority on transit improvements in the Beauregard Corridor.

**Dave Cavanaugh**

## Affordable Housing

To the Editor:

The vanishing amount of affordable housing in Alexandria has been a frequent topic of discussion in the City in recent weeks. It is a complex topic that has people confusing "market-rate" affordable housing with "dedicated" affordable housing, which differ significantly. The cost of "market-rate" affordable housing is determined exclusively by the whims of the rental market, while "dedicated" affordable housing is housing the true cost of which is "bought down" (i.e., subsidized) by developers as part of the development packages negotiated with the City

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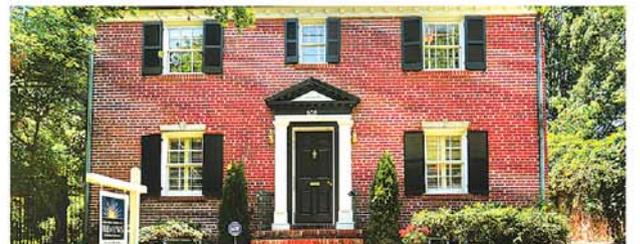
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NEWS

# Alexandria Remembers D-Day

Speakers and screening mark 68 years since Normandy invasion.

BY MONTIE MARTIN  
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**O**n June 6, 1944, American and Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy and began operations that would eventually lead to the liberation of France and the rest of Europe. The scars of the invasion can be felt 68 years on.

The Alexandria/Caen Sister City Committee plans to mark D-Day on Wednesday, June 6, with an evening of commemorative speakers, as well as a screening of the



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**The memories of D-Day continue to connect France and the United States of America. French school children annually take flowers to the graves at the American cemetery in Normandy.**

documentary "A Hero's Welcome." "The film expresses how relevant the France and American connection still is," said Jennie

Reading, vice-chair of the ACSCC. "School children annually take flowers out to the American cemetery." SEE SCREENING, PAGE 17

**"School children annually take flowers out to the American cemetery. It's very much a living history there."**

— Jennie Reading, vice-chair for the Alexandria/Caen Sister City Committee

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# Screening Marks D-Day Anniversary

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etery. It's very much a living history there." The gratitude of the French is all the more startling as liberation also meant near total destruction. "Caen was on the main road through France, and it was hoped to cut the supply line," said Redding. "It was an important and strategic move."

When the city could not be taken by force, the decision was made to have it carpet-bombed. Nearly 70 years of peace has brought change to Caen and Normandy.

The relationship between Alexandria and Caen took shape under the stewardship of Mayor Charles Beatley, who first visited the city as a pilot in the 1970s. Today the sister city committee looks to foster closer ties by promoting awareness of important cultural relations.

"We've flagged D-Day as our signature event, and

**D-Day** Join the Alexandria/Caen Sister City Committee on Wednesday, June 6 for a series of guest speakers about the Normandy invasion. The documentary, "A Hero's Welcome," will also be shown, with a question and answer period following the screening. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Lyceum in Old Town, Alexandria.

moving forward we're hoping to grow it. Ideas for next year that are being passed around are city-wide capture the flag or paintball," said James Lewis, a spokesman for the ACSCC. "Whatever we do, it will maintain the reverence due to D-Day."

# Supporting Fund for Alexandria's Child

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\$12,000. The biggest ticket item, however, is a trip for 10 people to Pimlico Race Track, with a race named after the winning bidder.

Proceeds from ticket sales and auction items support the mission of normalizing the lives of Alexandrians in the foster care system.

"The purpose of the fund is to enrich the lives of kids in foster care so they can live like other kids," said Suzanne Kratzoc, coordinator of community resources with The Fund for Alexandria's Child. "Our motto is not everyone can be a foster parent, but everyone can help a foster child."

Money raised from the evening is used for small ticket items that benefit children in meaningful ways. Funds cover the cost of school field trips, clothing and extracurricular activities.

"We provide a platform for the kids and teens who can't afford the usual items like going to camp, doing things their peers can do. It helps build self-confidence," said

## Join

Race day is June 8, and tickets are still available for the Fund for Alexandria's Child annual river boat cruise. A trip for 10 people to Pimlico Race Course, including a race named after the winning bidder, is the top prize at this year's event. For more information visit: [Alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild](http://Alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild)

Thar Roeng Heil, a former foster child in the Alexandria system and current member of the Fund's Advisory Council.

"Each year we worry about the results of the fundraiser, and each year the community steps up," said Kratzoc. "It's heart wrenching to think of families pulled apart. The generous, caring people of Alexandria are why we are able to help so many kids."

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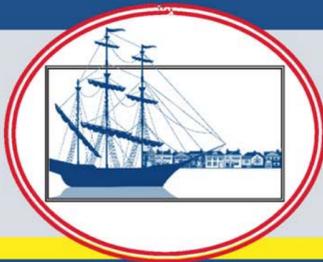
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# Talk of the Town

## Gearing Up for Summer

Of course the Wanderer's favorite way to enjoy cycling is to sit in his comfy, air conditioned man-cave and watch the Tour de France, all 2,161 miles of it, coming up June 30 through July 22. But after the Tour, he'll be inspired to take a few rides, and it's good to know that there are so many places in Alexandria to take his aging two-wheeled friend for an annual tune up. And because he values his own analytical ability so much, he never mounts his bike without his helmet, and he's due for a new one this year. Helmets wear out, you know, just hanging in the closet.

Photos by Jane Hughes

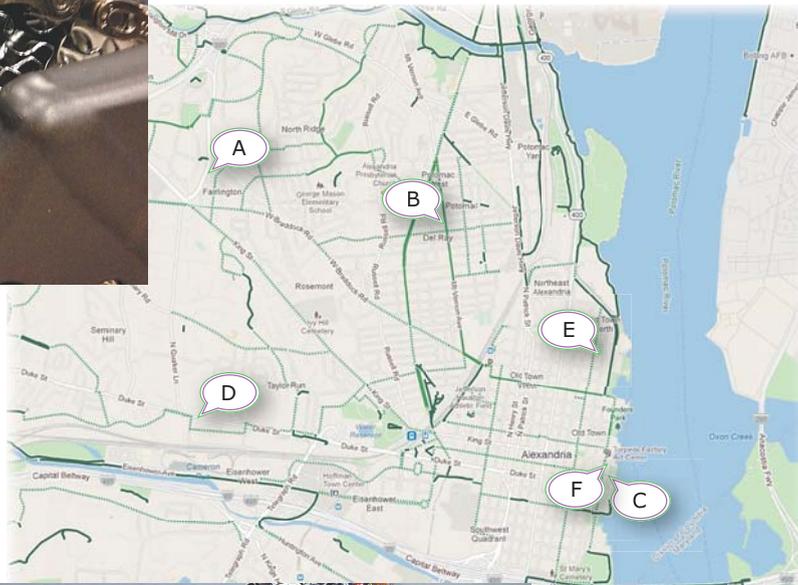


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**Molly Maddra and Kim Hilton of Fireflies serves barbeque sliders.**



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**Missy Pankow of Cheesetique makes up a pimento slider.**

# Taste of Del Ray Is Sunday, June 3

## Hell's Kitchen Winner To Be a Judge

BY SARAH CARROLL  
THE GAZETTE

**M**ark your calendars, clean your palates and prepare for the fourth annual Taste of Del Ray, sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association. The event will take place on Sunday, June 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. This year's celebrity chef is Rock Harper — winner of Season 3 "Hell's Kitchen" — the Gordon Ramsey cooking competition on FOX-TV.

Harper, the event's second celebrity chef, will taste each dish and choose a restaurant to receive the Judge's Choice Award. For the first time, he will also choose runners-up. People at the event will select a restaurant for the People's Choice Award.

Over a dozen neighborhood restaurants, including last year's winners, Taqueria Pablano and The Evening Star, will participate in the outdoor competition that will be held in the lot behind the Virginia Commerce Bank at 2401 Mt. Vernon and E. Oxford Avenues, Alexandria.

Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12 years of age and can be purchased ahead of time at the Del Ray Farmer's Market (Mt. Vernon and E. Oxford) on Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m. to noon or on the day of the event beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Participating restaurants will include Artfully Chocolate, Caboose Café,

Cheesetique, Del Ray Café, Del Ray Pizzeria, Evening Star Café, FireFlies, The Happy Tart, LaStrada, Monroe's, Pork Barrel BBQ, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Taqueria Pablano and A Thyme & Place.

The winners of both the Judge's Choice and People's Choice Award will be announced just after 3 p.m.

To add to the fun and festivities, performing in the lot of the Del Ray Farmer's Market during the Taste of Del Ray will be one of the area's most popular rock and roll bands, Elroy Jenkins. The band has played at other local events, including the Del Ray Music Festival and First Thursday, as well as at local clubs. Another local band, FeelFree, whose music combines blues and reggae, will open for Elroy Jenkins from 12-12:45 p.m.

Taste of Del Ray began as part of Del Ray's First Thursday, a series of summer evening activities. It became a stand-alone event four years ago and has grown each year. Gayle Reuter, board member of the Del Ray Business Association, said via e-mail that she expects over 1,000 participants this year.

Reuter said that Del Ray "is blessed to have such [a diversity of] restaurants" and that the event allows local restaurants to showcase various foods. Winning foods last year ranged from a vegetable side to an entrée. This year's menu includes ice cream, Ethiopian cuisine, Gazpacho, crepes and petit fours, among other foods.

# Torpedo Factory Welcomes Guest Artists for the Summer

**T**he Torpedo Factory Art Center announces the Visiting Artists who will be in residence during June, July and August 2012. Now in its third year, the goal of the Visiting Artist Program is to expose the Torpedo Factory Art Center's visitors and patrons to a rotating group of accomplished artists and provide a unique opportunity to interact, explore and exchange ideas. The Visiting Artists will be working in studios throughout the 76,000-square-foot art center and will be actively involved in art enrichment events throughout the summer months in which they will demonstrate and discuss their work.

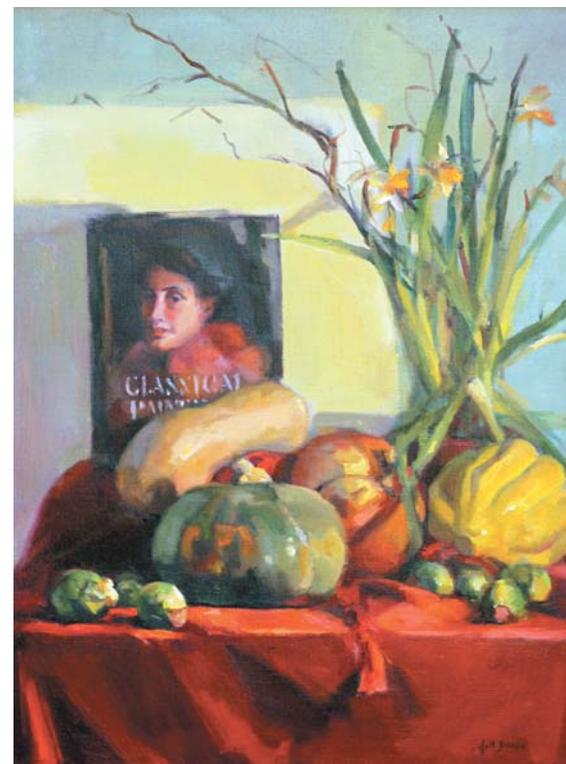
Some 16 artists have been selected from 45 applicants. The program will run from June through August 2012; Visiting Artists will be at the Torpedo Factory Art Center for one or two months.

The selection of Visiting Artists is a highly competitive process. Applicants describe the work they propose to do during the residency, and provide images of related work already completed as evidence of their accomplishments and promise. An outside juror evaluates the submissions and selects the finalists. Paula Amt, a painter and the owner of gallery plan b and Framesmith DC, both in Washington, D.C., was the juror this year. Amt studied studio art and art history in Virginia and Paris. She has been active in the D.C. art scene since 1998. For more information about the Visiting Artist Program, visit [www.torpedofactory.org/vap](http://www.torpedofactory.org/vap).

## 2012 VISITING ARTISTS

### JUNE

- Annie Bailey (Tenants Harbor, ME) Filmmaking – Studio 328
- Dianne Bugash (Gaithersburg, MD) Collage – Studio 224
- Maruka Carvajal (Centreville, VA) Painting – Studio 333



**"Classical Painting Atelier" by Jill Banks**

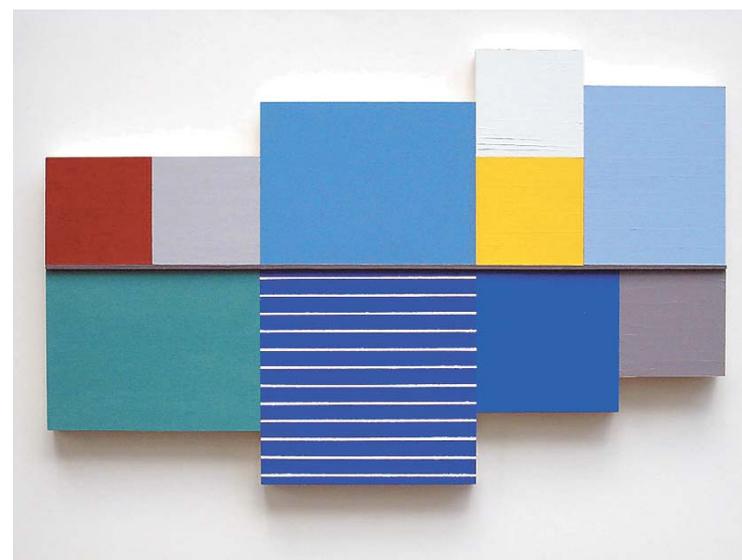
- Regina Davis Izaguirre (Washington, D.C.) Painting – Studio 30
- Hiromi Katayama (Edinboro, PA) Painting – Studio 301
- McCain McMurray (Washington, D.C.) Painting – Studio 4
- Joseph Shetler (Arlington, VA) Drawing – Studio 317

### JULY

- Annie Bailey (Tenants Harbor, ME) Filmmaking – Studio 328
- Regina Davis Izaguirre (Washington, D.C.) Painting – Studio 30
- Ronni Jolles (Great Falls, VA) Collage – Studio 301
- Jan Moffatt (Alexandria, VA) Painting – Studio 32
- Rindy O'Brien (Washington, D.C.) Photography – Studio 224
- Joseph Shetler (Arlington, VA) Drawing – Studio 317
- Nancy Varipapa (Alexandria, VA) Painting – Studio 331

### AUGUST

- Jill Banks (Reston, VA) Painting – Studio 333
- Judith Giuliani (Rockville, MD) Painting – Studio 30
- Mary Grassell (Hurricane, WV) Printmaking – Studio 317
- Colleen Lochausen (Hollywood, MD) Sculpture – Studio 32
- Rindy O'Brien (Washington, D.C.) Photography – Studio 224
- Drew Parris (Stevensville, MD) Drawing – Studio 328
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## FINE ARTS

Carol Lopatin, a Torpedo Factory artist from Falls Church, is the recipient of the Strathmore Artist Papers Award — a national honor. The 51st national exhibition of aqueous media painting, Watercolor U.S.A. 2012, opens at the Springfield Art Museum June 9 in Springfield, Missouri. The exhibition attracts entries from across the United States. The competition this year received 666 entries by 371 artists from 42 states.



**Carol Lopatin, Plein air painting “Union Pass” acrylic on paper.**

The painting was completed later in the quiet of her studio at the Torpedo Factory. She tried to save the freshness of the initial brushwork while developing more solid areas. It is a push/pull experience throughout.

A painting trip to Alabama is scheduled in June. She will be back working in Studio 301 at the Torpedo Factory for the month of August.

### NOW TO JUNE 29

**“Giving Voice.”** Artwork includes mixed media, painting, poetry, photography, and short film. Artist reception is Friday, June 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. At The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260.

### NOW TO JUNE 25

**Mark Dorman** is the featured artist at River Farm, the headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, for the months of May and June 2012. His exhibit, “Color in Nature” will be on view now through June 25. Dorman is a professional artist, journalist, and art critic. He studied drawing and painting with Manlio Guberti in Rome, studied at Atelier, Le Grande Chaumiere in Paris, the Corcoran

Museum School, and at the Maryland Institute of the Arts. He has won numerous awards for his oil paintings, watercolors, and pastels, both abstract and representational. His colorful post-impressionist landscapes are reflective of a wealth of experience abroad. More details are at [www.MarkDorman.net](http://www.MarkDorman.net).

### NOW TO JUNE 17

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

### NOW TO JUNE 3

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

### NOW TO JUNE 18

**Variations.** A photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. At Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.MultipleExposuresGallery.com](http://www.MultipleExposuresGallery.com)

### NOW TO JUNE 28

**Rust Reconstructed.** Featuring artwork by Pete McCutchen. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

### NOW TO JUNE 24

**Forged.** Show examines contemporary approaches to the ancient process of forged metalwork. A reception will be held June 14 from 6 - 8 p.m.; juror talk with Twylene Moyer at 7 p.m. Will showcase the works of 18 artists from across the country. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target)



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## THEATER

# Strike Up the Band

'Music Man' Dazzles at Arena Stage

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

**M**ove over Robert Preston. There's a new band leader taking River City by storm in Meredith Willson's "The Music Man," playing now at Arena Stage.

Set in River City, Iowa in 1912, "The Music Man" tells the wholesome tale of charismatic conman Harold Hill, who poses as a boys' band leader to sell instruments and uniforms to naive townsfolk before skipping town with the cash.

Prim librarian and piano teacher Marian Paroo is on to him, but falls in love with Hill just as his band leader sham begins to unravel.

In the iconic role of Harold Hill is Burke Moses, one of the most charismatic actors to take to Arena Stage — or any stage, really. Moses easily carries the show with a bravura performance, at every turn oozing the Broadway musical ideal of the handsome, sexy yet tender leading man.

His counterpart is the multi-talented Kate Baldwin, who brings a touching vulnerability to the role of Marion Paroo while at the same time displaying the fortitude to match Moses's Harold Hill. Together, they bring their tender romance and the entire play to a show-stopping crescendo.

This dazzling and fun-filled production is a monument to the creative and interpretive talents of Artistic Director Molly Smith. Smith has assembled a brilliant creative team, including choreographer Parker Esse, set designer Eugene Lee and costume designer Judith Bowden.

A special nod to the masterful conducting of musical director Lawrence Goldberg, who expertly coordinates the beneath-the-stage orchestra with the on-stage performers throughout a vibrant score of non-stop toe-tapping tunes.

John Lescault and Barbara Tirrell, as Mayor and Mrs. Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn, offer spirited comic support, as does the incomparable Donna Migliaccio as Mrs. Paroo.

Ian Berlin makes his professional debut as Winthrop, adding to the strong performances of Will Burton as Tommy Djilas and the always magnetic Nehal Joshi as Marcellus.

"The Music Man" is playing now through July 22 at Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW, Washington, D.C. For tickets or more information, call 202-488-3300 or visit [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org).



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**From left: Burke Moses as Harold Hill and Kate Baldwin as Marian Paroo in Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater's production of "The Music Man" from May 11-July 22.**



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**From left: Justin Lee Miller as Olin Britt, Joe Peck as Ewart Dunlop, Lawrence Redmond as Oliver Hix and Michael Brian Dunn as Jacey Squires in Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater's production of "The Music Man" from May 11-July 22.**

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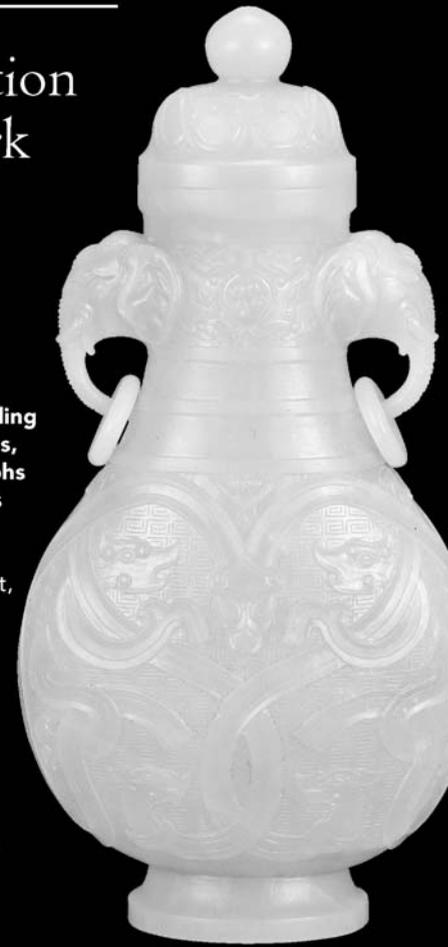
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### THURSDAY/MAY 31

#### "Tea" Talk. 10:15 a.m.

Experience Tea 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.

#### "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 Jennifer DeFillippo, choreographer. At Springbank Auditorium at West Potomac High School. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Online tickets are available at [www.westpotomacchoirs.org](http://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](http://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

**20th Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival.** 1 to 6 p.m. Enjoy eating freshly barbecued kebabs and delicious Armenian foods, watching the Arax Armenian Dance Ensemble in colorful costumes, hearing talented folk singers Vivian Chakarian, Emma Soghomonian and Edita Kalayjian, hearing acclaimed clarinetist Mihran, and seeing cultural exhibits and videos — and much more — at the 20th Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival. Co-sponsored by the City of Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee and the Knights of Vartan. At Market Square in Old Town, 301 King Street in front of City Hall. Visit [www.armenianfestivals.com](http://www.armenianfestivals.com).

**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



### 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://mosaicaharmony.org/tickets.php>. contact [promotions@mosaicaharmony.org](mailto:promotions@mosaicaharmony.org) or call 301-717-1221.

items, etc. At Meade Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. 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](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org) or email [Michele.longo@alexandriavirginia.gov](mailto:Michele.longo@alexandriavirginia.gov). Visit [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org) or call 703-746-3852.

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800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://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](http://www.vabronze.org) or call 1-888-824-2541.

### TUESDAY/JUNE 5

**Author Talk.** 7 p.m. Author Barb Winters will talk about her book Letters to Virginia: Correspondence from three generations of Alexandrians from before, during and after the Civil

Stories of the Eaches, Fendalls and Tacketts. At Patrick Henry Library. Call 703-938-0405.

**"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](http://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

**"The Maltese Falcon."** 7 p.m. Free. Part of the monthly Film Noir Series at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., in Del Ray. After the movie, viewers are invited to discuss the film at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub at 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705

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

**"A Hero's Welcome: A Story of Friendship, Gratitude and Remembrance."** 7 to 9 p.m. The film explores the impact of D-Day, 60 years later, on the Franco-American relationship through interviews with veterans, French citizens and American visitors to Normandy. Presented by the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. At The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington Street, 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](http://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](http://www.wpc-alex.org).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 9

**Field Orientation.** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Required of all volunteers interested in excavating. Must be at least 16 years old. Free, but reservations required. [Archaeology@alexandriavirginia.gov](mailto:Archaeology@alexandriavirginia.gov).

**70th Anniversary Homecoming and Ice Cream Social.** 4:30 p.m. Bring a picnic and enjoy ice cream for dessert. And bring any old photos or albums that you can share. At Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, 7719 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Email [tauxemontcoop@gmail.com](mailto:tauxemontcoop@gmail.com) or [www.tauxemont.org](http://www.tauxemont.org)

**Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.** Keynote speaker is ex-Gov. Tim Kaine,

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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](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/243578) or phone 1-800-838-3006.

## MONDAY/JUNE 11

**Author Talk by Lyle Smythers.** 7:30 p.m. Author of Feasting with Panthers. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 12

**Start, Manage, Grow Your Business.** 8 to 10:30 a.m. Free. At The Mary G. Gates Learning Center/United Way Worldwide, 701 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Registration required. Call Pat Melton, 703-778-1292 or through [www.alexandriasbdc.org](http://www.alexandriasbdc.org).

**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.

**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](http://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 703-548-0035. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 15

**Pat McGee Trio.** 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$100 ticket includes all food, beer, wine and mixed drinks. At Jackson 20 Restaurant, 480 King St., Alexandria. Visit [www.jackson20.com](http://www.jackson20.com) or call 703-842-2790.

**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.

## JUNE 15 AND 16

**Vince Gill.** 7:30 p.m. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Fest Too.** A DIY music and arts festival with 30 bands and artists. Tickets are \$8/Friday; \$10/Saturday. Hours are June 15 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.; June 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. At The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Visit [festtoo.tumblr.com](http://festtoo.tumblr.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 16

**Java Jolt: Civil War Northern Virginia 1861.** 10 a.m. Lecture and book signing with William Connery, with light refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. Free, but reservations required. [Archaeology@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Archaeology@alexandriava.gov).

**Gum Springs Community Day.** 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Featuring music, food, demonstrations, children's activities and other informational activities along with a vendor fair. The swimming pool will be open from noon

to 7 p.m. At Martin Luther King Jr. Community Park, 8115 Fordson Road, Gum Springs. Visit [www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com](http://www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com).

**Marine Chamber Orchestra.** 7:30 p.m. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com)

**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](mailto:ekosarin@casafairfax.org), or visit [www.fairfaxcasa.org](http://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.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 19

**UCM Fundraiser.** 5:30 to 10 p.m. When you eat at Teasim, 15 percent of the sale from your meal will be donated to United Community Ministries (UCM). At Teasim in Old Town Alexandria, 682 N. St. Asaph St., Alexandria. Call 703-684-7777.

**"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](http://www.nvrpa.org).

**Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1



## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 13

**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](http://Ticketmaster.com) or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

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](mailto: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](http://www.acctonline.org) or call 703-660-2611.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 23

**Oral History Volunteers Sought.** 10 a.m. to noon. Alexandria Legacies, the City's Oral History Program collects personal oral histories of long-time residents. Interviewer and transcriber volunteers are needed to assist in the collection process. Meets at the Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., Third Floor, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4399. RSVP to: [jen\\_hembree@hotmail.com](mailto:jen_hembree@hotmail.com) by June 15th to reserve your seat.

**Sonny Landreth.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Featuring songs from his 11th album, Elemental Journey. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Ballet Auditions.** 12 noon. Gifted and Talented Auditions at the Alexandria Ballet: Auditions will take place for placement in levels I and II, for ages 9-14, for ballet classes starting in Fall 2012. Two full scholarships are

available, one for a girl student and one for a boy student. Auditions are at the Forever Dancing Studio, 5818 B Seminary Road, Bailey's Crossroads. Call 703-379-8997.

## 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](http://www.alexandriafoodandwine.com).

## Del Ray Music Festival.

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. A wide variety of music, including: jazz, blues, folk, country, Latin, reggae, and rock. Also food and games. To be held on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., in Del Ray. Del Ray Music Week will be taking place from June 18-22, will host over 30 local musicians and bands as they perform along "The Avenue" at local Del Ray businesses from 5 to 10 p.m. Visit [www.delraymusicfestival.com](http://www.delraymusicfestival.com).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 26

**Hands on History Tent.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come build your own model sailboat and race it against others. The event is free, sailboat craft \$5, and designed for children ages 3-12. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or e-mail: [carlyle@nvrpa.org](mailto:carlyle@nvrpa.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 29

**Serenade! Festival.** 7:30 p.m. "Opening Celebration" with a welcome address by Alexandria's Mayor W. D. Euille. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Old Town Alexandria.

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or directly by the City using money from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

In the past several years, Alexandria has become such a desirable place to live that rents in our City have risen to the point that they are beyond the means of many residents whose annual earnings are below the Area Median Income (AMI) of \$100K. As a result, people whose annual income is substantially below the AMI (i.e., \$60K or less) are being priced out of Alexandria's rental market. This rapid loss of "market-rate" affordable housing has spurred many to demand that the City do something to reverse this trend.

Since rent control is illegal in the State of Virginia, the City cannot require landowners to "cap" the rents they charge for apartments. And in 2004, the Virginia Circuit Court forbade the City from requiring developers to pay for affordable housing as part of the development approval process, so the City has few tools it can use to maintain, much less increase the amount of affordable housing in Alexandria. The main tool it has is to allow developers some additional height and/or density in exchange for providing "dedicated" affordable housing units on-site in a new development. Another tool the City has is to require the provision of on-site "dedicated" affordable housing in Small Area Plans, such as the Beaugard Small Area Plan (BSAP) that was approved by City Council on May 12.

At present, of the housing units that will be torn down over the next 25 to 30 years as a result of approving the BSAP, only 829 are "market-rate" affordable units. All the rest of the units have rents determined by the whims of the marketplace that are already beyond the reach of a family with an annual income of 60 percent or less of the AMI. Now that the BSAP has been approved by City Council, at least 800 "dedicated" affordable housing units will be built or otherwise provided on-site over the next 25 to 30 years to guarantee that there will be economic diversity in the Beaugard planning area. If the BSAP had not been approved by City Council and current market trends continue, there would shortly be no affordable housing units at all in the Beaugard planning area as the whims of the marketplace eliminated all "market-rate" affordable housing units there. Preventing this from happening is why I spent the past 18 months — 12 months as chair of the Beaugard Corridor Stakeholders Group — making sure that there were at least

800 "dedicated" affordable housing units in the BSAP.

As the BSAP is implemented over the next 25 to 30 years, the whims of the marketplace will continue to affect the rents of the "market-rate" affordable housing units in the Beaugard planning area. Since the first housing units that will be torn down in this area are those with some of the highest marketplace-determined rents and the first "dedicated" affordable housing units are scheduled to become available in 2014, none of the current tenants who reside in the 829 units that are currently "market-rate" affordable should ever be without housing with rents that they can afford to pay at their current income levels. Indeed, once these tenants move from "market-rate" affordable units into "dedicated" affordable units in the Beaugard planning area, their rents will likely decrease, because of the subsidies provided for "dedicated" affordable units. During the 25 to 30 year build-out period, some of these tenants may have to move to another "market-rate" affordable unit in the Beaugard area as re-development proceeds, however, tenant re-location assistance is also provided for in the BSAP.

So the claims of some that thousands of lower income people are being thrown out of their homes because of the BSAP are completely inaccurate. Instead, because of the BSAP, at least 800 families with annual incomes considerably below the AMI will be able to keep their homes in the Beaugard area and continue to be part of our diverse City.

**Donna Fossum**  
Democratic Candidate for City Council

## Deserving Support

To the Editor:

Historically Alexandria has always been a City at Crossroads. However, rather than talk about polar bears, icebergs and trips to exotic places, as independent mayoral candidate Andrew Macdonald likes to do, we'd rather talk about how Alexandria has actually been guided through its crossroads by our current Democratic mayor, Bill Euille, and why Mayor Euille has the experience, vision and commitment to continue leading Alexandria forward.

Mayor Euille has dedicated his life to Alexandria. He attended and excelled in both segregated and desegregated public schools and received an academic scholarship from Quinnipiac University

## Memorable Experiences

To the Editor:

MetroStage specializes in "memorable moments" on stage. This season that ensemble cast in that Bronx bar in "Savage in Limbo." Memorable. Broadway parody, Tiny Tim singing "I'm Going to Walk Tomorrow" (think "Annie"), irreverent, but wickedly funny holiday entertainment in "Broadway Christmas Carol." Memorable. Josephine Baker and her banana dance, Maurice Hines' choreography, fabulous songs from gospel to blues in the world premiere of "Josephine Tonight." Memorable. "Escape from Cuba," treacherous waters and a moonless night, mojitos in the lobby afterwards, shared stories by others about their own escape to freedom following "Be Careful! The Sharks Will Eat You!" Memorable and very emotional.

And now to finish off our season we have "Lonely Planet," a beautiful award-winning play about friendship in the midst of a crisis, in this case, the height



**Michael Russotto and Eric Sutton star in "Lonely Planet" at MetroStage.**

of the AIDS crisis. Playwright Dietz has constructed a fascinating play that uses sharp, clever dialogue, humor, the theatre of the absurd, and two wonderful characters drawn together as they cope in their individual ways with the crisis, creating yet another Memorable theatre experience at MetroStage. "Lonely Planet" is for anyone who appreciates the power of theatre, who understands how live theatre can take you on a jour-

ney that is possibly worlds away from your own yet will resonate and have universal implications. "Lonely Planet" runs through June 17. You really don't want to miss this very rewarding, very entertaining, and very memorable theatre experience.

**Carolyn Griffin**  
Producing Artistic Director  
MetroStage

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Mr. Macdonald is fond of saying that the City isn't listening to the citizens and he makes this charge on a regular basis. But Mr. Macdonald is wrong. It is our experience that our elected City leadership will listen to all its citizens. Mr. Macdonald has displayed a divisive form of leadership and does not deserve the honor and privilege of serving as Alexandria's Mayor. Alexandria's history is that of a divided city — rich and poor, black and white, east and west. As the only true consensus builder running for Mayor, Bill Euille has worked his entire life to create "One Alexandria." Mayor Euille has seen the divisions in our City. He grew up with those divisions and always had an eye to bringing all sides together. Mayor Euille

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knows Alexandria. He governs with intelligence, dignity, grace, patience, poise and often with a sense of humor. He listens, and he gets it. Bill Euille has a proven track record of leadership and experience to keep moving Alexandria forward. He knows of our City's past and its potential for the future.

For the first time ever, Alexandria's first African-American Mayor and our Country's first African-American President will be on the ballot together. What a truly historic time for our City and our Nation — and both Bill Euille and Barack Obama have earned our support in this critical election year.

**Hazel and Ron Rigby**  
Alexandria

## Visit Local Schools

To the Editor:

The fact that a superintendent of a small school district has to advertise school system information as "No Politics, Nothing Personal, No Rhetoric" should be a cause for concern in itself. Here are a few counterpoints to the "ACPS facts":

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1) "ACPS and the City of Alexandria use the same auditor for its operating and overall budgets. ACPS budgets have received national awards each of the past three years as the auditors have commended our financial reports and processes. The recent CIP procedural review was part of our additional ongoing reviews of each department." It may be time to hire a new auditor if millions of mismanaged Capital Improvement funds went unnoticed until the issue was brought to light by unpaid vendors.

2) "The National School Boards Association just recognized ACPS with a First Place Magna award for its strategic planning, one of 15 school communities in the country to receive this award." A lot of things look great on paper and don't measure up in real life.

3) "T.C. Williams had its highest scores ever in Writing, Reading, and Mathematics last year." T.C. Williams is the only public high school in the city. For the number of administrators assigned to oversee the management of the school this increase in scores comes at a significant cost to taxpayers. Even with so much oversight and spending T.C. Williams saw an increase in the number of students dropping out in the past year.

4) "Advanced Placement enrollment was at an all time-high last year while maintaining historically high scores ... enrollments in AP courses are even higher this year." According to the Virginia Department of Education the 2008-2009 school year AP enrollment was 1,292 students. Last year saw AP enrollment at just 765 students.

5) "More eighth graders took Algebra I or Geometry last year than ever before ... with a 99 percent pass rate ... enrollments are even higher this year in eighth-grade Algebra I." The overall trend shows that middle school math achievement is in a decline across ACPS. Francis Hammond 1 has a 66 percent pass rate in math, Francis Hammond 2 has a 64 percent pass rate in math, and Francis Hammond 3 has a 65 percent pass rate in math.

6) "PreSchool enrollments have increased seven-fold in ACPS in the past three years." The Virginia Preschool Initiative, the City of Alexandria Joint Preschool program, and a downturn in the economy causing parents to seek public preschool options have all contributed to this increase in enrollment.

7) "Elementary math and writing scores are up." According to the Virginia Department of Education writing scores at Alexandria's elementary schools are down. As are reading and history scores. Science scores have remained flat. Schools such as Jefferson Houston have pass rates of 67 percent in English, 62 percent in math, 51 percent in science, 51 percent in writing, and 38 percent in history.

8) "Enrollment has increased from 10,600 in the spring of 2008 to 12,400 in 2012, about a 17 percent increase." Increased residential development, relocation of government and military jobs, and decline in private school enrollment have caused this increase in enrollment.

9) "Budget increases in the past four years have averaged 2 percent per year as per pupil costs have decreased." An increase in student enrollment will decrease the per pupil cost. Over a million dollars of public

education funding for ACPS went to the salaries and tax sheltered annuity payments of just six Central Office senior staff, including the superintendent.

10) "We have created an amazing new curriculum which replaced our 'pacing guides' based on the SOLs." The "amazing new curriculum" is like the old pacing guides, based on the SOLs. The curriculum was haphazardly unveiled all at once and proved to be flawed and has had to be rewritten at least three times in some subject areas. The constant reworking of the curriculum has disrupted classroom teaching and has created low teacher buy-in.

11) "One of our many schools to receive recognition this year, Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy is Virginia's School of Character and is one of 22 public schools recognized nationally for their accomplishments." The staff and students of Lyles-Crouch are to be commended for this award and for their ability to work around the constant disruption to learning which has continued to occur for the past four years.

Citizens of Alexandria should visit their neighborhood schools and see if students, teachers, and parents share the same educational vision as Alexandria's superintendent.

**Ed Lewis**  
Alexandria

## Vision for The City

To the Editor:

Some have questioned why Andrew Macdonald, the independent candidate running for Mayor of Alexandria, resigned his Vice-Mayor position in 2007. And can we count on him to remain in office if he is elected. The answer is plain and simple. As Mr. Macdonald stated then and continues to say, he voluntarily stepped down because he needed to take care of his elderly mother as well as other family matters. Being his mother's sole caretaker, Mr. Macdonald felt his family responsibilities would take his attention away from his obligations as a City Councilmember. I believe that stepping down was the responsible thing for Mr. Macdonald to do.

Most people can understand having to take care of an elderly parent as well as having family responsibilities. It will probably happen to many of us at some time in our lives, perhaps even while also having to take care of our own families. I too had to take care of my elderly mother, who lived out of town, when my children were in preschool. It was difficult balancing quality care for my mother and fulfilling my duties as a Mom.

Mr. Macdonald has stated unequivocally that that part of his life is over and he is ready to be Mayor of our City. It was only after his mother died over a year ago that he re-entered civic life. Instead of questioning Mr. Macdonald's resignation, we should move forward and focus on the issues.

Andrew Macdonald offers a clear and striking alternative to the incumbent Mayor. Macdonald's focus will be on the citizens of Alexandria, working with them to create a vision for our city. Mr. Macdonald will hold open discussions about development and

ensure that citizens' concerns are treated seriously and with respect. As Mayor, he will make sure that development puts us on the right path to sustaining Alexandria's future.

**Ginny Hines Parry**  
Alexandria

## 'We Don't Own The Problem'

To the Editor:

The title says it all; that's the response nearly 30 Alexandria residents living on a street adjacent to the playing fields at Patrick Henry Elementary School received when they contacted ACPS School Security to complain about the illegal use of said playing fields.

You probably don't know this about the fields, I didn't until I began to look into these residents' complaints but, those playing fields are strictly for the use of PHES students and faculty as well as various youth athletic programs that have obtained permits to utilize the surface. For all intents and purposes, no adult is ever to use the playing fields in an organized manner; for example ... soccer games.

When the temperature and weather is suitable to being outside for extended periods of time, head over to the athletic fields at Patrick Henry and witness a criminal act committed "en masse." You'll see a group of men and women, from 20 large to nearly 100 large engaging in organized soccer matches until the moon's light just isn't enough to see the ball.

The question could — nay, would — be asked: Who cares? Why get in the way of people who are exercising and having fun?

Every question deserves an answer.

Only one side of this street allows parking and, it's not the field side, it's the side occupied by homes of Alexandrians who have lived in the area on average 30 or more years. When these games (every weekday night and all day on the weekends) are in progress, every street parking space is taken by individuals who shouldn't even be there. Driveways are periodically blocked and the players are often loitering on the sidewalks in front of homeowners smoking cigarettes. I have personally seen cars stop in the middle of an already tight street for up to 15 minutes while drivers chat with players or spectators.

Now these criminal acts alone probably don't warrant a Letter to the Editor but, the response from the Alexandria Police Department and more importantly ACPS School Security (who has jurisdiction) does.

ACPS School Security says simply, "We don't own the problem." As in, we didn't cause this so we're not going to try and fix it. Up until about a month ago, ACPS School Security would recognize the complaint and proceed to vacate the field as soon as possible, but not now, because they don't "own the problem" ... anymore.

Alexandria Police have stopped showing up, primarily because they do in fact have more important things to do. Their assessment is, if ACPS isn't doing anything about, they'd rather be out catching killers and such, and I don't blame them.

A few homes on this particular street are now for sale; I've spoken with those homeowners and asked if they believe the incessant shouting, drinking, smoking, etc. is negatively affecting their Sunday open houses. Shockingly, they say yes. I know I sure wouldn't want to spend a minimum of \$500,000 on a home in the line of fire of such lawlessness and vagrancy.

Attempts to obtain a quote, comment, or explanation from ACPS Security during normal working hours and after hours was met with silence. When I contacted Kelly Alexander, the director of communications and public relations as well as Dr. Madye Henson, deputy superintendent and director of student support and institutional advancement, neither had any clue of the problem or knew anything about the rules as they pertain to ACPS School Grounds, which is almost equally as shocking.

So, if this problem isn't "owned" by ACPS, who owns it?

**Scott Gordon**  
Del Ray, Alexandria

## Deserves Being Elected

To the Editor:

Why I endorse Donna Fossum for City Council and why she should be elected:

I want to give a warm thank you to Donna Fossum who quickly stepped in to help Frizzles, a salon business in the Carlyle area, resolve a three-year parking problem. As the PTO garages are normally closed on weekends, Frizzle's customers on these busy days have a hard time finding available parking spaces. I've been a customer of Frizzle's since they opened and know that business owners Sami Marina and Alexandra Khalaf have been frustrated trying to convey their plight to various city officials and even tried to appeal to the local Chamber of Commerce with no results or feedback.

Several weeks ago, Sami and Alexandra attended a public hearing on planning issues and met Donna who is on the Planning Commission. She immediately grasped their situation and facilitated communication with appropriate city staff to arrange for parking signs to be installed in strategic spots in the Carlyle area so customers could quickly locate public parking. (Currently, there is only one public garage open on the weekends and metered parking is available only Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. so spaces fill quickly during off hours.) Donna is also working with City staff to see about getting the landlord of the PTO buildings to agree to open more garages on weekends — Carlyle is a rapidly growing area for business and retailers, and this issue has been ignored for too long.

Donna's many years of service on city commissions and her in-depth knowledge of city policies makes her a great asset to the residents of Alexandria. She has a singular talent for finding the "disconnects" between business and the city and wants to be an advocate for others in Alexandria as a City Council member. I hope she succeeds.

**Carolyn Boyd**

## NEWS

### 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.

#### OBITUARY



**James E. Worden, Sr.**

James E. Worden, Sr., a lifelong resident of Alexandria, passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2012, after a brief illness. Mr Worden is survived by his son, James E. Worden, Jr., daughter-in-law, Margie Worden, son Randall A. Worden (Laura) and daughter, Susan Cribbs (James) He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Gerry. Mr Worden is also survived by four grandchildren, Jennifer Worden Caskey (Rob), Sherry Worden (Garth), Sarah Worden, Roderick J. Worden and two great-grandchildren, Taylor Caskey and Ryan J. Caskey.

Mr Worden graduated from George Washington High School and Southeastern University Business School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the North Atlantic. After the war, he worked for 18 years with the Southern Railway as an accountant. After leaving the Southern, he worked as a supervisor of accountants for the City of Alexandria, until retiring in 1980.

Mr. Worden was a 60 year member of the Del Ray United Methodist Church where he served many years on the Financial Board. He was also a member of the Henry Knox Field Masonic Lodge and The Valley of Alexandria Scottish Rite. He was a life member of The

Alexandria Sportsman's Club where he served as the treasurer for 20 years as well as the club President. Mr Worden was also a member of The Old Dominion Boat Club.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, May 28, 2012, at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA between 6-8 pm. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 11:00 am at the Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 East Windsor Ave, Alexandria, Va 22301.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Del Ray United Methodist Church. Flowers, Gifts and a guest register may be found at everlyfuneralhomes.com

#### OBITUARY

**Robert James Webster**  
(November 21, 1940 - May 20, 2012)

Born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Bob was a resident of Alexandria and St. Mary's parishioner since 1968. He earned a Bachelor's of Science in Physics from College of the Holy Cross in 1962 and served as a meteorologist for the Air Force in Vietnam from 1967-1968. He joined the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 1968, where he worked until 2004. Bob received a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University in 1972 and was a member of the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity.

Bob served as a Judge Advocate General in the Air Force Reserve and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 1989. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, USAF in the mid-1990s.

He recently retired as a patent attorney from Birch, Stewart, Kolasch, and Birch LLP.

Bob worked for community improvements such as helping design the city's residential parking district configuration, as well as the undergrounding of power lines. He was also a long-time participant with Toastmasters International.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Catherine Webster; a daughter (Catherine Teresa), two sons (Robert Edward, Thomas Michael), and three grandchildren (Sean, Theresa and Norah).

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# Voters To Determine Direction of City

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of neighborhood residents. "This is not a monolithic field," said Dak Hardwick, chairman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "Voters want choices, and they've got it in spades with these candidates."

**CANDIDATES RANGE** in age from 29 to 74. Some have lived in Alexandria their whole lives while others have only recently arrived. Two are incumbent City Council members who are seeking to return to office. Two are former City Council members ousted in the last election in search of a comeback. One is a School Board member. Another is a Planning Commission member. Seven are first-time candidates. All of them are vying for a spot on the ticket in a campaign unlike any other in recent history.

For many years, the party's slate has been chosen by a firehouse caucus — a single location where voters were asked to sign a loyalty oath before casting a ballot. Critics said the process was exclusionary, narrowing participation to a set of 2,000 party insiders. This



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

**All 14 Democratic candidates appear at a forum earlier this month at Cora Kelly Recreation Center.**

year, the rules have changed. All 26 of the city's primary will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Registrar Tom Parkins is expecting a turnout closer to 12,000 voters — six times the number of voters who participated in the firehouse caucuses in recent years.

And then there's the sheer number of candidates. With 14 candidates seeking six seats, that means more than half of the candidates will be unsuccessful.

"I can't remember a time when we have had this many Democratic candidates," said former Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30). "It's a lot of

people to keep track of."

**ON THE ISSUES**, candidates have staked out positions that have created two major slates. One supports recent decisions on the waterfront and Beauregard, for example. This slate includes the two current incumbents and the two former incumbents as well as several first-time candidates. When asked about their support for these hot-button issues, candidates who support the status quo say the city has taken a responsible position of negotiating with developers to get them to pay for trans-

# Wales Alley Case Returns to Circuit Court

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the waterfront plan, which recommends that the club's parking lot be transformed into a public park. The latest court challenge is about the ability of club members to use Wales Alley, which stretches from Union Street to the Strand. Lawyers for the Boat Club argued that a 1972 case gave them the right to use the alley, but justices on the Supreme Court disagreed.

"The Circuit Court said that 1972 case was a silver bullet," said Deputy City Attorney Chris Spera. "The Supreme Court said it's not."

**AT ISSUE IN THE CASE** is a deed from 1789, which allows "free use and passage of the several streets and allies." Lawyers for the Old Dominion Boat Club say that document allows their members to use the alley to get boats to and from the organization's boat launch at the foot of King Street. But City Attorney James Banks told justices any easement rights the club had were vaporized when the city assumed responsibility for the road in 1972. Now that the case has been remanded back to Alexandria, Banks says he is ready to argue the city acted properly.

"When the matter goes before the court, all of the substantive issues that related to what the city can do regarding its ownership of a public way, that is what needs to be decided," said Banks.

Lawyers for the Boat Club say the city is perverting the charter provision granting authority of public land. Instead of making that land available to the public, they said, the city was doing the opposite — making it available to a

restaurant known as Virtue Feed and Grain, denying the public an opportunity to use it in the process. In court documents and in court, Boat Club lawyers argued that their right to use the alley dates back to the 1789 deed. Now the Circuit Court judge must determine if the city acted inappropriately by denying the Boat Club access to Wales Alley.

"They took it without any kind of due process or any kind of compensation," said Miles Holtzman, president of the Boat Club. "They just took it."

**IN A FIVE-PAGE RULING**, the Supreme Court concluded that the Alexandria Circuit Court made "a reversible error in judgment." Last year, a visiting Circuit Court judge ruled that the Boat Club had a vested easement in a 30-foot right of way over Wales Alley. Theoretically, the decision could have prevented the restaurant from installing outdoor tables and chairs to block the alley, which Boat Club members say is needed to transport boats to their ramp at the foot of King Street. City officials let the restaurant install the outdoor dining tables and chairs anyway as the case made its way through the courts.

"What the city has done here is give one private property owner priority over another," said Boat Club member David Elsberg in an interview last year. "What the city is doing is worse than eminent domain because they failed to compensate us."

Banks says that the city has treated Wales Alley as a public street since 1972, in the wake of a separate lawsuit the Boat Club brought against a retailer known as Dockside Imports that wanted to shut down public access to the

alley. Since that time, Banks said, the city has been plowing snow, issuing parking tickets and filling potholes.

"The city received the property though the process of implied dedication," Banks told justices. "As a result, any private easement rights must necessarily be extinguished by that dedication."

**THE HISTORY** of the alley dates back to the earliest days of the city, when former Mayor John Fitzgerald and businessman Valentine Peers had joint ownership of land that's now known as Wales Alley. Back then it was called Fitzgerald Alley, until Andrew Wales started selling beer in the alley in 1786. Three years later, Fitzgerald and Peers decided to dissolve their joint ownership, creating a deed that allowed "free use and passage."

"They probably didn't like working with each other on it," speculated Andrew Carroll, attorney for Virtue Feed and Grain Restaurant, according to court documents. "So they said, 'let's split it,' and they split it."

All three of the city's Circuit Court judges recused themselves in the case, an indication that they may have ties to the Boat Club that prevented them from making an impartial decision. The visiting judge from Fairfax County is now expected to call a conference with the opposing legal team to determine how the case should proceed — and how the court should rule on the key issue of whether or not the city has authority to prevent the Boat Club members from using the alley.

"This is not over yet," said Spera. "But now we get to resolve the issue that we wanted resolved in the first place."

# Alexandria Veteran Featured Speaker At Rolling Thunder Rally

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emy, was a featured speaker on the National Mall following the conclusion of the ride.

"I've been participating in Rolling Thunder since 2001," said Lippold, author of the just-released "Front Burner" about Al-Qaeda's attack on the USS Cole. "It's one small way to honor those who choose to serve in the face of conflict."

Retired since June of 2007, Lippold serves on several boards relating to veterans and security issues and continues to give speeches on the attack on the USS Cole and its immediate aftermath.

"Never has the American flag taken on such significance," Lippold said. "Not only did I make the decision that first day not to lower the flag, but I continued to fly it at full mast under lights. I wanted to send a signal and I was committed to keep the flag flying until all the remains of our men were recovered and returned home to their families."

Seventeen U.S. sailors were killed and 39 injured in the deadliest attack on a U.S. Navy vessel since an Iraqi missile struck the USS Stark on May 17, 1987.

"On the ninth day, we lowered the flag and had 17 sailors lined up as it was passed to each one of them in memory of those lost," Lippold said. "When the USS Cole

was rebuilt, that same flag was mounted and hangs to this day on the mess deck in honor of those men."

Rolling Thunder, whose first ride attracted 2,500 riders, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting legislation to increase veterans' benefits and resolve POW and MIA issues from all conflicts.

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office lists 83,436 service members still missing in action dating back to World War II. Six of those are personnel from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, whose parents Bob and Jani joined Lippold as featured speakers at the rally.

"It means so much to be here," said Jani Bergdahl as she thanked the many riders who lined up to meet and offer her and her husband support for the safe return of their son.

Mark Given made the trip from Springfield, N.J. to participate in his 10th ride. His son Martin, 12, was along for the first time.

"The reason I'm involved is to help veterans and family members of those who didn't return from combat," said Given, a Persian Gulf and Desert Storm veteran whose brother Martin was killed in Vietnam. "Rolling Thunder's message is for our POWs and MIAs — that we will never forget."

**Riders Rick Dorman, Lt. Col. Leigh Method and Commander Kirk Lippold (ret.) check out the scene prior to the start of Rolling Thunder.**



**Rick and Ann Dorman of Alexandria, with niece Sarah Holcomb of Boston.**

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GAZETTE PACKET

**Army veteran Mark Given of Springfield, N.J. prepares son Martin, 12, for his first Rolling Thunder ride. Martin was named in honor of Given's brother, who was killed in Vietnam.**



**Commander Kirk Lippold (ret.) and Connie Stevens.**



**Riders leave the parking lot of the Pentagon May 27 at the start of the 25th anniversary ride of Rolling Thunder.**



**Motorcycle police officers from around the region line up just moments before leading the start of Rolling Thunder 2012.**



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## SPORTS



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**Members of the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 stand arm-in-arm outside the awards pavilion after being presented with their bronze medals for their performance at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta on Cooper River in Camden, N.J. on May 26. Members of the freshman 8 include (from left): Zoe Gildersleeve, Claire Embrey, Taylor Sanders, Maggie McVeigh, Kathrina Policarpio, Rachael Vannatta, Maura Nakahata, Kyra McClary, Maeve Bradley and Coach Pat Marquardt.**

## TC Freshman Girls Win Bronze

**Freshman 8 compete at national championships.**

**T**hree weeks after capturing the Silver Medal as the second-fastest boat in Virginia, the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 captured the bronze medal as the third-fastest boat in the United States.

The Titan girls won this honor at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta, an annual, invitation-only two-day event that was held this past weekend on Cooper River in Camden, N.J., and pitted hundreds of high schools against each other to determine which school had the best crew in the nation.

To earn their medal, the freshman girls had to compete in three races over a 36-hour period. The first race, held on the morning of Friday, May 25, was a qualifying heat, which saw the T.C. girls finish in second place. The second race, held on Saturday morning, was a semifinal heat, which the freshman girls won and which earned them a trip to the grand final six hours later in the early afternoon.

In the grand final, the young rowers from Alexandria clinched their bronze by crossing the finish line with a time of 5:17.841, behind perennial power New Trier High School out of Chicago and Merion Mercy

High School outside of Philadelphia. The freshman girls' bronze-medal finish in the National Championship Regatta comes on the heels of their silver-medal finish in the Virginia Championship for lower boats on May 5.

Members of the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 include: coxswain Kathrina Policarpio and rowers Maeve Bradley, Kyra McClary, Margaret McVeigh, Claire Embrey, Maura Nakahata, Taylor Sanders, Rachael Vannatta and Zoe Gildersleeve. The freshman girls are guided by coach Pat Marquardt.

The bronze medal capped a weekend of solid performances by T.C. Williams rowers at the National Championship. Of the seven T.C. boats that were invited to compete in qualifying heats on Friday morning, four boats advanced to the semifinal round of races on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The other qualifying boats included the boys' varsity 4, the girls' varsity 8 and the boys' lightweight 8.

The Titan rowers conclude their season this coming weekend when they travel to St. Catherines, Ontario, for the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association's 67th Annual Regatta. The T.C. Williams crew team is guided by boys' head coach Pete Stramese and girls' head coach Mercedes Kiss.

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

### SCHOOL NOTES

*Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.*

**Andrew Reese of Alexandria** has been awarded a Boren Scholarship to study Swahili in Tanzania. Reese, a senior at James Madison University majoring in international affairs, is a former president of the JMU Student

Government Association. Reese also served on the JMU presidential search committee and recently returned from a U.S. Department of State internship in Kigali, Rwanda.

**Abby Power, Eleanor Morrison and Emily Sun**, of Alexandria, have been selected by their schools to participate in the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar. Power, a sophomore at Hayfield Secondary School, along with Morrison and Sun, both sophomores at Bishop Ireton High

School, will take part in a series of programs designed to inspire today's youth to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation, on May 18, 19 and 20 at James Madison University.

**Elizabeth Holcombe of Alexandria** has been named to West Chester University of Pennsylvania's fall 2011 dean's list.

**Emilia Blaszkiewicz** of West

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## TC Boys' Soccer Falls Short in Region Quarterfinals

By JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he T.C. Williams boys' soccer team opened the 2012 season with four losses in its first five games. The Titans ended the year as district champions who arguably outplayed one of the most skilled teams in the region, only to fall short.

T.C. Williams lost to Langley, 1-0, in the region quarterfinals on May 24 at Parker-Gray Stadium. Facing a team with size, skill and a 2011 state tournament appearance on its resume, the Titans put themselves in a position to win but couldn't capitalize. Langley's 6-foot-3 striker Justin Galiani headed in the game's lone goal in the 61st minute, advancing the Saxons to the semifinals while ending the Titans' season.

"I'm proud of the season and the job we did, the work we did," senior Manuel Benites said. "It hurts at the same time to lose after all the hard work, but I'm proud of my team. I'm looking forward to coming back and watching them next year."

After a 0-4-1 start, TC went 11-2-2 over the final two months of the season. The Titans defeated Lake Braddock, 2-1, in the Patriot District tournament final on May 18, capturing the program's first district title since 2008. TC followed the championship victory with a dramatic penalty-kick shootout win against Stuart in the first round of regionals on May 22. Goalkeeper

Nick Braun made a pair of clutch saves to help the Titans pull out a 1-1 (4-2) victory.

"It's been amazing," Benites said. "You don't know how proud you are of your team until times like that. Times like when our goalie, Nick Braun stepped up. He looked like an all-star. You could put him against anybody; he would have [stopped] them that day. He was in the zone."

The loss against Langley left TC players and fans frustrated. Senior co-captain Kelvin Marin-Solis said the Saxons were allowed to get away with too much on the field.

"I feel like the refs lost control of the game and lost us the game," Marin-Solis said. "All the jersey pulling, elbows throwing, the late hits. ... I guess the [referee] just wanted to let us play, but there's a point where you have to stop that and he didn't. We don't play dirty. We're not a dirty team. We play soccer. We don't hit. We play soccer, we play the game."

Despite the disappointing loss, Marin-Solis said he will remember the team's improvement in 2012.

"Going from 0-4-1 to being Patriot District champs again, to going to the quarterfinals of regionals," Marin-Solis said, "it's a great turnaround."

TC head coach Martin Nickley said the Titans can be proud of what they accomplished.

"The way this team represented their school is in a fashion that we can all just be so proud of," he said. "They did things this year that really represented their school [well]."

**"I'm proud of the season and the job we did, the work we did. It hurts at the same time to lose after all the hard work, but I'm proud of my team. I'm looking forward to coming back and watching them next year."**

— Senior Manuel Benites



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Alex Mansaray, left, and the T.C. Williams boys' soccer team ended their season with a loss to Langley in the region quarterfinals.

## TC Girls' Track Places Second, Boys' Third at Regionals



PHOTO BY SHANNON SMYTHE

The T.C. Williams girls' track and field team placed second at regionals.

**T**he T.C. Williams girls' track and field team finished second at the Northern Region championship meet on May 24-25 at Robinson Secondary School, finishing behind only South County. The TC boys' team had a chance to win the region title, but finished third due to a disqualification in the 4x400-meter relay event. Annandale finished first, followed by Westfield.

Ayzha Ward took home the individual discus championship for the TC girls. She also finished second in the shot put. Jada Roberts took third in the discus and fourth in the shot put. Sydney Schaedel finished second in the pole vault with a clearance of 11 feet, 3 inches, three inches shy of the meet record. Jennifer Zhu took fourth in the high jump with a personal-best clearance of five feet.

On the track, Schaedel took fourth in the 800 with a school-record time of 2:13.76 and Indya Weaver placed third in the 300 hurdles. The 4x400 relay team of Schaedel, Jada Toote, Kathryn Hendley and Morgan Lataillade finished second.

For the TC boys, Jonathan Anderson won the individual shot put championship and Michael Crockett finished third. Jose Urritia placed second in the discus.

On the track, Willie Curry and Za'Quan Summers placed third and fifth, respectively, in the 200. The 4x100 relay team of Mohammed Sesay, Curry, Percy Haskins and Davon Cooper finished second with a time of 42.45.

Athletes who finished in the top six qualified for states. The Titans will compete in four field events, five running events and two relays on June 1-2 at Sports Backer Stadium in Richmond.

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## SCHOOLS

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Potomac High School won third place at U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's annual 11th District Congressional Art Competition.

The University of Kentucky named Alexandria residents **Jourdan Lewis and Laura Usrey** to its Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester.

**Mariana Sterne of Alexandria** was one of 73 students recognized during Bryan College's 52nd annual Honors Day chapel April 23. Mariana, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Sterne, received the Roe F. & Zelma I. Black Memorial Scholarship in Music, presented to a student based on ability and ability, interest in music, and personal character.

**James Cameron Branch of Alexandria** is among 853 University of Mississippi students who completed required coursework for their degrees at the end of the fall 2011 semester.

**Alexa Silverman of Alexandria** was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Chicago where she is studying linguistics. The 2009 graduation of Thomas Jefferson High School is the daughter of David and Eleni Silverman of Grove Drive in Alexandria.

The Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA) announces the winners of its 2012 Award of Achievement for academic excellence in accounting studies. Each year, the VSCPA recognizes top graduating accounting seniors from Virginia high schools, community colleges and four-year universities. Congratulations to the

local winners:

❖ **Rajasak Leksang**, Alexandria, Annandale High School;  
❖ **Darren Walters**, Alexandria, Mount Vernon High School;

Major League baseball players will award \$2,000 college scholarships to 20 outstanding high school students in recognition of their dedication to community service and tireless efforts to encourage others to get involved with causes they believe in, it was announced today by the Major League Baseball Players Trust. Each scholarship recipient is a member of the Action Team national youth volunteer program created and administered by the Major League Baseball Players Trust and Volunteers of America.

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❖ **Maddie Davidson**; Alexandria, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes;  
❖ **Margaret Edmunds**; Alexandria, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes;

**Catherine Barnes**, a student of the Class of 2013, of Alexandria received honors for the winter 2012 term at Cushing Academy.

**Daniel Paul Baylog of Alexandria** has been named to the Deans' List/Honor Roll at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of 2011. Baylog is a senior computer science major in the College of Arts and Sciences with a 4.0 grade-point average.

**Matthew Schellenberg of Alexandria** graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in computer science from RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences in fall 2011.

## Aplin Named National Merit Scholar

Kathryn Gareth Gorsuch Aplin, a T.C. Williams High School senior who plans to major in engineering in college, is one of 18 Virginia students and more than 2,500 students nationally to receive a National Merit Scholarship financed by a U.S. college or university.



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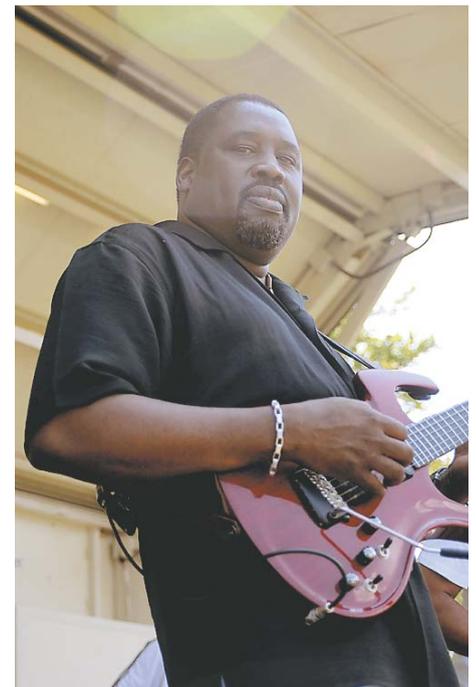
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Potowmack Crossing	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,695	MLS# AX7845268
Old Town	2 BR/1 BA	\$1,950	MLS# AX7837021
Condos at Carlyle	1 BR/2 BA	\$2,400	MLS# AX7828040
Rosemont	3 BR/2 BA	\$2,750	MLS# AX7841767
Old Town	2 BR/1 BA	\$2,800	MLS# AX7848400
Old Town	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$2,850	MLS# AX7828936
Alexandria House	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$2,995	MLS# AX7850819
Carriage Works	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$3,100	MLS# AX7834717
New Alexandria	3 BR/2 BA	\$3,200	MLS# FX7849905
Stonegate	3 BR/3.5 BA	\$3,300	MLS# AX7848038
Temple Terrace	3 BR/3.5 BA	\$3,400	MLS# AX7850300
Yates Gardens	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$3,850	MLS# AX7848423
Chatham Square	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$3,950	MLS# AX7837286
Villamay	4 BR/3 BA	\$4,500	MLS# FX7842018

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