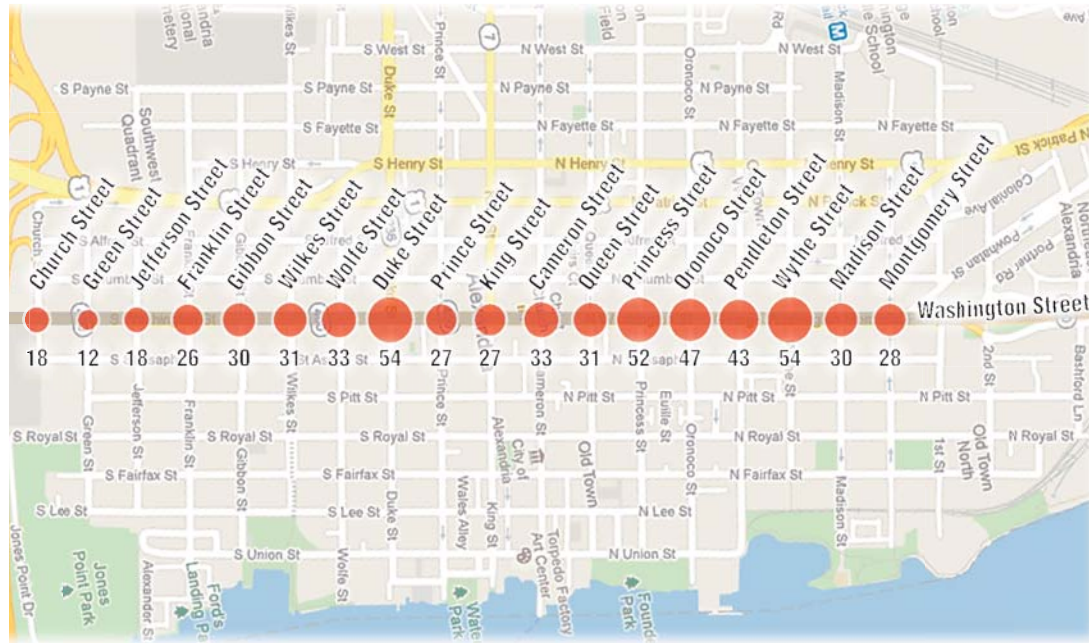


Waiting For a Left

New restrictions on Washington Street to be installed this summer.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

For years, Washington Street has been one of the most dangerous roads in Alexandria. According to statistics from the Alexandria Police Department, the stretch of the George Washington Memorial Parkway that cuts through Old Town has logged about 600 accidents in the last five years. That's why the Traffic and Parking Board approved new restrictions last year that would limit



Accidents 2007 to 2012

NORTH WASHINGTON STREET AND	
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Wythe Street	54
Pendleton Street	43
Oronoco Street	47
Princess Street	52
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SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET AND	
Prince Street	27
Duke Street	54
Wolfe Street	33
Wilkes Street	31
Gibbon Street	30
Franklin Street	26
Jefferson Street	18
Green Street	12
Church Street	18

SOURCE: Alexandria Police Department

where motorists can make left turns. Although the restrictions were supposed to be in place in early 2012, city officials now say the process has been delayed because they are waiting on equipment.

"We've pushed our vendors to deliver as soon as possible," said Abi Lerner, deputy director Transportation and Environmental Ser-

vices. "We don't have the ability to predict when it's going to arrive."

Two signal modifications have already been made at Wythe Street and First Street. Drivers have a new protected left turn at Wythe, meaning that a green arrow has been installed to let drivers turn as traffic is stopped in the other direction. A flashing yellow arrow

has also been installed at First Street, which already had a protected left turn signal. The new flashing light indicates that drivers can make a left turn although they should proceed with caution. Several signs have yet to be installed forbidding left turns up and down the traffic-clogged corridor.

"It's not as easy as installing new signs," said Bob Garbacz, division

chief of transportation. "We needed to do signal modifications first so that drivers don't have to drive long distances before they're able to make left turns."

Two more signal modifications need to be made before the signs can be installed. One is at Queen Street, which will allow south-bound drivers to turn left. The

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Just Do It

Sheriff Lawhorne graduates from NVCC.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

For Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, it was a goal 36 years in the making: to complete the college degree he started back in 1976 after graduating from T.C. Williams High School.

"It's nagged at me my whole adult life," said Lawhorne, who was five classes short when he left Northern Virginia Community College after getting hired by the Alexandria Police Department in 1979. "Since I was 14 years old, I wanted to be a cop. When I was finally hired, I felt like I had gotten what I wanted. But quitting is the wrong message to send, to my family and to the young people that I talk to about careers."

After returning to school last year, Lawhorne graduated from NVCC May 12 with a 3.0 GPA and a degree in administration of justice.

"I'm so pleased for Dana on this success," said ACT Executive Director John Porter, who was Lawhorne's seventh grade social studies teacher



Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, donning his daughter's T.C. Williams cap, celebrates his May 12 graduation from NVCC with wife Linda.

and eighth grade crisis counselor. "He's done so much over the years for others and our community. It's nice seeing him take the time to do something he's wanted to do for years for himself."

The road to success was not an easy one for Lawhorne, the child of parents who suffered from alcoholism.

"He has overcome a lot," said former APD officer Bill Pickle, who befriended Lawhorne when he was still a young teen hanging out on Commonwealth Avenue. "Dana doesn't give himself

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Up to the Voters

Unpredictable Democratic primary heads into final stretch.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The future of Alexandria is on the line as 14 Democrats seek six seats on the Alexandria City Council in a hotly contested Democratic primary June 12. Stakes are high because the lame-duck members of the previous City Council moved the local election from May to November after losing two seats, hoping to give the Democrats an edge with President Barack Obama on

top of the ticket.

As the campaign heads into the final stretch, candidates are taking shots at each other in an attempt to stake out a spot for themselves in the winners' circle. During a forum this week, several of the candidates went on the offensive. Boyd Walker was first, attacking Sean Holihan for his support of the waterfront plan and Tim Lovain for his comments in support of historic preservation.

"Sean, I think you are dead" SEE DEM PRIMARY, PAGE 19

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On the Ballot

Voters to determine Republican and Democratic candidates for House and Senate.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

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- ❖ Jamie Radtke
- ❖ George Allen
- ❖ Bob Marshall
- ❖ E.W. Jackson

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE

- ❖ Jim Moran
- ❖ Bruce Shuttleworth

Election officials are expecting an extremely low turnout for the June 12 primary, ranging from 3 percent in Arlington to 15 percent in Alexandria. Fairfax County election officials don't make predictions, although requests for absentee ballots indicates next week's election is not expected to bring large numbers of voters to the polls.

"It's not quite dead," said Fairfax County Registrar Cameron Quinn. "But on the other hand, the door is not exactly being pulled off the hinges with people coming in our office to vote."

Republican voters will be choosing between four candidates to be their nominee for the November election, when the winner of next week's election will face former Gov. Tim Kaine to fill the seat vacated by incumbent Sen. Jim Webb. The frontrunner in the race is former Gov. George Allen, who lost the seat to Webb six years ago. But Allen has three challengers — tea party favorite Jamie Radtke, Del. Bob Marshall (R-13) and Chesapeake minister E.W. Jackson.

"Having three opponents is good for Allen because all of the anti-Allen vote will be splintered, and there's been no indication that he's in any trouble in the primary," said Kyle Kondik, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "We can read the tea leaves all we want about what percentage of the vote he gets, but it would be a shock if he didn't win."

Democratic voters will be choosing between longtime incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) and challenger Bruce Shuttleworth, a first-time candidate. Shuttleworth has attempted to attack Moran on many of the same themes as several of his recent challengers, accusing the 10-term congressman of using his power as an elected official to help campaign contributors and himself. Some Moran supporters were concerned that a Texas-based, anti-incumbent political action committee known as Campaign for Primary Accountability would help Shuttleworth. But that financial support never seemed to materialize.

"It doesn't seem like Campaign

for Primary Accountability has put much of a commitment into this race, which probably means they don't think there's much of a potential for Moran to lose," said Kondik. "So my assumption is that Moran is fine."

Election officials in Alexandria are predicting the highest turnout, in part because of the hotly contested primary for Alexandria City Council. That race features 14 candidates seeking six slots on the Democratic ticket for November. Alexandria registrar Tom Parkins says the city could see as much as a 15 percent turnout, which would translate to about 12,000 voters. That's based on turnout from the last time Moran had a closely contested primary race in 2004, when he faced a challenge from Andrew Rosenberg. Alexandria Democrats have traditionally used a firehouse caucus to determine its slate of City Council candidates, which brought about 2,000 voters to the polls. That means next week's election is expected to have about six times as many voters.

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

Arlington, by contrast, is expecting an extremely light showing at the polls. Although Arlington voters had 12 percent turnout for a special election in March for the Arlington County Board, Registrar Linda Lindberg says next week's primary is not expected to draw nearly as many voters. So far, requests for absentee ballots have been sparse. So she's expecting turnout on Election Day to follow that trend. That could mean anywhere from 3 percent to 8 percent.

"Interest in this election has been pretty light," said Lindberg. "But who knows? Things could change between now and June 12."



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2012 Julia Johns award recipient Daniel Abramson addresses the gathering.

Setting New Standard in Giving

1872 Society gathers in support of Inova Alexandria.

Members and guests of the Alexandria Hospital Foundation's 1872 Society gathered Tuesday, June 5 at the riverfront home of board chairman Joseph Viar Jr., for its annual membership reception.

The program also included the presentation of the 2012 Julia Johns Award of Distinction to Daniel R. Abramson. The award is named for the woman responsible who organized and led the group of citizens who founded the Alexandria Hospital in 1872. The award recognizes and honors individuals who embody the same spirit as the hospital founder, Julia Johns, and who have made a notable contribution to advancing health care for the Alexandria community.

In addition to the award pre-



Bonnie Christ and Joe Viar

sentation, Chairman of the Board Joseph Viar Jr. announced a gift that he and Bonnie Christ are making to the Inova Alexandria Cancer Center in the amount of \$1.25 million. CEO of Inova Alexandria

Hospital Christine Candio remarked that their donation is the largest single donation the hospital foundation and the cancer center has ever received and in appreciation the cancer center will be named in honor of both of them.



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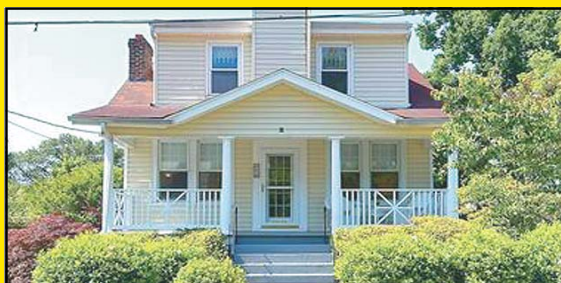
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Riding To Support MS Research

Helping to raise awareness as well as funds.

By SARAH CARROLL
GAZETTE PACKET

On June 9, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's local chapter will host Bike MS, the 30th annual event in which bikers seek sponsors to raise money and awareness for multiple sclerosis research. This year's event, called Ride the Riverside, begins and ends at the National Harbor and lasts overnight. Participants can ride between 30 and 150 miles.

MS is an autoimmune disease whose symptoms often include muscle weakness, lack of balance and coordination and difficulty speaking and swallowing, among other things. The event has drawn residents of Alexandria and Arlington, many of whom have friends or family members with MS or have been diagnosed with the disease themselves.

Laurie Erdman, a holistic health coach from Arlington, initially participated in Bike MS three years ago. Her friend had previously been diagnosed with MS and her husband, Bennett Minton, was sponsoring a team. Her experience with MS changed when she was diagnosed two years ago. "It became personal after that," she said via telephone.

Minton, who works for KPMG, has participated in Bike MS since 2009. "I did pretty well, raised a lot of money," he said via telephone. "Six months later my wife got MS. Then we got serious about it."

Minton said that his wife has treated her symptoms by changing her lifestyle. She took a nutrition course online and now helps people who have autoimmune diseases, which in addition to MS include diabetes, Parkinson's disease and other illnesses.

John Edwards, a software engineer in Alexandria, also has MS; he was diagnosed in 2006 after a climbing trip. Before his diagnosis, he was an avid cyclist, rock climber, mountaineer and kayaker. Although he considers himself lucky that he does not have limited mobility or loss of motor control, he experiences pain, numbness and spasms. "I wanted to do things to help find a cure mostly because it's so difficult to deal with," he said via telephone. "I wouldn't want anyone else to go through the same thing I do."

Edwards' fundraising has received support from his friends and colleagues, with whom he has formed a team. His company provided team jerseys.



John Edwards of Alexandria.

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In April, he sponsored a fundraising event at his home, where he showed a documentary on MS. According to Edwards, he received "really good support from the local cycling community."

As of June 4, Minton is ranked third on the Top 10 Participants list with \$12,005 and Edwards is ranked fifth with \$5,510. Like Edwards, Jennifer Weiss of Arlington started a team to participate in Bike MS. Weiss initially rode with a group called Babes on Bikes, then recruited men and women to join her team, which has raised almost \$500,000. "It's amazing how many people have actually been touched by the disease," she said via telephone. "I [ride] because I care about [curing it]. In the 12 years since I've been involved MS has gotten some actual advances in treatments so we feel like we're really making a difference." In 2011 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society simplified the criteria used to diagnose MS, which will expedite future diagnoses, and is seeking marketing approval for new drug therapies. It also helped fund a study that identified genetic factors associated with the development of MS.



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Dog Days of Summer

For more than 20 years, Hard Times Cafe has been kicking off the Memorial Day holiday in Alexandria by giving away free chili dogs in Market Square. "It's a way for us to kick off summer and remind people in this part of Alexandria that we are just a short walk or trolley ride away," said owner Fred Parker. At left, Parker (on right) serves Charlie Dragovich a chili dog May 25 as Deborah Dunbar looks on.

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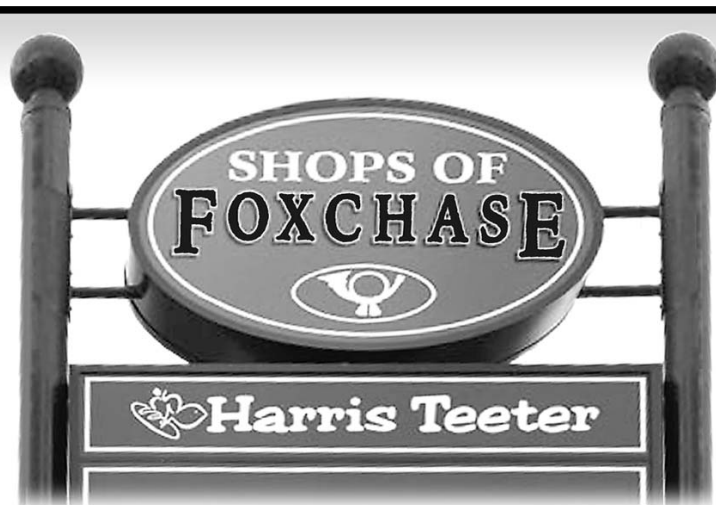
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Art on the Waterfront?

The waterfront is no stranger to debate, and now another potential clash is brewing. This week, city officials created a work group to prepare for a potential bid from the Corcoran Gallery of Art to move to the waterfront. The museum, which is the largest privately supported art museum in Washington, D.C., may have outgrown its facility on 17th Street, and Mayor **Bill Euille** says he would be thrilled to have the institution move to Alexandria.

"I'd hate to see it go somewhere else when Old Town is a possibility," said Euille. "If they are interested in coming to Alexandria, we would love to have them."

Not surprisingly, the idea has opposition. Former Vice Mayor **Andrew Macdonald** spent the last year opposing Euille's vision for increasing the allowable density along the waterfront. Now he's come out in opposition to the idea that Alexandria's waterfront may become the new home of the art museum, which also includes an art school.

"A museum of that scale would be way out of proportion for the waterfront," said Macdonald, who is waging an independent campaign against Euille in the general election this November. "How much development do we really want on the waterfront?"

When the waterfront plan was debated last year, Macdonald supported using some of the land for a maritime museum. Although he acknowledged that a museum would be the kind of land use that he would like to see on the waterfront, Macdonald said that the Corcoran would be too big. Euille disagrees, adding that there's one part of the waterfront that might offer a perfect location.

"I think it might fit on the GenOn site," said Euille, referring to a 25-acre site that will soon be vacated by a coal-fired power plant.

Don't Like Ike Memorial

This week marked the 68th anniversary of D-Day, part of the World War II Operation Overlord that invaded the beaches of Normandy. These days, Europe has been liberated and a new conflict is gripping Washington, D.C. This one features a memorial to **Dwight Eisenhower** designed by avant-garde architect **Frank Gehry**. Now, U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) has added his voice to the growing controversy, in which the Eisenhower family has led opposition to the design.

"I have met with the Eisenhower family and share their objections to the current design," said Moran. "While the Eisenhower memorial is far along in the process, I have approached several of my colleagues who serve on the commissions and encouraged them to rethink their support and a new public competition on an alternative design."

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Moran helps to oversee funding for the National Park Service, the agency charged with upkeep of the National Mall. The congressman says he would prefer to see restraints on the scope and scale of future memorials and museums on the National Mall, and he's urging preservation of the space for future generations.

No Reform Left Behind

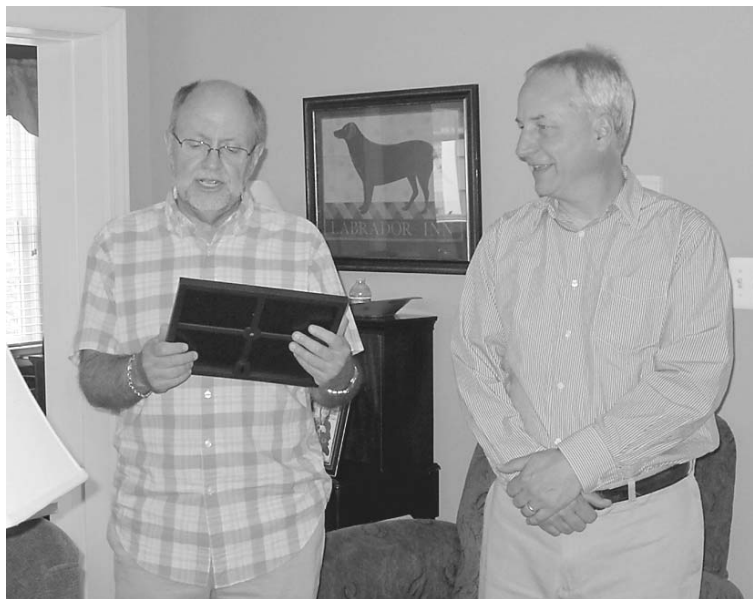
A decade ago, President **George W. Bush** signed No Child Left Behind. Now leaders in Virginia want to leave the reform behind.

Last week, the Virginia Board of Education submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver provision. If approved by Secretary of Education **Arne Duncan**, the waiver would mean that Virginia schools would no longer have to meet annual yearly progress benchmarks that increase every year until 2014, when 100 percent of students are expected to meet minimum standards.

"Since NCLB was signed into law 10 years ago, we have learned that the parents of most students eligible for school choice don't apply for transfers and that supplemental educational services have had little impact on achievement," said Superintendent of Public Instruction **Patricia Wright** in a written statement.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



John Porter, left, jokingly gives a new grade to Sheriff Dana Lawhorne for his seventh grade social studies class.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dana Lawhorne on graduation day 1976 from T.C. Williams High School.

Sheriff Lawhorne Graduates from NVCC

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enough credit. Not many people could do what he has done."

Lawhorne credits Pickle and Del Ray neighbors Mary Jones and Marion Knoernschild for looking out for him during those difficult years.

"I've been lucky to have some very influential adults in my life," Lawhorne said. "No one ever told me I could do it."

No one even talked to me about college until Marion dragged me up to NOVA herself and told me I needed to start taking classes."

Knoernschild's son Tommy remembers his mother's concern for Lawhorne.

"My mother definitely kicked his butt," Tommy Knoernschild said. "She saw the potential in him and was determined not to let it go to waste."

Lawhorne did not attend his graduation, which happened to fall on his 28th wedding anniversary. Instead, he celebrated at home with wife Linda, daughters Megan, Christine and Mallory, and friends including Porter and Pickle.

"What he has accomplished is especially impressive when you consider that there wasn't the safety net of services back then that we have today," said Pickle, a 26-year veteran of the Secret Service who

flew in from Denver to attend Lawhorne's graduation party. "He was really on his own with a non-existent home life. He truly is a wonderful role model for kids."

Lawhorne laughs about his reentry into the world of academics.

"It was intimidating going back to school at 54 and sitting next to 19 year olds," Lawhorne said. "Here they are with their laptops and iPhones checking Facebook while I am wearing out my No. 2 pencils."

Porter congratulated his former student by "officially" changing the D he gave Lawhorne in the seventh grade to a C-.

"I wasn't going to give away but so much," laughed Porter, noting the long-running joke the two share about Lawhorne's academics back then. "And yes, even that D was a gift."

Lawhorne's final courses included U.S. history I and II, geology, a computer science class and a student orientation class.

"I couldn't have done it without the support of Linda and the girls," Lawhorne said of his family's support. "In the end, I knew that part of being a good leader was continuing my education. NOVA really is a great place and if I can do it, there is an opportunity out there for everyone."



Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, right, cuts a celebration cake with brother and fellow deputy Ronald Lawhorne.



Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, right, with childhood friend Tommy Knoernschild at the Taste of Del Ray June 3.

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Casino Night To Benefit Neighborhood Health Services

Uninsured and Medicaid patients to benefit from event.

By ERIK HEANEY
GAZETTE PACKET

Monte Carlo is coming to Alexandria on Thursday, June 28. But lucky blackjack and roulette players will not be the only ones who will win out that night. All proceeds go to the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc., a federally qualified healthcare center that provides quality healthcare to those that have trouble with access in northern Virginia.

As executive director Martha Wooten describes, the mission of ANHSI is to provide healthcare to "individuals who otherwise would have problems having that access." For many of these patients, there exist a variety of barriers to decent healthcare, including "financial barriers, language barriers, location barriers." The non-profit organization began in 1997, as a means to provide pediatric care to mainly children in the Arlandia neighborhood. The organization had modest origins, headquartered in a low-income apartment complex in the Arlandia neighborhood.

"We were in a small basement, and we

only had five exam rooms for all the specialties: pediatrics, OBGYN, special care," said pediatrician Dr. Pilar Tam, when she began to work for ANHSI in 2005. "So we did not have the chance to see a lot of patients, because space was an issue."

SINCE THEN, the organization has grown. ANHSI went from serving 1,516 unduplicated patients in 1997 to 12,998 in 2011, an over eightfold increase in 15 years. In 2011, ANHSI provided 42,938 healthcare visits, which included 1,417 dental visits and 2,136 mental health visits. The organization also processed more than 4,000 medication requests, a service that helps patients access free pharmaceutical care. These medication requests helped save ANHSI patients a total of \$1.8 million in 2011.

ANHSI serves an underserved community of families. About 78 percent of all patients have no form of insurance — this includes 90 percent of the adult and 30 percent of the child patients — and 47 percent of all patients live below the federal poverty line.

About a majority of patients are non-English speakers. About 65 percent of ANHSI

patients are Spanish speaking, and are unfamiliar with the American healthcare system.

This inexperience with American healthcare can exacerbate health issues. "Our patients are oftentimes sicker, because they usually delay accessing healthcare because of the affordability issue," said Wooten. "So very often their problems are more advanced than would be true for an insured population." Furthermore, many of the patients suffer from chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, COPD, or some combination of the above.

As a result, ANHSI is responsible for educating its patients about medicine and the healthcare system. "In the hospital, they need an explanation, but they don't get it," said Tam, "so they call us and we will re-explain to them what they need."

"When they come here, they know that this is a medical home," Tam added, "we are going to work side-by-side with them."

EVEN THOUGH ANHSI offers a sliding cost fee for the uninsured, so that an a healthcare visit that on average costs between \$160 and \$170 cost as low as \$15 for some patients, funding is always challenge. "I constantly have more patients to serve than the dollars needed to serve them," said Wooten.

Additionally, specialty care services can

Details

Monte Carlo Casino Night to benefit Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. will be held Thursday, June 28, 7-10:30 p.m., at Belle Haven Country Club. Email ANHSIAnniversary@aol.com or visit www.anhsi.org.

be difficult to access. They are oftentimes expensive, and are sometimes not covered by insurance programs. Further, the waiting time for speciality care can be discouraging to many patients.

Finally, space is always a concern. ANHSI serves a quickly growing demographic, and even though the organization has three independent clinics across Alexandria, the current spaces are crowded. This causes unneeded inefficiencies that ANHSI hopes to resolve in the near future. About 67 percent of ANHSI's budget comes from local, state, and federal grants and private donors. The annual Monte Carlo casino night is its greatest fundraiser. Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation promises to match every dollar up to \$35,000.

June 28 will also celebrate ANHSI's 15th anniversary of serving its community.

"We rely on this revenue year after year to help plug significant holes in our operating budget," said Wooten, "it's real important for the organization, and it has been well supported by the community historically. And we hope it will continue to be."

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Primary Voting

On Tuesday, June 12, Virginia will hold a statewide Republican primary for U.S. Senate, plus numerous more local primaries for U.S. House of Representatives and localities.

In the City of Alexandria, there is a critical and hotly contested contest for City Council, which has been chronicled by Alexandria Gazette Packet reporter Mike Pope. You can read the coverage online here: <http://www.alexandriagazette.com/news/Election/Alexandria>

Alexandria, Arlington and parts of Fairfax County are affected by the Democratic primary for the 8th district of U.S. House of Representatives, with U.S. Rep. Jim Moran facing former Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth. The winner will face Republican Patrick Murray of Arlington in November.

Reston and some other parts of Fairfax County, represented by Moran for the past 10 years, will now be in District 11; incumbent Gerry Connolly will face the winner of next week's Republican primary in November. Voters in the Republican primary in district 11 will choose between Ken Vaughn and Chris Perkins.

There is no primary for either party in the 10th Congressional District. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R) will face Democrat Kristin Cabral in November.

Mount Vernon, Lorton and Mason Neck voters who were previously in District 11 (Connolly) are now in District 8 (Moran).

For maps that show the old and new congressional district boundaries:

District 8: <http://www.vpap.org/elections/district/31>
 District 11: <http://www.vpap.org/elections/district/43>
 District 10: <http://www.vpap.org/elections/district/39>

In the U.S. Senate Republican Primary, George Allen faces Bob Marshall, Jaime Radtke and E.W. Jackson. The winner will face Democrat Tim Kaine in November.

Connection coverage of the Senate and Congressional races so far is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No More Endorsements

To the Editor:

I am amused by the never-ending chorus of letters in the local papers endorsing political candidates for city council. And now we

even have the emergence of political action committees supporting rival states of candidates. Who do these people think they are? Are they so full of themselves that they think they can tell a naive general public who to vote for?

I think it is up to the individual citizen to decide who to vote for,

if they decide to exercise their enfranchisement at all.

And obviously many residents of Alexandria choose not to participate in local elections. Voter turnout in these elections has been notoriously low over the years. However, I don't think moving the city council and school board elections to November was a good idea. Mixing them in with state and national elections diverts attention away from local issues.

I have voted in every city council election since May 1979, when I was an 18-year-old freshman at George Mason University, but I am the exception to the rule. Most of the people I grew up with in the 1960s and 1970s from the richest to the poorest have long since fled the city of Alexandria.

The plethora of campaign signs littering the landscape is an eyesore and should be curbed. I am not influenced by someone telling me whom I should be voting for. I can make up my own mind, thank you very much.

Gregory G. Paspatis
Alexandria

Against Arrogance

To the Editor:

With Mayor Euille and the City Council failing to distinguish between "needs" and "wants," they have pursued a relentless chase to generate additional tax revenue to finance a bloated city government and a top-heavy school bureaucracy. In most years, this has resulted in ever-higher property taxes. Of late, however, they have elected to pursue massive increases in development of Old Town's water front, Arlandria, and now

Beaugard, which in most cases will result in a tripling of existing density levels. Besides destroying the existing character of the city, these developments, of course, will worsen already deteriorating traffic and slash affordable housing. Surprise, surprise ... our leaders proposed additional spending to alleviate these same problems that they are creating. I think most residents would agree that if we wanted to live in a Clarendon-like neighborhood, we would have moved there in the first place.

Up until this year, the local Democratic Party has protected the ruling political class by using a closed caucus selection process in which participants were required to sign a loyalty oath. As a result, our leaders — especially Mayor Euille and Vice Mayor Donley — have become increasingly arrogant in both their actions and speech when citizens challenge their unpopular decisions. Indeed, this arrogance has spread to key city employees such as City Attorney Jim Banks and Planning Director Faroll Hamer.

For the first time in my more than 25 years in Alexandria,

Independents will have a chance on June 12 to say "no" to those who also brought us the mess resulting from a poorly-informed decision on BRAC at Mark Center. This includes all of the slate endorsed by the PAC "Securing Alexandria's Future," a.k.a the Euille Machine. We need to elect a City Council which will be stewards of our taxes and not interested in building a monument to their time in political office.

Tom Slayton
Alexandria

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Snapshot

Alexandria EMS Bike Medic Bud Koerner Jr. is on call at the annual Alexandria-Armenian festival on Saturday afternoon, June 2 in Market Square.

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Good Candidates, Good Government

To the Editor:

Securing Alexandria's Future (SAF) is a political action committee made up of engaged and knowledgeable residents and many prominent local leaders. Given the number of candidates, complexity of issues facing the city, and with an understanding and belief that electing good candidates results in good government, Securing Alexandria's Future hopes to educate, inform and advise so that people can make informed and intelligent choices on June 12. The candidates we have specifically endorsed — Justin Wilson, Paul Smedberg, Del Pepper, Tim Lovain, John Chapman and Sean Holihan, as well as two outstanding alternative choices in Donna Fossum and Melissa Feld — present a balanced and practical understanding of how our city works, how we pay for a wide range of essential services, how we use our resources effectively and how we continue to maintain quality in education, public safety, transportation, fiscal management and economic sustainability. We applaud the efforts of other PAC's that have formed because they have helped facilitate healthy public debate and conversation about the upcoming primary election.

I urge my fellow Alexandrians to vote for six candidates in the primary election on June 12 because good candidates result in

good government for all of us.

David P. Baker
Alexandria

CFNC Supports Children in Poverty

To the Editor:

For many of our area's children, poverty and limited English proficiency threaten to derail their education before it has even begun. However, free, high-quality preschool such as The Child and Family Network Centers (CFNC) can reverse this trend and put kids on the track to thrive in school. CFNC was started in 1984 by a group of mothers living in public housing after they learned that 17 of their kids failed kindergarten. Since then, the organization has grown dramatically and earned impressive accolades. Today, CFNC operates 11 preschool classrooms that together serve 175 three- and four-year-olds and their families living in Alexandria's and Arlington's poorest neighborhoods. Based in Alexandria, CFNC provides bilingual, high-quality, free pre-k education and intensive social services year round to at-risk children and families, the underserved working poor, in their own neighborhoods. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, literacy support, health services and job services are part of the ser-

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Elizabeth Reynolds Marino, chairperson of the May 2012 Child and Family Network Centers Spring Benefit along with her husband Bill Marino.



The hosts of the 2012 Child & Family Network Centers Spring Benefit, Elizabeth and John Siegel, who opened their Alexandria home to more than 200 guests on Saturday, May 12.

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vice repertoire. With a waitlist routinely exceeding 150 children, CFNC fills a critical gap in preschool availability.

CFNC relies on the community for support. CFNC is fortunate to have extremely dedicated and generous volunteers who support the organization’s programs through fundraising efforts. On Saturday,

May 12, CFNC held its annual Spring Benefit at the stunning home of Elizabeth and John Siegel. Elizabeth noted, “CFNC holds a special place in my heart because of their amazing work with low income families in Alexandria and Arlington. They are giving countless children living in poverty high-

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VOTE John Taylor Chapman

Democrat for Alexandria City Council

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CFNC would like to thank top event sponsors CNA, Elizabeth and Bill Marino and Linda and Steve Weitz and other major sponsors Lisa and Phil Herget, Ann and Tom Scully, Elizabeth and John Siegel, ARPC, Rita and Dennis Meyer, Rent-A-Center and Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. Rounding out the group are Loran and Robbie Aiken, Suzanne Brock, Elizabeth and Michael Chiaramonte, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Dennis Corrigan, Courtney and Chris Cox, Vicki and Nicholas Coward, Anne and Michael Donohue, Janet and Peter Gartlan, Kim and Joe Gess, Marilyn and Geoffrey Giovanetti, Julie and Bill Howard, Leigh Ann and Peyton Jackson, Heather and Freeman Jelks, Emily and Bob Jones, Lobkovich, Inc., Tracy and Evan Morris, Kate Boyce Reeder and Joe Reeder, Jennifer and Jim Rooney, Kari and Craig Shapero, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, Diane and Joe Thomas, Elizabeth & Brad Todd, the Hon. John and Mrs. Jeanne Warner, Sheila and Jim Flemming, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bush, Wasabi and Ali and Charley Whitley.

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ter "Affordable Housing" (Alexandria Gazette Packet, May 31) wherein she correctly states that there are no rent control laws in Virginia and apartment owners can do what they want with regard to rent increases.

However, Ms. Fossum states that as chair of the Beauregard Corridor Stakeholders Group is "why I spent 12 months making sure that there were at least 800 dedicated affordable housing units in the BSAP." Well, I must take exception with Ms. Fossum taking full credit for the supposed 800 affordable units. Ms. Fossum never dealt with this issue and it was several citizen members who continued to ask for and to make sure that some affordable rental units would be included in BSAP. Ms. Fossum, who resides at the Hallmark Condos on Holmes Run Park, which is not within the boundaries of the BSAP, never addressed this issue until she allowed several citizens who were concerned about many renters who might be displaced from their apartments. Further her statement that "thousands of lower income people are being thrown out of their homes because of BSAP are completely inaccu-

rate" is another flaw in her letter.

For renters who will need to be subsidized by public monies, HUD and/or ARHA, they will not be able to remain in their apartments as JBG tears down their garden apartments. Granted, this will not happen for several years, but many renters who are low income or Section 8 will not be able to remain living within the BSAP development. There is no more HUD/federal grant monies and ARHA will not be able to provide any subsidized housing to renters within the BSAP. It would have been nice if Ms. Fossum who is running for a seat on City Council to have presented the facts as they were discussed throughout the 12 months of the BSAP group meetings

Annabelle Fisher
Alexandria

Royalist Approach

To the Editor:

Bill Hendrickson's letter ["What's Best for the City," May 31 Gazette Packet] defending the Beauregard Plan instead reveals what's wrong with it and with

planning/development in general in Alexandria.

"City staff," he tells us, "has become quite sophisticated in negotiating these public benefit packages ... The main problem is that citizens may have a difficult time determining whether the benefits are fair and outweigh the costs of additional development ... They thus opt for the status quo ... we need city councilmembers who take a pragmatic and realistic approach ..."

Let me translate: "The people are too incapable/unsophisticated/stupid to understand these things, so no matter how many dozen or hundred troop to city hall to speak against them, City Hall knows best, so just ram it down their throats!" This is not the American governance model, but the high-handed royalist one against which American colonists launched a revolution.

These projects' alleged benefits are distant and speculative. Few in office now will still be when an actual, non-theoretical, retrospective assessment can be made. By voting for an alleged future benefit, City Hall has exempted itself from accountability.

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Remembering

The T.C. Williams High School community gathered at a candlelight vigil at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 2 to remember TC senior Ian Daughtrey, who died June 9.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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While Beauregard's benefits might not be immediate, its costs — in diminished public trust the people have in their government, which rams things down their throats, over their objections, as if it regarded their sentiments as unenlightened, uninformed, unworthy — definitely are.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Willing And Able

To the Editor:

We write collectively to thank Donna Fossum and others for their civic endurance. It has been our pleasure to work with Donna in context of a very complicated and difficult transportation issue. A woman with courage of her convictions and a negotiator's mindset, Donna managed to forge a compromise through thoughtful deliberation. Donna instills confidence and all appreciate her hard work. We endorse Donna Fossum for City Council. Please give her your support. She is willing and able.

Kendra Davis
Charlotte Landis
Jim Luby
Melissa Luby
Joe Trahern
Alexandria

It's Time For a Change

To the Editor:

It's time for a change in this city. The systematic destruction of the unique character and fabric of this wonderful historic community is not only sad and inexcusable but a breach of the public trust expected of elected officials. This city can do better, much better.

We need men and women on the City Council who will bring fresh and constructive new ideas, approaches, attitudes and values to this city's government, discard the same old tired and short-sighted ideas embraced by the current City Council, create a new openness and transparency in the decision-making process and encourage broad citizen participation and involvement in the development of policy decisions rather than treat citizens who try to become involved as intermeddlers who deserve scorn and disrespect.

This city deserves a council that views itself as a trustee and guardian of one of the most significant historical cities in the nation. Such an idea would almost certainly be viewed as radical by the current City Council. We need a City Council that will pursue policies that enhance the quality of life of its citizens rather than pursue policies to enrich developers and bankers. We need a council that understands that rapid and unchecked

development and density can create, and has created, irreparable damage to the city.

It would be interesting to find an articulation of the City Council's vision for this city that incorporated the level of development and density that it has supported and encouraged. If there ever was such a vision, it seems doubtful that it identified the predictable and excessive levels of pollution, congestion, noise, traffic and citizen stress that has resulted. Realistically, these things are not the result of a vision, which probably never existed, but the result of the implementation of bad ideas with poor and inadequate planning.

Unfortunately we have not yet seen the full impact of this folly. There is more of the same already in the pipeline, including the displacement of families that are currently under financial stress. As a result, it is likely that the citizens of the city, for years to come, will be shouldering the financial burden of the enormous cost of schools, teachers, roads, sewage and water treatment, waste collection and disposal, police and fire protection, enlargement of city motor vehicle fleets, expansion of public transportation and the construction and maintenance of other infrastructure necessary to support the out of control development that the current council has given this city.

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Hayden Arp

TC Student Releases CD

Hayden Arp is drawn to making a profession of music.

BY IVA QUINT
GAZETTE PACKET

Hayden Arp didn't always love music, however in seventh grade he discovered Garage Band on his computer and began exploring with it. Soon, he found a passion for music that exists to this day.

"People started calling me the Music Guy, which was a title I happily accepted," Arp said.

Arp, a junior at T.C. Williams High School, just released an album on May 14, titled "Of Pretty Girls and Nightmares," which he has been working on for the past year and a half.

"One thing I think is very good about this record is that I have a really good elevator pitch," Arp said, laughing. "The theme of the entire record is, more or less an exploration of the parallels between what is beautiful and what is darker. I realized that when I was writing the record was that the song was either about pretty girls, or it would be about these darker [themes]." Hence the title "Of Pretty Girls and Nightmares."

Arp taught himself the majority of his musical skills. Though he took lessons in guitar and upright bass, he taught himself how to play drums, the ukelele and piano. "I learned to mix, arrange, write and record music all at the same time," Arp said. "[Of Pretty Girls and Nightmares] wasn't made like a normal record would be made. Instead of writing songs, then arranging, then recording, then mixing, I would do it all at once ... so the themes of the album are a little incohesive."

"Not everything I do is about music," Arp said. "Music to me is a living thing. But I also love soccer, and I do yoga, and I like to hang out with friends when they want to hang out with me," he joked.

Friend and fellow T.C. junior Maria Jones said, "He is a very talented musician and the effort he's put into the album has seriously paid off. Hayden really cares about his fans and listeners and consistently asks for feedback because he genuinely wants to be the very best he can be — and he's not far from being just that."

Arp is focusing on marketing "Of Pretty Girls" and performing live in the future. "I've spent a lot of time making this music and I want people to hear it," he said. As for long-term plans, he hopes to begin work on a second record and to continue to have music in his life.

"To have my actual profession be something not to do with music, that's hard for me to imagine," Arp said. Some people say of careers, "I would love this," or "I would really like that if that happened," and I was like that for about a year. And then in eighth grade, I just decided that people who make it in music don't say, "Yeah, I'd love to do that." They say "I'm going to do it." And that's how I was. I don't want to be doing this unless I'm doing it right. And I don't want to make music unless I'm making music that's going to touch people and really is worth their time."

To check out Hayden's music, listen to his free streaming player on his website: <http://haydenarpmusic.com/listen/>

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Fourteen candidates are seeking six slots on the Democratic ticket for the November general election for Alexandria City Council.

Dem Primary Heads into Final Stretch

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wrong on the waterfront. We don't need any more density on the waterfront," said Walker. "Tim, I'd like to say I own historic preservation because I've been trying to preserve buildings."

A few minutes later, Donna Fossum went on the attack against Walker. She criticized him for failing to get permission before performing a partial demolition on a building he's developing into a small business on Commerce Street.

"I found it very interesting that Mr. Historic Preservation was levied one of the largest fines in history for tearing down part of a historic building," said Fossum.

THE SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT has been a dividing line among the candidates. Several candidates have staked out positions that have been critical of recent controversial decisions by the City Council. In addition to the waterfront plan and the Beaugard plan, decisions these candidates have criticized include redevelopment in Arlandria and a high-capacity transit project known as Corridor C in the West End. Candidates that have taken a hard line against these proposals are Victoria Menjivar, Sammie Moshenberg, Arthur Peabody, Allison Silberberg and Walker.

"We don't have a consensus on what kind of Alexandria we all want to live in together," said

PAC Attack

This primary season has seen a wealth of political action committees formed to endorse rival slates of candidates:

Alexandrians for a Livable City

- ❖ Victoria Menjivar
 - ❖ Sammie Moshenberg
 - ❖ Arthur Peabody
 - ❖ Allison Silberberg
 - ❖ Boyd Walker
- PAC leaders include Katy Cannady, Lynn Bostain and Robert Pringle.

Alexandrians for Sensible Growth

- ❖ Victoria Menjivar
 - ❖ Sean Holihan
 - ❖ Tim Lovain
 - ❖ Del Pepper
 - ❖ Paul Smedberg
 - ❖ Justin Wilson
- PAC leaders include Ginny Hines Parry.

Democrats for a Better Alexandria

- ❖ John Taylor Chapman
- ❖ Tim Lovain
- ❖ Sammie Moshenberg
- ❖ Arthur Peabody

Peabody during a recent debate. "And I think we need to have that conversation." In many ways, the Democratic primary has become a conversation about the scale of development in the city. Candidates that have approved of recent development decisions include the two current incumbents Councilwoman Del Pepper and Councilman Paul Smedberg as well as the

- ❖ Boyd Walker
 - ❖ Justin Wilson
- PAC leaders include Jack Sullivan and Doratheia Peters.

Securing Alexandria's Future

- ❖ John Taylor Chapman
 - ❖ Sean Holihan
 - ❖ Tim Lovain
 - ❖ Del Pepper
 - ❖ Paul Smedberg
 - ❖ Justin Wilson
- PAC leaders include David Speck, Rob Krupicka, Murray Bonitt and David Baker.

Sierra Club

- ❖ Donna Fossum
 - ❖ Sean Holihan
 - ❖ Tim Lovain
 - ❖ Del Pepper
 - ❖ Paul Smedberg
 - ❖ Justin Wilson
- PAC leaders include Pat Soriano.

Virginia New Majority

- ❖ Victoria Menjivar
 - ❖ Sammie Moshenberg
 - ❖ Arthur Peabody
 - ❖ Justin Wilson
- PAC leaders include John Liss, Andrew Rivera and Tram Nguyen.

two former incumbents, Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson. Several first-time candidates have also come out in favor of the direction taken by council members in recent years, including Melissa Feld, Fossum and Holihan.

"If we don't encourage commercial development, we won't be able to afford a new Metro stop,"

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Delayed Results

Remember when Alexandria precinct returns were posted to the Internet a few minutes after the polls closed? Well, forget about it.

Next week, Alexandria Registrar **Tom Parkins** will unveil the latest in voting technology — paper ballots. For election officials, everything old is new again. Aside from giving voters the ability to vote with an electronic machine or a paper ballot, the registrar is also scrapping the practice of calling in returns.

"With the longer ballot and the risk of errors being called in or recorded, we've decided that we are going to have the results picked up and driven in before they are entered in our reporting system," said Parkins.

It's not quite as old school as carrier pigeons or carriage rides. But it does mean that the result of Tuesday's hotly contested Democratic primary for the Alexandria City Council won't happen at the speed of sound. In fact, the Alexandria Democratic Committee's official event isn't even scheduled to begin until two hours after the polls close.

"We don't want to make an error which could cause a loss of confidence in us as election administrators," said Parkins.

Looking Ahead

Last year, Virginia Republicans decided to have a primary rather than a convention to select their gubernatorial candidate. But now that the party's governing board has several new members, some are pushing to reconsider that decision. That could have drastic consequences for the hotly contested race between Lt. Gov. **Bill Bolling** and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

"A convention would be dominated by activists who are likely to be more conservative, and presumably they would prefer the person who is seen as the more conservative candidate in this race," said University of Virginia Center for Politics analyst **Kyle Kondik**.

"That would be Cuccinelli as opposed to Bolling." Intrigue is building on the Democratic side of the ticket too. Former Democratic National Committee chairman **Terry McAuliffe** has emerged as a frontrunner in the race after losing the Democratic primary back in 2009. But that could be jeopardized if Old Town resident Sen. **Mark Warner** decides to throw his hat into the ring.

"If Warner jumps in, he becomes the candidate for sure. I think McAuliffe has even said that," said Kondik. "But if Warner doesn't run, I think McAuliffe is probably the odds-on favorite to be the nominee."

The results of the presidential race could be a factor because the party that wins the presidency traditionally loses the gubernatorial election in Virginia.

A Brief About Tim Lovain

Running to return to the seat he lost three years ago, former Councilman **Tim Lovain** has decided to scrap some of the more formal aspects of running for City Council and have a little fun.

Drivers may have seen signs that proclaim, "a yard sign for Tim Lovain." There's also "a T-shirt for Tim Lovain" and "a nametag for Tim Lovain." This week, voters received a piece of direct mail featuring the candidate holding a bowling ball and explaining that "Tim Lovain is not good at bowling ... but he is good at transportation and a lot of other things."

"We wanted to find a way to make people smile and get their attention," said Lovain. "So many political ads look alike. We wanted to do something different."

Lovain said that he had help from a supporter who has experience in the advertising world, although he didn't want to name names. For the record, the candidate says he is actually pretty bad at bowling.

"I usually bowl around 100 or so, but not much more than that," he said. "Although I don't really bowl much any more."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

LETTERS

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An unnerving aspect of all of this is that existing members of the council who are seeking re-election are treating the problems that have been created by their actions as imaginary, and consequently don't need solution. This seems to reflect an inability to comprehend what is occurring as a result of their actions or an unwillingness to offer solutions because such discussion would constitute an admission that such actions have, in fact, created serious problems in the community. There are candidates who are suggesting that dense development can continue by expanding public transportation. While efficient public transportation has great value in a city, it is clearly not a solution to the broad range of problems created by excessive development, and certainly not a justification for even more density.

Let's protect what is left and create a new environment in this city with an expansion of open public space and broad visual and physical access to our historic river to at least partially offset the negative effects of the excessive development and density that will be with us for years to come. The citizens can finally take this city back from those who ignored their health, happiness and well-being for much too long in order to enrich a few. It's clearly time for a change. Mark Twain had a special ability to move past the deception and rhetoric of political speech and see things as they are. He is credited with the observation that "politicians and diapers need to be changed often, and for the same reason." We need a change in this city.

Thomas Greene
Alexandria

New Leadership For Alexandria

To The Editor:

Imagine this as a platform of "accomplishments" on which to run for City Council:

- ❖ Allow the BRAC site to be chosen and built on, causing incredible turmoil in the Seminary-West End. This is clearly the worst site possible with no Metro access, but council just let it slide by, no hearings. Someone had to order and approve the city manager writing the Post advocating the site. Millions in city dollars for roads/transportation.

- ❖ Approve the Beauregard Small Area Plan. Eliminate 2600 affordable housing units, get 800 back (with a net loss of 1800



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Ribbon Cutting at Del Ray Café

Saturday morning, May 26, Laurent, Margaret, Sandrene, Marcel and members of both families, Laurent's father and uncle visiting from France and Margaret's mom, former state Sen. Patsy Ticer and Mayor Bill Euille, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, members of City Council and more family officially cut the ribbon at the new French country bistro of East Howell Street in Del Ray. The restaurant owned by Laurent Janowsky, also the owner of La Bergerie in Old Town, offers French country fare, breakfast, lunch and dinner plus brunch on the weekends serving local, natural and organic foods. For menus and hours visit www.delraycafe.net.

units), then sit around and bemoan the loss of affordable housing in the city. What do we get? \$66 million in additional city debt for road and intersection improvements and a firehouse for the wealthy who will live there.

- ❖ Approve a Waterfront Plan roundly criticized by a large percentage of the citizenry. Try to split hairs on zoning (text v. map), deny receipt of a petition for review, have your own agency (BZA) say you were wrong in not applying a 6-1 supermajority, file suit against BZA, hire high-priced outside lawyers to press your case but tell BZA they're on their own.

- ❖ Do not waste the time incorporating the GenOn site into the Waterfront Plan, though it is clearly part of the waterfront. Perhaps some developer has already given Council a plan for that valuable acreage.

- ❖ Do nothing about the atrocious state of our city's schools — continued poor test scores and now even worse finances.

- ❖ Keep jacking up the real estate tax burden on homeowners. During the real estate recession, there was an occasional modification of the tax rate, but total taxes kept going higher. And city expenditures went up every single year of the recession.

- ❖ Allow an ethanol transloading to be built and operated right un-

der your noses, with no involvement of nearby residents, an elementary school, or your own fire department.

- ❖ Create more development turmoil in Arlandria.

So whose "platform" is this? For the most part, it's Euille's, Pepper's, Smedberg's, Krupicka's (departing), Donley's (departing), Fannon's, and Hughes', as well as Lovain's and Wilson's from the previous council. Some voted for or against some things, but they all passed.

It's time to dump the old guard.

Tom Burke
West End

Supports Small Businesses

To The Editor:

Donna Fossum has been an effective advocate for our small business, Frizzles Salon. Sami and I have been struggling with parking for our customers for the duration of our time here, three years next month. We reached out to every person we could think of, including the mayor and no one acknowledged our issue. Once Donna was aware of our situation, she was very accessible and has played a huge role in getting things moving here in the Carlyle

area. When we attended a public hearing two months ago in Alexandria, Donna was the committee member who was the most interested in helping small businesses. It takes courage to open a business in this economy and we are glad that we have Donna as someone who will continue to work hard for us. She has our vote.

Alexandra Khalaf Sami Marina

Owners of Frizzles Alexandria Hair Salon & Spa
Alexandria

Ensuring A Great City

To The Editor:

With the Alexandria Democratic Primary on the immediate horizon, it is important that we all think about our great city. Alexandria is well run. We have great city services. Our infrastructure is maintained. Our garbage pickup is amazing. Our schools do well in a tough demographic population (Congratulations TC on your latest accomplishments), we have a low crime rate, we have excellent fire and EMS services. Public health is provided to all that need services. Yes, these are what it takes to have a great city. With this requirement, I encourage every Democrat to think about what is

good in Alexandria as you vote Tuesday, June 12, and to vote for six candidates who see the broad needs of government. Securing Alexandria's Future conducted a candidate survey to determine who would stand out of the crowd of 14 in assuring we continue our great city services and be fiscally responsible. SAF has endorsed: John Chapman, Sean Holihan, Tim Lovain, Del Pepper, Paul Smedberg and Justin Wilson and noted that Donna Fossum and Melissa Feld are also candidates to consider. In voting for six of these candidates we can be confident that we will continue the great city we have today.

Lynn Hampton

Taylor Run
Alexandria

Celebrate Flag Day

To the Editor:

Flag Day, June 14, although not a national holiday, is important as a reminder of how our country began and what it has become, grown from 13 colonies under English rule to 13 states, which expanded into 50. It is appropriate to fly the flag and remember the best of our heritage, which it represents.

On June 14, 1777, Congress adopted a resolution, which created a new flag for our new country, a banner under which we fought for independence and the opportunity for fulfillment of our God-given rights. Each state has a star lying on the field of blue which emphasizes our union, but each star is separate, distinct, and emblematic of each state retains its own powers and identity, joining its sister states for specific and limited purposes stated by the Articles of Confederation and, in 1787, the Constitution. The star for each state is determined by its order of admission into the United States: Virginia's is number 10, counting from the top row, inside (next to the staff) -out, so ours is the third in the second row. The stripes are counted from the bottom up, so Virginia's stripe, number 10, is near the top of the flag. The flag's colors, too, are significant: red reminds of the blood shed by courageous patriots; white, the purity of their ideals and purposes; and blue, the truths expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

"Old Glory" is a symbol of our country, so it should be treated with great respect. It should be

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POLITICS

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said Holihan. "We won't be able to afford new schools."

Cash on Hand

- ❖ Paul Smedberg: \$17,812
- ❖ Sammie Moshenberg: \$12,812
- ❖ Del Pepper: \$12,670
- ❖ John Chapman: \$11,604
- ❖ Timothy Lovain: \$11,421
- ❖ Justin Wilson: \$10,440
- ❖ Sean Holihan: \$9,897
- ❖ Allison Silberberg: \$9,545
- ❖ Arthur Peabody: \$8,798
- ❖ Vicky Menjivar: \$6,974
- ❖ Michael Hepburn: \$6,654
- ❖ Donna Fossum: \$3,921
- ❖ Melissa Feld: \$3,252
- ❖ Boyd Walker: \$1,487

source: Virginia Public Access Project

How It Works

The Democratic primary is essentially a popularity contest. When all the votes are tallied, candidates will be ranked in order from those who received the most votes to those who received the least votes. The six candidates with the most votes will become the Democratic nominees. Voters can vote for as many as six candidates, although they can vote for any number they wish. Some have advocated "bullet voting," selecting one or more candidates to maximize their support compared to other candidates. Although the General Assembly recently adopted new identification requirements for voters, those rules won't be implemented until after the primary.

Police Investigate Carjacking on Duke Street

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bound on Interstate 395. Arlington County officers initiated a pursuit and eventually got the vehicle to stop on Interstate 395 at the 12th Street exit in Washington, DC.

Two suspects were apprehended inside the vehicle and a third suspect was caught after a short foot pursuit. The weapon was recovered

inside the vehicle.

The three men have each been charged in Alexandria with carjacking and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Additional charges may be pending.

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WELLBEING

The Power of Touch

Reiki masters credit the practice with promoting healing.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

“May I touch you?” asks Marion Werner, a willowy woman with shoulder-length blonde hair. Her hands descend lightly on her patient’s chest.

This is Reiki, a decades-old, Japanese mind-body technique used for relaxation and stress relief that is gaining acceptance in the United States. During a session, a client lies on a massage table, fully clothed. Practitioners rest their hands on or just above the client’s body, palms down. They use a set of eight to 12 hand positions, each held for about two to five minutes.

While some healthcare professionals dismiss the practice as quackery, major medical centers including those at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and George Washington Hospital’s Center for Integrative Medicine now offer it to patients, and medical schools have integrated mind-body courses into their curriculum.

Reiki is credited with promoting healing and addressing a host of ailments from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety to infertility, heart disease and the side effects of cancer treatment.

“A relaxed body and mind gives us a foundation for healing,” said Springfield, resident Christine Mosley, a Reiki master who also practices in Fairfax Station.

However, practitioners don’t claim to be healers. “It’s like when you get a cut, the body responds and heals the cut. You might get stitches to help the healing, but your body is actually doing the healing,” said Werner, a Reiki master in Chevy Chase. “It is a capacity that we’re all born with but, stress can make it difficult for the natural healing process to work. Reiki treatment encourages relaxation and balance in the system.”

SOME PRACTITIONERS believe that Reiki is a mechanism for tapping into a universal energy that supports the body’s natural ability to heal itself, but this notion is



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE GAZETTE

Reiki Masters Christine Mosley, of Springfield, and Marion Werner, of Chevy Chase, perform a Reiki treatment.

not commonly accepted among physicians in the United States.

“In China and Japan they know it works and they don’t care how it works,” said Dr. David Rosenthal, medical director of the Leonard P. Zakim Center for Integrative Therapies at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. “In this country we have to show not only that it works, but how it works. ... I think the evidence is getting there, but I don’t think it is totally there yet.”

Reiki can be given to those who are dying and to their families. “It can help impart a sense of peace and acceptance,” said Naning Sugeng, a practitioner in Potomac, who, along with Werner and Mosley, offers free services to cancer patients and wounded veterans.

Comfort for America’s Uniformed Services (CAUSE), a non-profit organization that offers respite to wounded members of the military, provides free Reiki treatments to battle-weary soldiers and their family members and caretakers. “It is so gentle that it can be used on shrapnel wounds and re-

cent amputations to improve wound healing and relieve phantom pain,” said Mosley who is also the coordinator for CAUSE’s Reiki program at Fort Belvoir in Virginia.

PRIVATE SESSIONS with a Reiki master can cost between \$75 and \$100 an hour. The profession is not regulated, but traditional Reiki training and certification has three levels of expertise. While classes for the first two levels can be completed in two-day classes, preparation for the third, or master, level can take years.

Locally, Reiki treatments are offered at the Pain and Palliative Care Service at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Inova Loudoun Hospital’s Life with Cancer program and the Center for Integrative Medicine at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Still, doctors say more large-scale studies are needed before Reiki becomes a mainstream practice. “Not only is there not enough research, but a lot of the Reiki research has been criticized for not being rigorous enough compared to the standards that are in place to study other medical in-

terventions,” said Dr. John Pan, founder of the Center for Integrative Medicine at the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington and a faculty member at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Researchers at George Mason University conducted a study of patients in Inova’s Life with Cancer program to determine whether yoga, Reiki, or meditation would help alleviate symptoms of chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy (CIPN).

“At the conclusion of the study, each group, with the exception of the control group, showed [improvement], but the results were not statistically significant,” said Paul G. Clark, PhD, LCSW, assistant professor of social work. “What we did learn was that these therapies are worth studying on a larger scale.”

In 2011, Rosenthal co-authored a study of 18 men with prostate cancer and found that Reiki helped ease their anxiety. “It does relax people, it does decrease stress acutely,” he said, adding that Reiki can be an alternative for patients who have an aversion to techniques such as massage or acupuncture. “There are some people who do not like their bodies being rubbed and do not like needles being put into their skin.”

Reiki is also credited with calming jittery preoperative patients. Kate Snipes, a 41-year-old wife and mother of two, received Reiki treatments before and after a prophylactic double mastectomy. She recalls feeling tranquil post-treatment, void of the anxiety that had gripped her before the procedure. “I felt more at peace with [the surgery],” said Snipes. “I felt pain relief, and I felt more comfortable and relaxed in the parts of my body that were kind of tense.”

REIKI IS GENERALLY SAFE and NIH’s National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine says that that no serious side effects have been reported.

“It won’t cause harm, but some people may not respond to it,” said Pan. “It is an individualized process. What works for one patient may not work for another.”

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HEALTH

Alexandria Bites Back

Health department offers mosquito prevention tips.

BY EDISON RUSS
GAZETTE PACKET

It's mosquito season once again and there are several things one can do to prevent becoming a nutritious pin-cushion for one of nature's nuisances.

According to Alexandria Health Department Environmental Health Biologist Daniel Sherwood, if people notice more mosquitoes than is usual this time of year, "It's most likely they're coming from very near their home," as the most prominent mosquito in the area is the Asian Tiger Mosquito, which has a flight range of only 300 feet.

The Asian Tiger Mosquito is black with white lines on its body and legs and is an aggressive day-biter.

Sherwood said that the most important step people can take toward mosquito prevention is to empty any container that might have held water for a few days or more and to recycle it.

He also encourages people to wear light-colored clothing that covers their entire body when attempting to clear a suspected mosquito nest and to wear repellent.

Light-colored clothing is believed to help

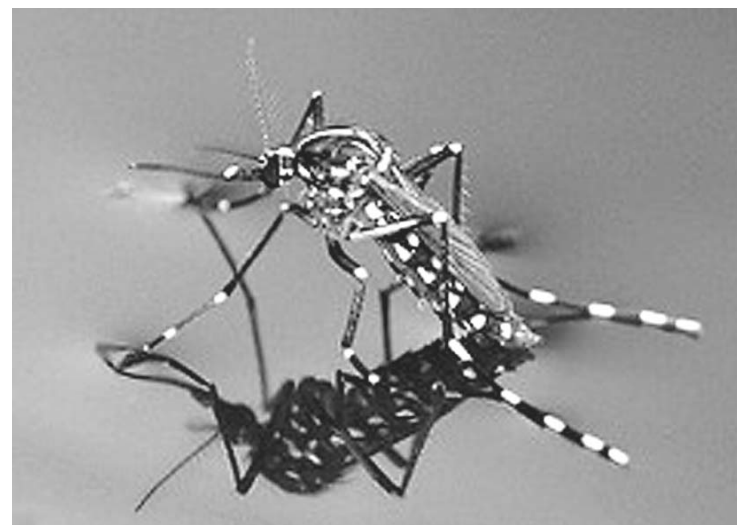
prevent mosquito bites because mosquitoes nest in dark areas and are drawn to heat, which darker clothing tends to retain.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE repellents contain the chemical DEET and work by confusing the mosquito into thinking the wearer is not there. Sherwood said not to use repellent with higher than 35 percent active ingredient. This amount has been shown to be safe by the CDC, and higher concentrations have not yielded any better results.

A chemical called permethrin actually kills mosquitoes and other insects, but should be applied only onto clothing.

The Health Department will provide information on dealing with mosquitoes to anyone who calls and will clear mosquitoes from standing bodies of water on public property that are brought to their attention.

In treating mosquitoes, the department typically uses larvicides, which kill mosquitoes in their larval form before hatching. The larvicides are also usually biological, relying on bacteria that naturally occur in the environment to create a crystalline protein to damage the larvae. These bacteria



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The aedes albopictus, or Asian Tiger Mosquito, is the most prominent mosquito in Alexandria. It is an aggressive day-biter with a flight range of 300 feet.

do not target other insects, mammals, or fish.

THE CITY ASSESSES how best to treat mosquitoes by using traps to monitor the species and their concentration. The three types of traps it uses are the CDC light trap, the Biogents (BG) trap and the gravid trap.

The CDC and BG traps both lure mosquitoes that have not yet taken a blood meal with carbon dioxide produced by dry ice. A fan on the trap sucks mosquitoes in and disperses the carbon dioxide. The BG trap also uses lactic acid as a lure, which is what attracts mosquitos to humans.

The gravid trap uses stagnant water to attract female mosquitoes that have taken blood and are searching for a place to lay their eggs. The water is artificially stagnated

purposes of tracking West Nile Virus but stopped because, in a city as small as Alexandria, birds could have flown in from anywhere and died of other causes.

To prevent the spread of the virus, the department encourages people to take the same precautions they would in preventing mosquito bites, such as wearing long, light-colored clothing and avoiding the outdoors from dusk till dawn when possible.

Most people do not experience symptoms from WNV, and those who do usually experience mild flu-like symptoms. Those who are worried they might have contracted WNV should consult their physician.

For more information about mosquitoes, call the Alexandria Health Department at 703-746-7910, or visit <http://alexandriava.gov/MosquitoControl>.

by using yeast to decompose grass clippings and straw.

"This is the type of water you would find in any swamp area," Sherwood said.

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LETTERS

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Ellen Latane Tabb,
Alexandria

Support Experience

To the Editor:

On June 12, Alexandrians have a tremendous opportunity to shape the future of City Council. As we head to the polls, it's useful to take stock of the good fortune our city has experienced over the past decade:

Alexandria has grown and prospered into a community of nearly 140,000, a net increase of approximately 12,000 residents since 2000.

Our city government works. The trash gets picked up, our streets are plowed and parks are clean and safe. City staff is generally responsive to citizen concerns.

Old Town, Del Ray and other business districts have maintained an attractive mix of dining, retail, leisure and personal services, with a significant share of locally owned, independent businesses that sets Alexandria apart from other localities in the region.

We've adopted progressive new master plans that will provide new civic facilities, enhance our open space, preserve affordable housing and revitalize our waterfront.

We are a safe community. Crime rates hit a 45-year low in 2011, continuing a trend of annual declines in crime across the city.

We've adopted progressive transportation policies, including new transit services, enhanced fa-

cilities for bicycles and pedestrians and innovative programs like bike share.

❖ We continue to cherish and preserve our magnificent history, earning honors from the National Trust for Historic Preservation as a "Distinctive Destination" and the American Planning Association, which named King Street a "Great Street" in 2011.

❖ We've become an eco-city, boasting green building policies, enhanced curbside recycling and hybrid-powered buses. Later this year, Alexandria's Gen-On Potomac River Generating Station will officially close, improving air quality throughout the region.

❖ Our tax burden remains low, with the second-lowest residential property tax rate among major jurisdictions in Northern Virginia.

Given this solid performance, the clear choice on June 12 is to nominate a slate of experienced leaders responsible for Alexandria's success. At the top of the list are Democratic incumbents Paul Smedberg and Del Pepper. They, along with Mayor Bill Euille and their Democratic council colleagues have made tough decisions required to sustain Alexandria's forward momentum. Both deserve another term.

To be effective, they'll need the support of council members who share their vision for the city, concern for its citizens and dedication to public service. Candidates Donna Fossum, Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson have demonstrated their commitment to Alexandria through active participation in city government that has directly resulted in many of the community accomplishments outlined above.

Other top candidates include Sean Holihan, John Taylor Chapman and Melissa Feld, each of whom has contributed to the community in noteworthy ways.

I am proud to call Alexandria home, and urge you to vote for the progressive, fiscally responsible candidates for City Council who will preserve and enhance our city's high quality of life as council members over the next three years.

Nathan M. Macek
Alexandria

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At Relay for Life

The T.C. Williams National Honors Society team at the Relay for Life, June 2 at George Mason High School in Falls Church. Back row, from left: Aduragbemi Jibodu, Jacob Whitacre, Joe Lincoln, Yasmin Faruki, Jonathan Anderson, Will Carter, Karla Nunez, Steve Colantuoni and Tai Mooney. Front row, from left: Eileen Nakahata, Kelly Dervarics, Sarah Phippen, Abby Cox, Mollie Timmons, Iva Quint and Bryn Ware-Colantuoni.

Commission Schedules Annual Waterfront Walk

The Alexandria Waterfront Commission will hold its annual Waterfront Walk on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. The walk will begin at the bulkhead in Windmill Hill Park, 501 S. Union St., and continue north along the Waterfront to Oronoco Bay Park. The event provides committee members the opportunity to assess operational conditions and issues along the waterfront.

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The Sounds Of Summer

A cappella street musicians After the Storm entertained a crowd filled with Rolling Thunder bikers, tourists and residents with their signature Motown sound on King Street in Old Town May 25. The group, seen here singing The Temptations hit "Just My Imagination," performs regularly along the waterfront.

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Players gather for a group photo at the inaugural Titans Alumni Baseball Game at Simpson Field June 2.

The Titans Remember

T.C. hosts inaugural alumni baseball game.

The T.C. Williams High School baseball program played host to the inaugural Titans Alumni Baseball Game June 2 when a total of 36 players reunited with old friends and played a seven-inning game before a sellout crowd at Eugene Simpson Field in Alexandria.

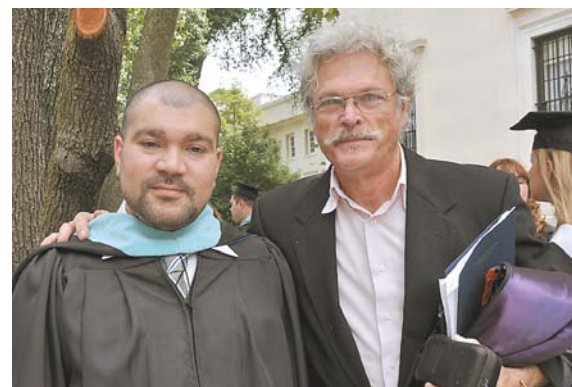
Returning players ranged from a member of the original 1965 Titans to players from the class of 2011, two former Hammond Admirals, one father and son duo and three sets of brothers that included current T.C. Williams athletic director Steve Colantuoni ('74) and his brother John ('78), who served as managers of the alumni squads.

A scoreless top of the first inning was thrown

by Jon Safren (Hammond '71), who was reunited with his old battery mate John O'Connor (Hammond '70). In the bottom of the inning the crowd came to their feet when O'Connor's double to the gap in left centerfield was followed by a home run over the right field fence off the bat of Tim Brown ('05). The Titan Blue team prevailed over Titan Red by a score of 10-3.

The event was made possible by the support of a number of local businesses and community members including Pioneer Roofing, Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, Simpson Development, Jen Walker, Valens Physical Therapy, Sally and Sean Murphy, Carlyle Club, Gerald Schwartz, Esq., Frank Fannon, Hard Times Café, Allegro LLC Electrical Service and Evening Star Cafe.

The 2nd Annual Titan Alumni Game will be played on June 1, 2013. For more information, email oak646@aol.com.



Omar Rosario with Dr. Doug Ball, Marymount University associate professor of education.

From Gang Life to Master of Education

On May 20, Omar Rosario of Alexandria graduated from Marymount University with a master of education. Raised by a single mother in the Bronx, he was a shy child who was placed at age 6 in a special education class for children with learning differences. Behind at school and frustrated, Rosario — by his own admission — was a juvenile delinquent in junior high. He was even briefly a member of a street gang, the Latino Kings.

In high school, Rosario became politically aware. His school, which served an economically disadvantaged population, had a graduation rate of only 29 percent. "I became radicalized in my sophomore year," he said. Then Rosario, who is of Puerto Rican and Turkish heritage, began talking to Muslims in his neighborhood and converted to Islam. "I knew I needed to get educated," he said. "I started reading a lot — Malcolm X, Che Guevara. I was influenced by revolutionaries."

Looking back, Rosario said, "It got me through high school; it got me away from gangs and violence.

I didn't want to be a statistic." He graduated and wanted to go on to college but was not academically prepared. Rosario applied to and was rejected by every college in the New York City area.

In desperation, he applied to the University of Medina in Saudi Arabia and was accepted. Rosario was there on Sept. 11, 2001, and this was another turning point in his life. "I was terribly upset, worried for my sister [who worked in the vicinity of the World Trade Center], and it changed my whole perspective," he said.

Rosario returned to the States, moved to Virginia and started taking remedial English classes at Northern Virginia Community College. He transferred to Marymount in 2006 and earned his B.A. in history in 2008.

Now married with three young children, Rosario feels he has found the right path; he is going to be a special education teacher. He said, "I want to reach out to kids like I was."

Rosario is currently working on a memoir and a fictionalized version of his story.

Four Boy Scouts Receive Eagle Scout Award

Four Alexandria City Boy Scouts received their Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scout's highest honor, in a ceremony on June 2 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria. The young men are all members of Boy Scout Troop 129. They became the 86th, 87th, 88th and 89th members of the troop to be so honored since 1943.

The scouts being honored are Nick Braun; Burt Brown-Glazner; Caleb Vogt; and Alexander Wolz. To earn their Eagle Award, the young men each earned a minimum of 21 merit badges; served as leaders in their troop; and completed a major service project.

For his service project, Nick organized the remodeling of Mt. Vernon Community Center's butterfly garden. Burt oversaw the construction of a tool shed and repair of a stone path in the community garden at Cora Kelly Elementary School. Caleb supervised the improvement of hiking trails at the Dora Kelley Nature Center. Alex repaired a storage shed at ALIVE! Child Development Center and built two raised garden beds.

Caleb and Nick are seniors at T.C. Williams High School, where Alex is a junior. A 2011 TC graduate, Burt is a rising sophomore at Radford University, studying geospatial science.



The following Alexandria City Boy Scout Troop 129 members received their Eagle Scout Awards on June 2: Caleb Vogt, Nick Braun, Alex Wolz and Burt Brown-Glazner.

PEOPLE



Simon Soghomonian perches on the edge of the stage as **Vivian Chakarian** begins to sing.

Members of the Arax Armenian Dance Ensemble Carolyn Rapkivian, Lerna Shafakian, Suzanne Kebabian and Elissa Jamaldinian.



Author Talene Dadian White displays one of her children's books at the annual festival.

Festival with a Cause

The 20th Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival, held Saturday June 2, supports participating charities in their funding of the Gyumri Social Childcare Center, a state daycare center, and the Children's Home of Gyumri, a state orphanage that houses approximately 105 children with special needs six years old and younger.

The Alexandria-Gyumri Sister Cities Committee was created in 1989 in the aftermath of an earthquake that destroyed several towns and cities in northwest Armenia and killed thousands of people. The City of Alexandria responded by providing emergency assistance to residents of Gyumri. A particular focus of the committee has been the children.



Alexandria Town Crier Ben Fiore-Walker talks with festival emcee Dean Shahinian and Greg Birky.



Vivian Chakarian performs popular Armenian folk songs.



Greg and Sevan Birky dance to the music.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Take 25 in Commemoration of Missing Children's Day



The Beatley Central Library and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children hosted a Take 25 event on Friday, May 25.

Take 25 is a national campaign to help parents and guardians to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about personal safety.

Miss Christian, a volunteer at the Beatley library, reads "Police Officers on Patrol" to the children at the library.



JJ Foot tries out his writing on the white board of the mobile crime lab wall.



Bob the dog dons a police cap and a Take25 t-shirt to welcome the children to the events on Friday.

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HOME SALES

In April 2012, 177 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,121,000-\$87,000.
This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$595,000-\$435,000 range.
For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
1307 HANCOCK AVE	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Townhouse	0.03	22301	DEL RAY	
3832 WATKINS MILL DR	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$590,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE	
309 HOLLAND LN #126	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$583,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	ROYALTON	
428 FERDINAND DAY DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.00	22304	CAMERON STATION	
27 WYATT AVE W	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$577,000	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY	
171 BARRETT PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION	
401 OLD TOWN CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$568,000	Semi-Detached	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN STATION	
47 REED AVE E	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.07	22305	ALEXANDRIA	
1503 ORONOCO ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	COLECROFT	
1117 PORTNER RD	2	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	NETHERGATE	
518 HOWELL AVE E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$559,000	Detached	0.07	22301	DEL RAY	
112 MARTIN LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION	
311 QUEEN ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN	
612 QUEEN ST #612	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	MANCHESTER	
105 CAHILL DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE	
24 LINDEN ST E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.04	22301	ROSEMONT	
207 ASHEY ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.18	22305	EMMA P HUME	
5134 WOODMIRE LN	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.05	22311	SEMINARY PARK	
1316 PRINCESS ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN	
157 MARTIN LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$534,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION	
110 SANBORN PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$533,000	Townhouse	0.05	22305	MOUNT VERNON COURT	
1816 CHAMBLISS ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$527,000	Detached	0.28	22311	DOWDEN TERRACE	
1633B HUNTING CREEK DR #B	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$524,900	Other		22314	OLD TOWN GREENS	
561 COLECROFT CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	COLECROFT	
1210 WILKES ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$519,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	CAVALIER HOMES	
4560 SEMINARY RD	5	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Detached	0.23	22304	VARSITY PARK	
5136 HERITAGE LN	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$512,000	Townhouse	0.05	22311	SEMINARY PARK	
513 FAYETTE ST S	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.06	22314	CAVALIER HOMES	
503 PAYNE ST N	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$507,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	PARKER GRAY	
935 PITT NORTH ST #935	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$505,000	Townhouse		22314	WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA	
3803 EISENHOWER AVE	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE	
1603 PRINCESS ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$498,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22314	PARKER GRAY	
313A WINDSOR AVE E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$494,000	Semi-Detached	0.07	22301	RIVER TERRACE	
900 WASHINGTON ST N #204E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$491,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS	
502 LURAY AVE E	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$489,000	Townhouse	0.03	22301	BRENTON	
4660 KIRKLAND	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	STONEGATE	
411 COLUMBUS ST S #7	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$477,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	WOLFE ALLEY	
1202 COLONIAL AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22314	WESTOVER	
229 YALE DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	QUAKER HILL	
317 HUME AVE	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$470,000	Detached	0.12	22301	WILMAR PARK	
903 HARRISON CIR	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$469,900	Townhouse	0.03	22304	SUMMERS GROVE	
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1106	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS	
3012 HICKORY ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
618 ALFRED ST N	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Semi-Detached	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA	
901 COMMONWEALTH AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Duplex	0.08	22301	ROSEMONT PARK	
6015 NEALON PL	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Detached	0.44	22312	LINCOLNIA HILLS	
315 LAVERNE AVE	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$439,000	Duplex	0.07	22305	DEL RAY	
3833 EISENHOWER AVE	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$435,900	Townhouse	0.04	22304	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE	
310 GORDON ST	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Detached	0.19	22304	DALECREST	

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Republicans Confirm Their Candidates for City Council

Alexandria GOP holds canvas.

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI
GAZETTE PACKET

On a sunny morning last Saturday, June 2, members of the Alexandria Republican Party descended upon the Minnie Howard School to hold their canvas to nominate three candidates for the City Council who will be on the ballot in the November general election.

There was no competition because the party could nominate up to six candidates for the council race. According to rules committee chairman Michael Hobbs, the purpose of the event was to validate the nomination of the candidates who will be in the general election.

Turnout for the event was low. Hobbs said that most of the people who come are the “party faithful” and friends of the candidates.

Two of the three are incumbents — Councilman Frank Fannon and Councilwoman Alicia Hughes. The other Republican candidate is Bob Wood, who was a member of the waterfront work group.

AMONG THE ISSUES facing council candidates are the recent controversial deci-



Bob Wood

sions including the waterfront plan, the Beaugard plan, Arlandria redevelopment, and a transportation project known as Corridor C.

Wood opposes all four of the development plans. He says he believes the proposals were badly planned and done with little public involvement.

“I think all of these plans suffer from flaws in the process,” said Wood. He believes that the city “involves the citizens after the plans have been pretty well made.”

Fannon, who voted against the waterfront plan, voted in favor of the other three plans. Regarding the waterfront, while he believes in having development along it, he doesn’t like the current proposal.

“My main concern was increasing the density on the properties that are down on the Alexandria waterfront because we don’t have a thorough road network to support it down there,” said Fannon.

Hughes, who was unable to attend the canvas due to a family matter, said in an email that she opposes the waterfront plan. “I do not support any plan that would



Councilwoman Alicia Hughes

require the use of eminent domain to be realized,” she said.

On the Beaugard plan, Hughes likes the plan “conceptually,” but “moved for deferral as” she “did not believe that the plan was prime for consideration at the time.” She says she believes the plan would dislocate families from that area. She also opposes the Corridor C plan.

The Republicans all said they want to make Alexandria live within its means. One proposal by Fannon would be outsourcing government services. Also, he said, he supports requiring city employees to pay more towards their retirement.

Wood did not details specific spending cuts. He said that Alexandria based its expenditures on the rising property values because of the housing bubble from the previous decade and they need to be adjusted. Hughes does not support raising taxes but believes “we can preserve the social safety net without tax increases and need to stop growing government at a rate that “requires us to dip” into “the pockets of our taxpay-



Councilman Frank Fannon

ers.”

ANOTHER ISSUE facing the City Council would be whether or not the city should connect to a proposed streetcar system in Arlington. Fannon says that he opposes the streetcar because he believes that it would cost too much and can’t just expect that development would happen as a result of that project.

“We can’t keep banking on this type of development and hoping everybody will come,” he said.

“I think that’s a regional issue that probably needs a little bit more coordination,” said Wood, adding, that it’s “not ready for a decision by Alexandria or Arlington.”

Hughes says she doesn’t believe in the project as it “does not reflect the highest and best use of taxpayer dollars.”

“We need to be very careful about debt capacity and debt servicing on existing and short-term projected projects is already higher than we can afford, especially with the money needed upfront to finance the metro at Potomac Yard,” she said.

City School Board Race Taking Shape

Three new candidates enter race; three incumbents decide against running again.

BY SARAH CARROLL
AND IVA QUINT
GAZETTE PACKET

Three new candidates, Kelly Carmichael Booz, Chris Lewis and Scott Gordon, have entered the race for the Alexandria School Board, while three current School Board members, Chairman Sheryl Gorsuch, Charles Wilson and Blanche Maness, have decided not to seek re-election.

Booz said that she wants better communication between the School Board and Alexandria citizens and will monitor test scores to ensure that Alexandria “continues to move upwards in improving [its] ranking” compared to other local schools. She said that she will address pre-kindergarten education.

Although she said that she has read “negative articles” about Superintendent of Schools Morton Sherman, she “believe[s] in a fair process based on the facts of the situation,” and said that it was too early to make a statement regarding Sherman.

Lewis said that the school system needs to evaluate the effectiveness of its educational programs, including the modified calendar at Tucker Elementary School and Mount Vernon Community School and the

dual-language program at Mount Vernon. He said that he wants greater support for parents so that they are “invested in moving up the school system.” He also said he is “not ready to make a decision” about Sherman’s continued position as superintendent.

According to Gordon, Alexandria City Public Schools is not moving in the right direction.

“I don’t believe that the school system is entirely broken,” he said. “I think [T.C. Williams High School Principal] Suzanne Maxey and Peter Balas, principal of Mount Vernon Community School, are progressive and hardworking people and are making positive changes.”

Gordon said that the school system lacks budgetary oversight and that its “spending priorities are not in line with what the school system needs.” He said that the salaries and benefits of some members of central office exceed those of Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and are “an inappropriate way to be spending money that we could use to better our schools.”

Gordon said there is insufficient room for all Alexandria middle school students to attend their local public school and that the school system needs to build new schools, expand upon current schools and/or hire

additional teachers. He also said that, as a private citizen, he believes that Sherman should resign. Gordon also says he’s “sort of been leading the campaign to have Sherman removed from office. Should I be elected, [however], removing Dr. Sherman would not be my first order of business. I would make every attempt to try to work with him and change the way he’s damaging certain aspects of ACPS. If that doesn’t work then yes, I do believe Sherman should go someplace else.”

Gorsuch disagreed with Gordon. She said that the school system is moving in the right direction “toward improving student achievement for every student.” She said that she does not believe Sherman should resign. When asked about the general reluctance of School Board candidates to disclose their opinion of Sherman, she said, “One of the most important responsibilities for a School Board is not only to hire a superintendent but to evaluate a superintendent. Most of that feedback is handled in a confidential closed session.”

Wilson, who has served nearly 10 years on the School Board, said that he “would like to see some board members elected at large. I think that it would add some diversity and perspectives.” An at-large candidate would be elected by the entire city rather than a single district. He also wants School Board members to have staggered terms to ensure that experienced members serve each year.

New Candidates

❖ Kelly Carmichael Booz, 33, District B, was born in Minneapolis, Minn. and raised in Minnesota and Michigan. She earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and minored in women’s studies at Carleton College in Minnesota. She received a master’s of education at the University of Virginia and is director of civic education for the constitution at James Madison’s Montpelier, where she works with public school students, teachers and administrators. She moved to Alexandria in 2001. Her home precinct is Maury Elementary School.

❖ Chris Lewis, 32, District C, was born in New Orleans, raised in Fairfax County and earned a bachelor’s degree in government from Harvard University. He works at the Federal Communications Commission and has served as a political and community organizer for 10 years, during which he has worked on Capitol Hill, assisted with political campaigns and worked with nonprofit organizations. His home precinct is the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library.

❖ Scott Gordon, 30, District A, was born in Morristown, N.J. and raised in Florham Park, N.J.. He earned a business degree from Marylhurst University in Oregon and a master’s degree in industrial organizational psychology from Lynchburg College. Gordon is a financial consultant in the process of starting his own consulting firm. His home precinct is the Mount Vernon Community Center.

Maness, who was first elected in 2006, said, “There were many expressions requesting new leadership on the School Board. The citizens have a right to voice their opinion. At this time, the right decision for me is not to seek a third term on the Board.”

TC Biology Teacher To Retire After 22 Years

Department chair reflects on students' progress.

BY SARAH CARROLL
GAZETTE PACKET

"I've been very lucky to have a career where I truly do look forward to coming to work every day," said T.C. Williams High School Science Department Chair David Keener, who will retire this month after teaching Advanced Placement Biology at TC for 22 years.

Keener, who knew since middle school that he wanted to teach, earned a master's degree in biology at Villanova University and taught at Bishop Ireton and Paul VI before coming to TC. "[All the schools] have something special about them," said Keener, [but] there are so many things about TC that are fantastic, which is why I've stayed around."

According to Keener, the most rewarding aspect of teaching is witnessing the progress that students make from September until June. "In my subject, [some] students [come in] very afraid and unsure and hopefully by June they leave very confident in their ability to understand biology and, in



Biology teacher David Keener prepares notes on evolution for his fourth period class.

my case, to handle a college-level class."

Keener's favorite topic to teach is molecular biology, including biochemistry, DNA and biotechnology. "The more we learn about that [the better] we can cure diseases," he said. "It's where all the research is today."

Since Keener has taught at TC for over two decades, he has seen changes in the school's educational approach. "We went from a situation where teachers basically developed their own curriculum to now where we have standard curriculum [in

each subject]," he said. The Standards of Learning exams also were not administered when Keener arrived. He supported the standardization because, in his view, it allows students to learn essential information in each class.

In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis. He coached the TC boys varsity tennis team for eight years and then became an assistant coach for the girls tennis team. He would also like to learn to cook. He said that, if given the opportunity to enroll in a TC course, he would choose culinary arts.

"If it doesn't come out of a can or a box, I can't cook it," he said.

Next year, Keener plans to move to Florida. He expects to pursue a part-time job, although it will not relate to teaching. "I'd like to explore other avenues," he said.

As his teaching career ends, Keener reflects on the legacy he has left at TC. "I think my mark is that ... I presented a challenging class appropriate to the level of the student," said Keener. "Hopefully ... because of that I have excited people about biology and encouraged some people to pursue medical careers, or at least pursue science as a major in college."

TC senior Elena Bischak, who will attend the College of William and Mary in the fall, said that Keener influenced her decision to pursue a career in medicine. "I was interested in biology before taking AP Biology, but [Keener] completely sold me," she said via Facebook. "I plan on majoring in biology and going on to [medical] school."

TC senior Joseph Powers, who will attend the University of Virginia, agreed. "Mr. Keener so fully invested himself in our success that we could not help but do the same," he said via Facebook. "We learned more than biology in his class. He taught us how to turn passion into dedication, and I think we will carry those skills with us for the rest of our lives. [The school system] will never find someone to replace him."

'Swag Tag' Gives Students Discounted DASH Rides

BY SARAH CARROLL
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Transit Company has created a \$65 pilot student pass called the Swag Tag, which will allow Alexandria middle and high school students unlimited DASH rides from May 21 through Sept. 2.

"The ATC has been interested in developing a summer student pass program to encourage students of all ages to ride DASH as often as they would like," said DASH Marketing and Communications Manager Allyson Teevan via e-mail. "We wanted to make the program very affordable as an incentive to get students out of their parents' cars and on to a DASH bus."



The Swag Tag allows students unlimited DASH rides from May 21 through Sept. 2.

The ATC worked with members of the Superintendent's Student Leadership Committee, which is comprised of T.C. Williams

High School students. According to TC Social Studies Department Chair Molly Freitag, students first raised the issue three years ago.

Minnie Howard Assistant Principal Michael Cohen, faculty sponsor of the SSLC, said via telephone that the group formed a DASH subcommittee that met with DASH and sought support from the superintendent, Central Office and the School Board.

Teevan said that the program allows students "access to summer jobs, shopping, movies, catching a bite to eat with friends, etc." From May 21 to May 31, DASH offered an "early bird special" during which students could purchase passes for \$50.

Although the cost may be an impediment to some Alexandria City Public School stu-

dents, over 50 percent of whom qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, the Swag Tag is deeply subsidized, according to Teevan. It allows students to ride any DASH bus for approximately \$0.62 per day. The program may continue in the fall. "We may offer a similar monthly Swag Tag at the same price as the regular monthly pass [\$35], but marketed specifically to students," said Teevan. "We will work with the schools to evaluate the success of the Swag Tag and discuss other joint efforts to encourage more DASH ridership by our City school students."

The tags can be purchased at the Old Town Transit Shop, the T.C. Williams High School King Street and Minnie Howard campuses, Hammond Middle School and George Washington Middle School.

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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.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 13

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. To discuss the re-use of the former Restaurant Depot Site, 4700

Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Enterprise Holdings, which includes Alamo, Enterprise and National Car Rental, would like to locate its vehicle staging and light auto maintenance facility on the site. Contact Mary Catherine Gibbs at mcg.hcgk@verizon.net or at 703-836-5757.

THURSDAY/JUNE 14

BRAC Meeting. The City of Alexandria invites residents to attend a BRAC-133 Mark Center Short and Mid-term Improvements public meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at Francis Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road. This meeting will outline construction schedule and upcoming

construction activities. For more information, visit <http://alexandriava.gov/BRAC>.

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

Energy Workshop. The City of Alexandria invites members of the public to attend the eighth Eco-City Alexandria, Green Building and Energy Conservation Workshop. The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at City Hall in Room 1101.

The session will provide an overview of the City's newly released Energy Saver Loan program, energy audit pilot program, Northern VA Home Performance with Energy Star program, and Washington Gas

energy-efficient natural gas rebate program. For more information on the workshop or the City's green building initiatives, visit the Green Building Resource Center. Participants are encouraged to RSVP by e-mail to erica.bannerman@alexandriava.gov. Door prizes include a free energy evaluation.

SATURDAY/JUNE 23

Restoration of Rights. Persons who have lost the right to vote as a result of a felony conviction in a Virginia court, a U.S. District or a military court are invited to attend the Virginia Cares Ex-Offender Program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Human

Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, to learn more about applying for restoration of rights. For more information, contact James Green at 703-746-5919.

JUNE 25 TO JULY 6

Exploring Aesop's Fables. For ages 4-6, 7-9, and 10-13. At George Washington Masonic Memorial Theater, 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria. Early drop off and extended day available 8-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. Cost is \$400, \$600, \$700. Visit www.aticc.org/home/summer-production-camp-registration-form.

ENTERTAINMENT



Things That Go Bump in the Night

LTA premieres "The Woman in Black."

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

An illuminated moon just one day shy of reaching its eerie, ghoul-inducing fullness, shone down on the cobbled streets of Alexandria June 2, setting the perfect stage for the premiere of "The Woman in Black," a classic English ghost story now playing as part of a special late-night series at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

Based on the 1983 play by Susan Hill and adapted for the stage by Stephen Mallatratt, the play-within-a-play is a spellbinding account of dark fantasy and frightening reality, where simple tricks of light, shadow, sound and mind are deftly used to spin a twisting tale of horror, darkness and un-remitting grief to the stricken.

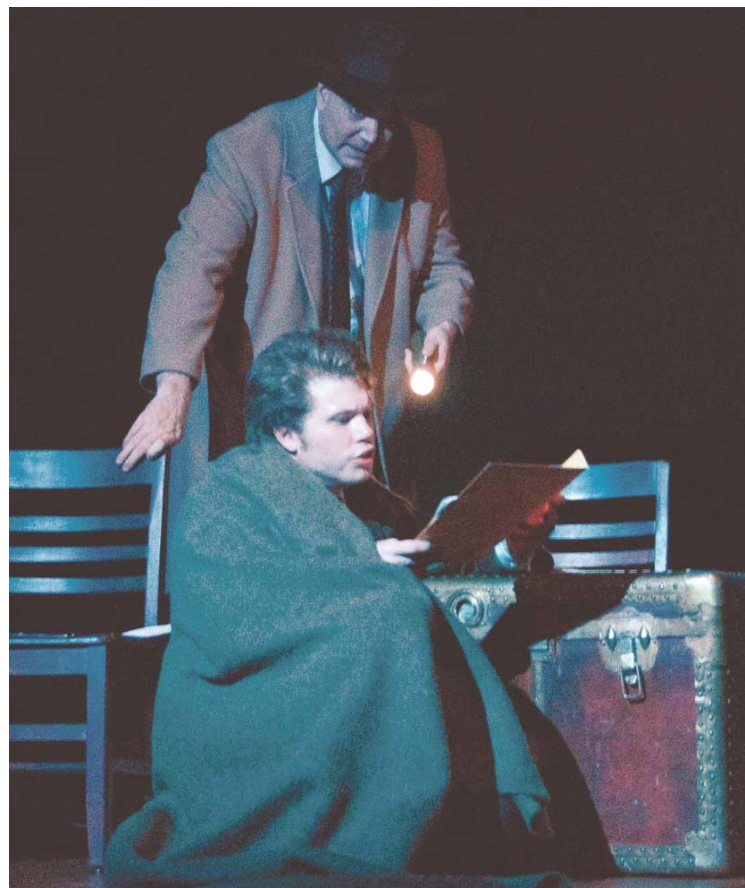
Directed by Kristina Friedgen, "The Woman in Black" uses just two actors to tell the story of Arthur Kipps, a young London lawyer tasked with settling the estate of a reclusive widow in a small town on the coast of England. It is in her desolate and secluded home, completely cut off from the mainland during high tide, that Kipps encoun-

ters the Woman in Black and subsequently endures an increasingly terrifying sequence of unexplained events.

Erik Harrison is Kipps, with Elliott Bales as his counterpart simply referred to as The Actor. Together they are mesmerizing in a tension-filled, riveting performance of a clever script that demands the full skill and mastery of the extremely talented cast and crew.

Using little more than a trunk and a few chairs, Friedgen never underestimates the power of suggestion, creating a psychological fear that relies on the audiences' imagination rather than big effects.

WITH AN UNDERLYING STORY line that could easily be told to young campers around a campfire between marshmallows and s'mores, the effortlessly executed production shows to chilling effect the



Elliott Bales (The Actor) and Erik Harrison, sitting (Arthur Kipps).

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award-winning skills of the lighting design team of Ken and Patti Crowley.

Erin Gallalee makes the shadowy appearance as The Woman in Black in what is now the second longest running play in London theater history. Recently made into a movie starring Harry Potter's Daniel Radcliff, "The Woman in Black" is a special late night LTA production that begins at 10 p.m. on weekends.

Because of her understanding that horror is as much psychological as visual, Friedgen and her team have brilliantly succeeded in crafting a ghost story to shock and enthrall an audience of all ages.

"The Woman in Black" is playing now through June 23 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper.

FRIDAY/JUNE 8

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

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

"Red Carpet Pops" presented by The Alexandria Singers. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at tickets@alexandriasingers.com. Call 703-941-SING (7464) or visit www.AlexandriaSingers.com. First

Baptist Church 2932 King Street Alexandria.

Wee Ones Story-time. 10:30 -11 a.m. Ages 2 and under free. Explore the exciting world around us with some of our favorite stories and songs. Located at Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore at 1555 King St. Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or www.hooray4books.com

Alexandria Citizens Band

Concerts. 7:30 p.m. The Alexandria Citizens Band, the City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization, is celebrating 100 years. Join them in front of City Hall and enjoy the wide variety of music including marches, jazz, classical, patriotic and others. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5592

SATURDAY/JUNE 9

Occasionally Cake is celebrating the opening of their Old Town Alexandria store with a grand-opening celebration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 207 King Street. Visit

www.occasionallycake.com.

"Red Carpet Pops" presented by The Alexandria Singers at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase. The Singers are also featuring local celebrities in the spotlight. Call 703-941-SING (7464) or visit www.AlexandriaSingers.com. First Baptist Church, 2932 King Street, Alexandria.

Guitarist, Larry Snitzler. 8 p.m. Admission \$25. For students with IDs & Seniors \$20, for individuals under 18 with a paying adult \$5. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

Beginners Yoga. noon-2 p.m. \$35 entrance fee. If you think you're not flexible enough to do yoga then this is the workshop for you. Learn the art of yoga and give yourself the gift of health. 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria. Visit www.532Yoga.com or contact suzanne@532Yoga.com or 703-209-0049.

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The Birchmere, Wednesday, June 13

Paul Thorn at 7:30 p.m. With Jamie McLean. Tickets are \$25. Thorn will perform the new release titled What the Hell Is Goin' On? At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Del Ray Music Festival June 23

Celebrate the diversity and talent of the community at the sixth annual Del Ray Music Festival on Saturday, June 23. Scheduled from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields at 2701 Commonwealth Ave., the Del Ray Music Festival is free and will include music, food, games and a chance to welcome the summer with friends and neighbors.

Chaired by Kate Moran, longtime Del Ray resident and lead singer in her own band, the festival is organized with the support of a group of Del Ray citizens. The festival will feature a variety of music including jazz, blues, folk, country, Latin, reggae and rock. The majority of the musicians who will take the stage are residents of the neighborhood.

This year's festival, headlined by The Pat McGee Band, also features local favorites like Wes Tucker and the Skillets, Natalie York, Chatham Street and Derek Evry and his band of Misanthropes.

The festival continues to collaborate with the National Capital Area Affiliate of Guitars Not Guns, who will raffle off a signed guitar and host their "GnG

Music Experience." Professional guitarists will demonstrate techniques, provide playing tips and answer questions. The group will also offer introductory lessons. In addition, Del Ray Music Week, leading up to the festival from June 18-22, will host more than 30 local musicians and bands as they perform along "The Avenue" at local Del Ray businesses from 5 to 10 p.m. each night.

In addition to the music, the day will feature games for children, including a moon bounce, crafts activities and carnival games, such as "Pin the wand on the Dairy Godmother." Neighborhood favorites Del Ray Pizzeria, Taqueria Poblano, Evening Star and the award-winning Pork Barrel BBQ will provide food. The festival is made possible by the support of sponsors, most notably Jennifer Walker, Jack Taylor, Bobi Bomar and the Del Ray Business Association. For information on sponsorship opportunities, e-mail info@delraymusicfestival.com or if interested in volunteering, visit www.delraymusicfestival.com.

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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. Email Archaeology@alexandriava.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 or visit www.tauxemont.org

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

Wine Tasting Event. While sipping a variety of wines and tasting an array of cheeses and charcuterie, you can walk around the boat-building workshop sponsored by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Tickets are \$55. Sponsored by Grape + Bean of Alexandria. Tickets are available online at 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.

Kinky Friedman. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

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 visit

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

Lunch Bunch Concert. Noon-1 p.m. Musical performance by Cathy Ponton King featuring blues, series held in partnership with Tishman Speyer. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Call 703-746-5592

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

Paul Thorn. 7:30 p.m. With Jamie McLean. Tickets are \$25. Will perform the new release, titled What the Hell Is Goin' On? At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

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

Kinobe & the African Sensation (Traditional African). 7:30 p.m. at Lee District Park. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.kinobe.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 14

Tony Denikos. 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. Part of Second Thursday Concerts at the Athenaeum. 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit nvfaa.org.

'Yappy Hour.' At Fosters Grille (2400 Eisenhower Avenue), 5:30-9:30 p.m., sponsored by Tyler Business Services, Inc. Admission is free, as are the fries, onion rings, and dog treats. Cash bar with happy hour prices. All donations benefit the AWLA.

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 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.

Memphis 59 - Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park at 7:30 p.m. For information and directions, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.myspace.com/memphis59band1. Memphis 59's sound, influenced by artists like Tom Petty, Paul Westerberg and The Old 97's, is described as a combination of rock, alt-country and pop.

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

Sir Alan and the Calypso Ponzi Schemers at Mt. Vernon Nights at Workhouse Arts Center (Lorton) at 7 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.myspace.com/ponzischemersband. Sir Alan and the Calypso Ponzi Schemers plays classics from calypso's two great hubs the Caribbean and New York City.

JUNE 15 AND 16

Vince Gill. 7:30 p.m. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit 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.

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra: Summer Concert Series I. 7:30 p.m. Free. The Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.marineband.usmc.mil

Java Jolt: Civil War Northern Virginia

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ENTERTAINMENT

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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.

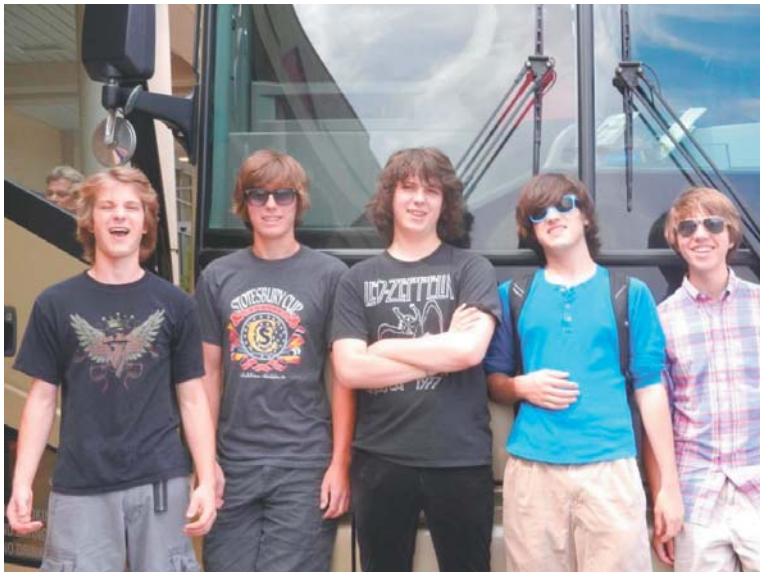
Gum Springs Community Day. 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Featuring music, food, demonstrations, children's activities and other informational activities

Alexandria. For reservations or information, contact Elisa Kosarin, Associate Director – Recruitment and Training, at 703-273-3526, ext. 22, ekosarin@casafairfax.org, or visit www.fairfaxcasa.org.

CALENDAR

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.

Fuse Box. The Alexandria-based band



The Alexandria-based band Fuse Box will be performing at Lucy's ARL on Saturday, June 16 at 8 p.m., 2620 South Shirlington Road, Arlington.

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.

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 visit 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,

Fuse Box will be performing at Lucy's ARL, 2620 South Shirlington Road, Arlington at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY/JUNE 17

Concert with a Cause: The Children's Choir of Michiana. 4 p.m. Free-will offering. Benefit Concert for the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (www.alexandriatutors.org). Located at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.OPMH.org or call 703-549-6670.

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Student violinists of the Ramsay Tango Club, from left: Mariेशha Kamara, Mysha Kader, Mercy Anane, Victoria Atsutse, and Donia Mohamed.

QuinTango Fever Strikes

Young string students all over Alexandria are busy preparing for their concert with tango ensemble QuinTango and Argentine bandoneonist Emmanuel Trifilio.

The June 8 concert combines a variety of tango favorites and Astor Piazzolla classics performed by QuinTango (two violins, one cello, one bass, and a piano) and Emmanuel Trifilio, Argentine bandoneonist. The concert will end with two Argentine tangos, A Media Luz, and Carlos Gardel's Por una Cabeza (made famous by Al Pacino in Scent of a Woman) performed by the All City StringTango orchestra (students ages 6-12). An exhibition of social-style tango dancing will also be featured.

The ACPS student performers reflect the rich immigrant mix which created the tango. The students selected for this performance come from families with roots in Spain, Ethiopia, Mexico, Togo, Egypt, Ghana, England, Germany, Bangladesh, El Salvador, China, Sierra Leone, and many other countries — and they attend Ramsay, MacArthur, George Mason, and Mount Vernon Elementary Schools and Hammond Middle School. The students have worked this year with QuinTango's director



QuinTango

Joan Singer and ACPS string teachers Bonnie Cohen and Leslie Nero.

Where & When

QuinTango will appear Friday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at Minnie Howard Auditorium, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria 22302. This performance is free. There is ample free parking in both east and west parking lots of Minnie Howard. The hour-long concert is appropriate for all ages. The public is invited to meet the performers at a reception following the concert. Call 703-548-6811.

StringTango is part of QuinTango's community engagement program. It is supported by the ACPS Arts Center, the Alexandria Arts Commission, and is part of Virginia's Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Children and the Arts. Visit www.artsva.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Vince Gill will perform at The Birchmere June 15 and 16, 7:30 p.m.

Alexandria, or by calling 703-549-2997. Visit www.nvrpa.org.
Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. Constance Potter will give the presentation, World War I Graves Registration and Gold Star Mothers. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 20

Del Ray Music Week. 5-9 p.m. Nightly performances from a variety of groups leading up to the Del Ray Music Festival. Location: Mt. Vernon Avenue/Kate Moran, info@DelRayMusicFestival.com or call 703-346-1468

THURSDAY/JUNE 21

Jane Franklin Dance presents Happy Endings at 7 p.m., Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Free.

Del Ray Music Week. 5-9 p.m. Nightly performances from a variety of groups leading up to the Del Ray Music Festival. Mt. Vernon Avenue. Contact Kate Moran, info@DelRayMusicFestival.com or call 703-346-1468

Music At Twilight Concert-John Carlyle Square Park. 7:30-8:30 p.m. New Location. Musical performance by the Alexandria Singers, featuring pop choral. John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418.

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JUNE 18-29

Tribute to the Queens, a photography exhibit by Louise Noakes at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit www.louisenoakes.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 19

UCM Fundraiser. 5:30 to 10 p.m. When you eat at Teatism, 15 percent of the sale from your meal will be donated to United Community Ministries (UCM). At Teatism 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.

CALENDAR



Wayne Taylor directing the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra in concert at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield.

Family, Friends Make Music at St. Mark's

With musicians, the music goes on long after retirement. ACPS music teachers Wayne and Ginny Taylor, who retired in 2002 after 33 and 25 years (respectively) in Alexandria schools, were having dinner one night with their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Holly Taylor, both orchestra teachers in Fairfax County Public Schools. Dinnertime conversation got around to music and music-making, as usual. Wayne and Ginny admitted to wishing they were still actively making music in some way. Mark and Holly had plenty of contact with musical colleagues and so the idea of the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra was born in 2005.

With Wayne as the director and Ginny as the manager, FFCO is now a well-established ensemble of professional musicians who gather to rehearse and perform three free concerts per year for the northern Virginia community.

They play classical string orchestra and full orchestra pieces, often accompanying soloists from within their own ranks, and also soloists from the National Symphony Orchestra, the U.S. Army Band, the U.S. Marine Band, and the Washington Performing Arts Society.

One of their favorite soloists is current John Adams Elementary School music teacher and pianist, Wes McCune. McCune was instrumental in gathering singers together to form the Friends & Family Chamber Choir, which now sings

one or two concerts per year with the orchestra.

Karen W. Randall, who taught vocal music in ACPS for 30 years, retiring in 2006, now assists in preparing the choir for performance, and will be a guest conductor in the next concert.

Other ACPS connections: in the violin section is Julia Moline, and in the choir is Melanie Modlin, both T.C. Williams graduates. The oboe soloist in the next concert will be Karen Randall's son, Brian James, who attended Polk Elementary School in fourth and fifth grades, playing in the band directed by ACPS retiree, Barbara Shearer. Brian is now a professional oboist in Canada.

Just as the names imply, the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra and Choir include many people who are related to one another. In the next concert the groups will include: eight sets of spouses/partners, six sets of parents/children, two sets of siblings, and 12 sets of teachers/students. The focus in the groups is not only on making beautiful music together, but also on having a good time doing it and presenting joyful concerts.

The next concert of the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra & Choir will be Sunday, June 10, 2012, 4:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road in Springfield. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

For more information email justginnyt@aol.com.

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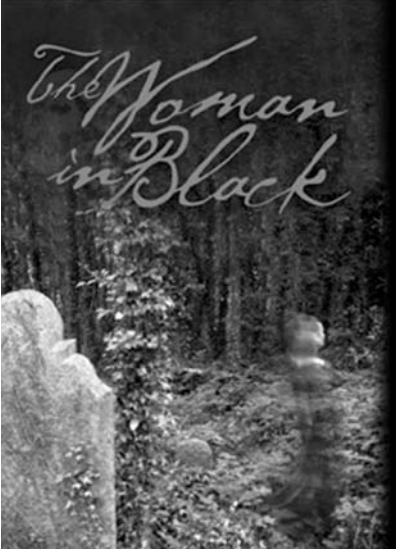
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OBITUARIES



Barbara Newell Cornwell

Barbara Newell Cornwell

Barbara Newell Cornwell, affectionately nicknamed "Susan" or "Sue", died peacefully on May 28, 2012 at the age of 92. Sue was the daughter of Wendel R. and Mariquita K. McKenzie, born in Kernville, CA on November 11, 1919. Sue grew up in California and moved to Nevada. She attended Reno High School and graduated in 1937. She married Charles E. ("Ed") Cornwell in 1945 and is survived by their two children, Christopher W. Cornwell of Moneta (Smith Mountain Lake), VA and Wendi Cornwell Bucher of Austin, TX.

Sue was one of the first flight attendants for United Airlines in 1942. There she met "Ed" Cornwell, who at that time was in military flight training as a pilot for United Airlines, and who soon, thereafter, became a career Marine aviator. They married in La Jolla, CA and were transferred to Hawaii where their son Christopher was born late 1946. Ed's military tours took them from Hawaii to El Toro, California, where daughter Wendi was born in 1949. Military tours continued to Camp Lejeune, NC; Tustin, California; and Alexandria, VA (1956), where Lt. Col. Charles E. Cornwell retired in 1962 from the military. Sue was a loving wife and the quintessential mother, raising their two children while working full-time for United Airlines reservations for most of her adult life. Sue spoke often of her close friends from her dedicated 25 years with United Airlines. Ed and Sue enjoyed outdoor activities with the family, such as water and snow skiing, sailing & camping. Sue inspired Ed and patiently supported his engineering genius that culminated in over 20 patents being granted to Ed after he retired from the military. They were an amazing team.

Sue and Ed Cornwell remained in Alexandria, VA until they moved to Springfield, VA at a retirement facility named "Green Spring Village". A few years after Ed's death (Dec. 2003), Sue moved to Austin,

TX (May 2006). In Austin, she was cared for by her daughter's family and was able to enjoy the various 'life events' of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sue was the loving grandmother of Kimberly Barrett Foxhoven, Matthew Boone Bucher, Nicole Cornwell Ashby and the loving great-grandmother of Christopher Ashby, Jacob Andrew Foxhoven, Kyla Barrett Foxhoven and Slate Matthew Foxhoven. She was deeply loved by her son-in-law O. Boone Bucher, her daughter-in-law Carol P. Cornwell and her grandson's wife, Currie Bucher. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Sue's caregivers, Endra P. Moore and Donna Felty, who so lovingly and faithfully cared for Sue over the past year. Sue's immediate family remained at her bedside until the very end.

In early June, the Cornwell family is holding a small and private memorial celebration to commemorate Sue's life. Barbara Cornwell's interment will be with husband Charles E. Cornwell, at Arlington National Cemetery, at a date to be determined later. Feel free to donate to your favorite charity in her memory. For more information, call 512-327-7488.

Erma Lee Ledbetter Hill

Erma Lee Ledbetter Hill, 85, of Kingsport died on Monday, June 4, 2012 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center.



Mrs. Hill was born on Dec. 13, 1926 in Saltville, Va. to the late Winfred Scott and Virginia Collins Ledbetter. She married and moved to Alexandria Virginia where she and her husband, the late John F. Hill had two children, John C. Hill and Lynda Hill Ratliff. She worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and retired in 1990. Mrs. Hill moved to Kingsport in 1990 to be near her daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Chad Ratliff. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Kingsport and will be missed.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister. Survivors include her daughter, Lynda Ratliff of the home; three grandchildren, Page Collins Laney, Ronald (Bo) Collins and Gabriel Thomas Ratliff; five great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. Mrs. Hill chose to be cremated and it was her wishes not to have any services.

One may send online condolences to the family by visiting www.cartertrent.com. Carter-Trent Funeral home, downtown Kingsport is serving the Hill family.

Former Alexandria Resident Pleads Guilty

Donald R. Megginson, a former resident of Alexandria, pleaded guilty to corruptly endeavoring to obstruct and impede the due administration of the Internal Revenue laws, the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced. Sentencing is scheduled for Aug. 22.

Megginson, along with his longtime friend Robert Turner and at least one other person, participated in a scheme to file false corporate income tax returns for 2001, 2002 and 2003 for D & B Tours, their tour bus company, with the IRS in order to get money from the government to which

they were not entitled.

According to the court documents, Megginson also admitted that he failed to timely file tax returns in 1999 through 2006, despite receiving various notices from the IRS. When Megginson faces up to three years in prison, one year of supervised release, restitution and a fine of up to \$250,000. Robert Turner previously pleaded guilty to corruptly endeavoring to obstruct and impede the due administration of the Internal Revenue laws and was sentenced on Aug. 12, 2011 to five years' probation and \$18,200 in restitution to the IRS.

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SENIOR SERVICES



Senior Services of Alexandria teamed up with Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Restaurant Depot and Tasteful Affairs to make Alexandria's first Sunday Meals on Wheels deliveries on Sunday, July 3. Above are Linda Harkness, Gerry Cooper, Jin Lee, Delores Viehman, Carolyn Wilder and Rob Moore.

Seniors Receive Sunday Dinner

Meal on Wheels aims for regular Sunday delivery by October.

end" Bud Hart made a connection with the chairman of Restaurant Depot, who offered to donate all the food for the meals. The final piece of the puzzle fell into place when Linda Harkness of Tasteful Affairs agreed to prepare the special meal for the day.

Of course, the 58 seniors who enjoyed the benefits of this unique partnership don't know about all the behind-the-scenes work needed to pull off their special Sunday Meals on Wheels delivery. They do know that Senior Services of Alexandria has worked tirelessly with other local non-profits, the business community and the Division of Aging and Adult Services to expand the program to six days a week starting July 1, 2012. SSA and the city are now moving forward with plans to provide meals every Sunday beginning in October so seniors in need will have healthy and tasty food without interruption.

Senior Services of Alexandria is proud to coordinate the volunteers needed to deliver Meals on Wheels throughout the city and hopes that many more people will be ready to help out with our weekend programs. The organization continues to work towards its goal of providing meals seven days a week for homebound seniors. For more information about the Meals on Wheels program, please contact SSA's program director, Nancy McCormick, at 703 836 4414 ext 12 or go to our website at www.seniorservicesalex.org

Senior Services of Alexandria is a nonprofit whose mission is "to foster independence and self-sufficiency, enabling seniors within the City of Alexandria to age with dignity."

BY NANCY MCCORMICK

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA'S MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM MANAGER AND MARY LEE ANDERSON, SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA'S RESOURCE CENTER DIRECTOR

Sunday, June 3, was Service Sunday for the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH) and a major milestone for Alexandria's Meals on Wheels program. OPMH volunteers delivered the first-ever Sunday meals to seniors enrolled in the program, the result of a unique community partnership led by Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA).

Just a few months ago, the idea of pulling together volunteers, meals and the necessary funding for Sunday meal delivery was a just a dream in SSA's strategic plan. When OPMH offered to provide the volunteers as part of its annual Service Sunday program, SSA staff jumped at the chance to make it happen and started a chain reaction of connections throughout the community. First, SSA reached out to John Porter, executive director of ACT for Alexandria, to brainstorm about ways to fund the program, focusing on the city's generous restaurant community. Alexandria "Living Leg-

Two Alarm Fire Closes Eisenhower Avenue

At 3:56 a.m. on May 29, the Alexandria Fire Department, assisted by Fairfax County and Arlington County Fire Departments, responded to 4900 Eisenhower Avenue for a fire in a storage unit.

Arriving firefighters reported fire and smoke showing from several storage units of the Atlantic Self Storage com-

plex. The fire was reported out at 5:59 a.m.

Approximately 80 units in the complex or about 20 percent of the storage units on the site were involved or damaged due to heat and/or fire. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Preliminary damage estimates are listed at \$140,000.

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Members of the T.C. Williams girls' varsity 8 stand arm-in-arm on the medal dock after winning the bronze medal in the finals of the 67th Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario on June 3. Members of the girls' varsity 8 include (from left): Jackie Tilley, Gabriella Salcedo, Caroline Olsson, Kate Banchoff, Rosa Procaccino, Nadia Magallon, Kate Arnold, Katie Pickup, and Alexandria Lemke.



Senior rowers Cody Brooks and Mitchell Youmans lead the T.C. Williams boys' lightweight 8 as they carry their racing shell toward the dock before their semifinal heat at the 67th Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario on June 2. The lightweight 8 won their heat to advance to the finals on Sunday.

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TC Girls' Varsity 8 Wins Bronze at Canadian Nationals

Racing on choppy waters and under stormy skies, the T.C. Williams girls' varsity 8 stormed past the competition to capture the bronze medal at the 67th Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Regatta.

The contest was held this past weekend on the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Course on Martindale Pond in St. Catharines, Ontario. Featuring nearly 140 schools from Canada and the United States, the race is the Canadian national championship for high school rowers. Against this elite field, the T.C. Williams girls' varsity 8 proved their mettle.

On Saturday — racing in windy conditions that made usually-placid Martindale Pond look like the Potomac River in March — the Titan rowers won their semifinal heat by nearly six seconds to advance to the finals on Sunday afternoon. Sunday's weather was less windy but no less stormy.

After a delay brought on by a torrential downpour that was marked by thunder, lightning and hail, the T.C. girls' varsity 8 stormed down the Royal Henley race course to capture the bronze medal with a time of 7:16.90, behind winner Saratoga Springs and runner-up Governor Simcoe Secondary School.

Members of the girls' varsity 8 include coxswain Rosa Procaccino and rowers Kate Banchoff, Jackie Tilley, Gabriella Salcedo, Caroline Olsson, Katie Pickup, Alexandria Lemke, Nadia Magallon, and Kate Arnold, who was rowing in place of injured Alysson Embloom. The girls' varsity 8 was guided by T.C. Williams girls' head coach Mercedes Kiss, who could not travel to Canada with the boat due to a significant family obligation. Two assistant coaches who worked with the girls' and boys' novices this season, Maureen Tuchowski and Katie Bond, were able to help oversee the crew while Coach Kiss was away.

The girls' varsity 8 was not the only Titan boat to make it to the finals on Sunday. The T.C. boys' lightweight 8, who won the Virginia state championship less than a month ago, and the boys' lightweight 4, who were racing together for the first time this season, also made it to the elite finals. The lightweight 8 earned their trip by winning their semifinal heat on Saturday, while the lightweight 4 earned the right to compete in the final by finishing 3rd in their heat. Other solid performances by Titan rowers at the Canadian Nationals included the T.C. Williams boys' varsity four, who made it out

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SPORTS BRIEFS

TC Track and Field Athletes Medal at States

T.C. Williams track and field athletes Ayzha Ward, Sydney Schaedel, Jonathan Anderson and Jose Urrutia earned medals at the VHSL state championship meet on June 1-2 in Richmond.

Ward placed second in the girls' shot put with a personal-best throw of 42 feet, 2 3/4 inches. Ward, who was named Athlete of the Year in girls' track by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club, won indoor and outdoor Patriot District titles in the event.

Schaedel finished third in the pole vault with an 11-foot clearance. She set the school record with a mark of 11 feet, 3 inches at the district meet and repeated the mark at the region meet.

Anderson followed indoor and outdoor district championships in the boys' shot put by placing fifth at the state meet. Urrutia finished fifth in the discus.

By placing in the top six, each Titan



T.C. Williams' Ayzha Ward, seen earlier this season, placed second at states in the girls' shot put.

KATIE SMYTHE

earned all-state honors.

Alexandria Aces' Home Opener Approaching

The Alexandria Aces, a member of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, will host the Herndon Braves at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 8 for their home opener. The Aces will have two local players on this year's roster: T.C. Williams graduates Matt Kilby (Navy) and Adam Forrer (Richmond).

The Aces play their home games at Frank Mann Field, also home to the Bishop Ireton baseball team.

Former Alexandria Ace Drafted No. 5 Overall

Former Alexandria Aces pitcher Kyle Zimmer was selected by the Kansas City Royals with the fifth pick in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft on June 4. It is the highest a Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League alum has been drafted, according to the CRCBL.

Zimmer, a junior right-hander for the University of San Francisco, pitched for the

Aces in 2010, going 2-2 with a 1.57 ERA. He pitched in 10 games, including seven starts, and earned one save. He surrendered 46 hits, walked 11 and struck out 32 in 46 innings.

TC Grad Forrer Earns A-10 All-Conference

Adam Forrer, a sophomore second baseman on the University of Richmond baseball team and a 2010 T.C. Williams graduate, earned second-team All-Atlantic 10 honors for his performance during the 2012 season.

Forrer batted .285 with four home runs, four triples, five doubles and 21 RBIs in 49 games. In the field, he went errorless in 86 chances during conference play.

Youth Volunteer Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is seeking volunteers to coach youth baseball, soft

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The T.C. Williams girls' varsity 8 races past the grandstands toward the finish line in their semifinal heat at the 67th Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario on June 2. The varsity 8 won their heat to advance to the finals on Sunday.

Competing on Martindale Pond

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of the qualifying heat to advance to the semifinals, and the girls' freshman 8, who also advanced to the semifinals

and narrowly missed a trip to the finals even though they were racing as a junior boat against more experienced competition.

The Canadian National Regatta was the last race of the year for the T.C. Williams crew team and brings to an end a very successful rowing season.

In total, the Titans brought home four medals this spring. In addition to the bronze medal won by the girls' varsity 8 in Canada this past weekend and the gold medal won by the boys' lightweight 8 at the Virginia Rowing Championship last month, the girls' freshman 8 also won two medals, capturing the sil-

ver medal as the second-fastest freshman boat in Virginia and winning the bronze medal at the U.S. Rowing National Championship last week.

The T.C. Williams crew team is guided by girls' head coach Kiss and boys' head coach Pete Stramese. In addition to Tuchowski and Bond, assistant coaches include Peter Harding, Jaime Rubini, Pat Marquardt, Matt Holland, Adam Soller, Cathy Hott, Matt Given, Stephanie Patton, and Heather and Meaghan Casey.

The spring 2012 rowing season will officially conclude this Saturday, June 9, with the annual T.C. crew awards ceremony. Events will begin at 4 p.m. at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town.

For more information on T.C. Crew, visit www.tcwcrew.org or

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Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football Registration

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 pounds, 85 pounds, 95 pounds, 110 pounds, 125 pounds and 150 pounds. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16.

Registration fee is \$30. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles identification card upon registration. The Sportsmanship and Equipment Days will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 (Anklebiters and 75), Saturday, July 28 (85 and 95) and Saturday, Aug. 4 (110, 125 and 150). The Alexandria Titans Football Camps (free for Titan players only) will be held June 18-21 and July 30-Aug. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at George Washington Middle School.

The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Booster Club is looking for sponsorships for the 2012 sea-

son. For more information or to register online, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Youth Basketball Fundamental School

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Fundamentals School for boys and girls ages 5-12. The school will run on Saturdays from July 7 through July 28 at Francis Hammond Middle School located at 4646 Seminary Road. Participants will learn the fundamentals of ball handling, shooting, passing, dribbling and rebounding. Registration fee is \$50 per child. Registration deadline is June 30 or as soon as sessions are filled. For more information or to register online, call 703-746-5402 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

National Junior Tennis League

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is accepting registrations for the National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) for boys and girls ages 8-16. The program will run Monday-Friday, June 25-July 25 at the tennis courts at George Washington Middle School, Patrick Henry Recreation Center and George Mason Elementary School. Participants will learn the fundamentals of tennis in a fun and exciting environment. Registration fee is \$30 per child. Deadline is June 15. Call 703-746-5402 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

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Theogony, T.C. Williams High School's student-managed media organization, announced its leadership for the 2012-2013 academic year. Rising seniors **Emma Beall** (opinions and editorials), **Megan Embrey** (style), **Kieran Hampl** (photography), **Michael McGonagle** (sports), **Sarah Paez** (feature), and **Lora Strum** (news and television) will lead Theogony's staff of about 25 students. Theogony's print edition is available by subscription through tctheogony@gmail.com. The online edition is viewable at tctheogony.com.

Ann Gantner of Alexandria, received a masters degree in public administration from Marist College.

The following local students have

been nominated as National Youth Correspondents for the 2012 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University.

❖ **Emma Beall**, of Alexandria, a student at T.C. Williams High School has been nominated to represent Virginia.

❖ **Lora Strum**, of Alexandria, a student at T.C. Williams High School has been nominated to represent Virginia.

Hellen Tafesse of Alexandria has been named to Fisher College's Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester.

The following Randolph-Macon College students have earned a place on the fall 2011 dean's list.

❖ **Kethelyne Beauvais**, a resident of Alexandria, is a sophomore undecided major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lima Beauvais.

❖ **Eleanor Robinson**, a resident of Alexandria, is a junior undecided major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson.

❖ **Tressa Seetin**, a resident of Alexandria, is a senior history major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Seetin.

❖ **Maryam Yachnes**, a resident of Alexandria, is a junior psychology major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yachnes.

Andrew Courtillet of Alexandria was named to the Fall 2011 Dean's List at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Caroline T. Kelly of Alexandria has been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2011 semester.

Margaret Covert of Alexandria earned Dean's List honors at Saint Joseph's University for the Fall 2011 semester. Covert is majoring in Undeclared Humanities at the University.

Brian Scott Bristow of Alexandria was named to the honors list for the 2011 fall semester at Averett University in Danville, Va.

Laura Hamel of Alexandria has earned placement on Berklee College of Music's Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2011 academic year.

Michael Hull of Alexandria, a junior digital communications major, was recognized at Lebanon Valley College for making an impact on the campus.

Benjamin Malakoff, son of David Malakoff and Amy Young of Alexandria, a senior integrated marketing communications major, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications for the fall 2011 semester.

The following Washington and Lee students have earned dean's list status for the recently ended fall term.

❖ **Joseph Morgan** of Alexandria, a member of the class of 2014 at Washington and Lee University;

❖ **Vanessa Ndege** of Alexandria, a member of the class of 2012 at Washington and Lee University;

Claire Szabo of Alexandria has been named to the 2011 fall semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University.

The following local residents have been named to the Dean's List at

Clemson University for the fall 2011 semester:

❖ **Megan Elizabeth Epperson** of Alexandria, who is majoring in biological sciences.

❖ **Melissa Christine Beaty** of Alexandria, who is majoring in political science.

❖ **Lydia Elena Ciavarella** of Alexandria, who is majoring in elementary education.

❖ **Ellen Marie Walker** of Alexandria, who is majoring in economics.

❖ **Michael Patrick Kane** of Alexandria, who is majoring in history.

❖ **Ryan Andrew Frydenlund** of Alexandria, who is majoring in pre-business.

❖ **Taylor Marie Murrin** of Alexandria, who is majoring in accounting.

❖ **Brittany Lee Ryan** of Alexandria, who is majoring in political science.

❖ **Lindsey Joy Reich** of Alexandria, who is majoring in nursing.

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Theogony's managing directors for the 2012-2013 academic year are (from left) Lora Strum, Emma Beall, Kieran Hampl, Megan Embrey, Sarah Paez, and Michael McGonagle.

SCHOOL NOTES

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The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Middle School literary magazine, **Prattle Tales**, received a rank of "excellent" by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). This year SSSAS was the only middle school in Virginia to receive this ranking. More than 390 middle and high schools entered the 2011 NCTE program to recognize excellence in student literary magazines. This is the third time Prattle Tales has earned an "excellent" rating since the school started participating in the program several years ago.

The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) presented the Healthy School Award to the students of **William Ramsay Elementary School** in Alexandria, on Thursday, Jan. 26.

During the award program, MCM partner Sodexo presented a check for \$1,000 to the school's P.E. department while also providing healthy snacks to every student.

This is the second year William Ramsay is receiving the Healthy School Award for participating in the MCM Healthy Kids Fun Run held on Oct. 29, 2011. The children, ages 5 to 12, ran one-mile during MCM Weekend in Ar-

lington. William Ramsay included 90 students and is one of five schools in Alexandria and Springfield, to garner the most runners for the October event.

The following local students graduated from the University of Kansas on May 13.

❖ **Eyob Alemayehu, of Alexandria.** He will receive a Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Pharmacy.

❖ **Gizachew Emiru, of Alexandria.** He will receive a Juris Doctor.

❖ **Ganesh Nair, of Alexandria.** He will receive a Juris Doctor.



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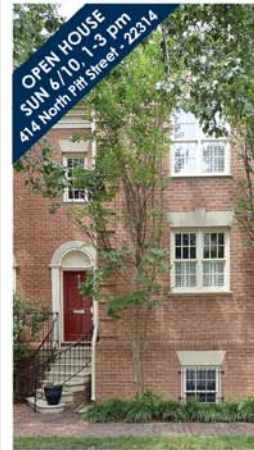
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