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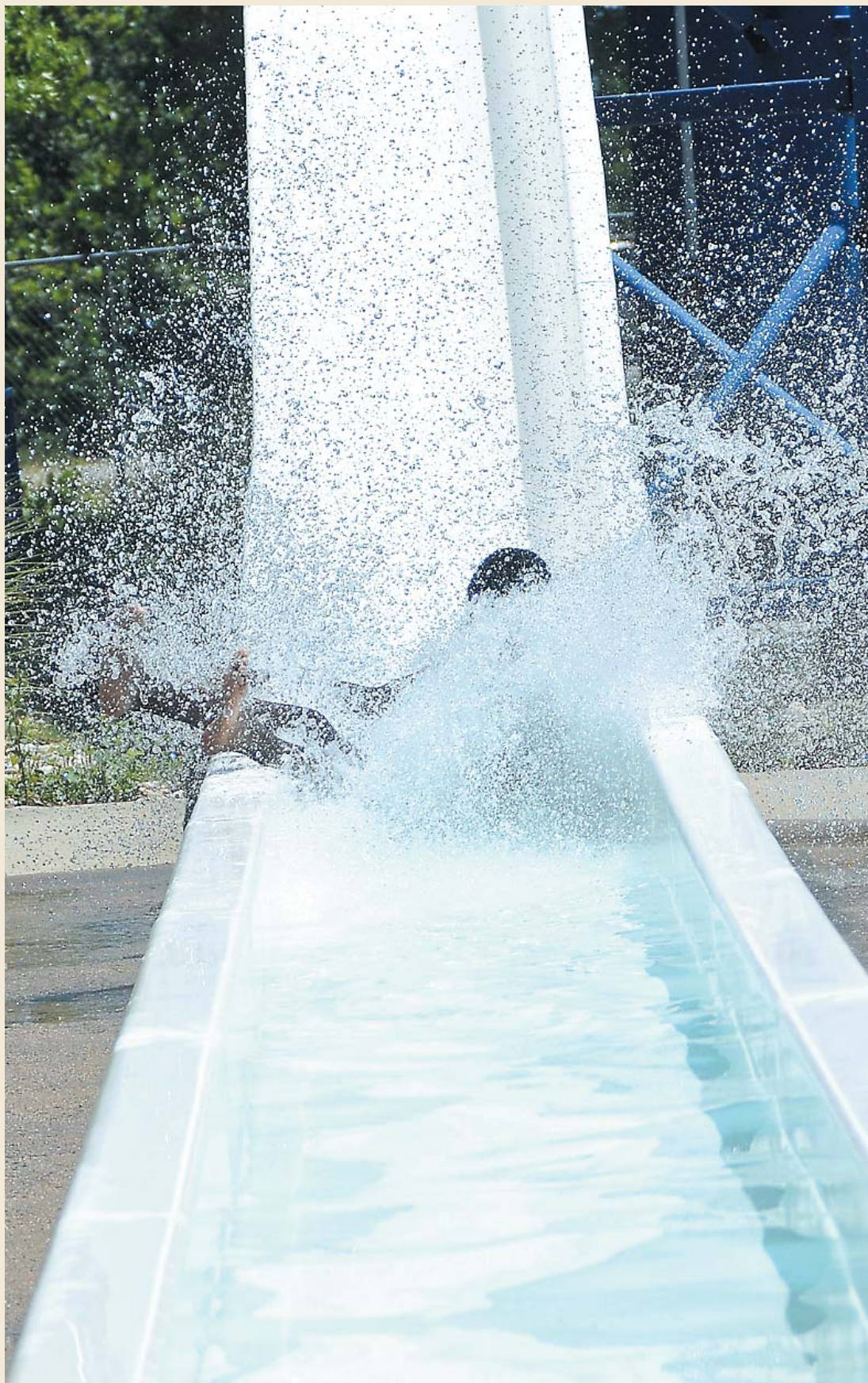


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## SUMMER FUN

Cooling off in one of the waterslides at Cameron Run Park.

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## Englin Resigns

Two candidates emerge in fast-moving Democratic contest.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

For months, the Democrats have been buzzing about the potential resignation of four-term Del. David Englin (D-45), who announced that he would not seek election to a fifth term back in April. During an emotional speech to the Alexandria Democratic Committee, Englin announced that he had been unfaithful in marriage and that he would not

be running for reelection next year to put his family back together.

"I will leave political life in order to put Shayna and Caleb first and focus on rebuilding what is and always was most important to me, my marriage and my family," Englin said in the April speech. "I am deeply sorry for hurting the people that I love the most and for disappointing so many others who put so much faith in me over the years."

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## Price of Democracy

City Council candidates spent a range of \$8.60 to 10 cents per vote.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

In the months leading up to the June 12 Democratic primary, first-time candidate Sean Holihan raised and spent more than any of his competitors — amassing a war chest of almost \$37,000. In an interview this week, Holihan said his fundraising effort was aimed at building voter identification in a race that featured many longtime Alexandria residents. Holihan has only lived in the city for a few years, and he wanted to make sure that he had a direct mail effort and a field organization to get his name and face in front of voters.

family and ask them for money, but we saw it as a necessary evil," said Holihan. "To be honest, I'm trying not to dwell on the loss."

When all the votes were tallied, Holihan fell about 200 votes short of landing a spot on the Democratic ticket for the City Council general election in November, spending \$8.60 for each of his 4,300 votes. Holihan said his campaign was undercut by a last minute direct-mail attack advertisement aimed at Boyd Walker, which was funded by Holihan's partner, Danny Barefoot. Holihan said money from his campaign was not used to finance the attack ad, and he didn't even know about it

"It's not easy to call friends and

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## Constant Campaign

This election year will be like none other in the city's long history, as the City Council election will take place in November for the first time. It will also feature a special election to fill a vacant seat in the House of Representatives in which a City Council member will be on the ballot.

And yet, even with all that campaigning, Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** reminded his colleagues Tuesday night, there is a city to run.

"We need to be here, fully engaged, on time and participating rather than attending fundraisers," said Donley, a former chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "Our political activities have to be secondary."

Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** responded that the intersection of city business and politics might be more subtle than checking a fundraising schedule. After Donley's speech, Hughes recounted her experience trying to organize a special program to recognize the 40-year anniversary of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women.

"I was told in no uncertain terms that no commendations would be signed until after the November election," she said.

## Gang Ringleader Pleads

The ringleader of a violent street gang known as the Underground Gangster Crips pleaded guilty this week to recruiting at least eight juvenile girls to engage in commercial sex as part of a prostitution ring that spanned Northern Virginia, including a hotel on North Washington Street in Old Town.

On the street, 26-year-old **Justin Strom** was known as "Jae" or "J-Dirt." But in the courtroom at the Alexandria federal courthouse, he became known as the leader of an operation that recruited girls on Internet sites such as Facebook, MySpace and Datehookup. The gang also recruited girls on the Metro, at the mall or in school and operated the prostitution ring in some of the most affluent neighborhoods in Northern Virginia.

"Justin Strom robbed these girls of their childhood, their innocence, and their trust," said Attorney General **Ken Cuccinelli** in a written statement. "And he did that in the most base, vile, and despicable way possible."

Court records show that the prostitution ring operated for about six years, with members posting advertisements on sites such as Backpage and Craigslist. Strom is the fifth and final member of the Underground Gangster Crips to strike a plea deal with federal prosecutors. He faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 14.

"They preyed on some of the most vulnerable in our society and today, Justin Strom admitted to these crimes," said special agent in charge **Ronald Hosko**.

## Back to Arizona

This week's Supreme Court decision on immigration sparked a mixed reaction in Northern Virginia this week.

"One of the crackpot theories of the anti-immigration forces is that local and state police officers have what they call 'inherent authority' to enforce federal immigration law," said attorney **Simon Sandoval Moshenberg**. "The Supreme Court said that is absolutely false."

One of the most controversial parts of the case remains undecided however, part of an Arizona law allowing officers to detain individuals if they have a "reasonable suspicion" that the suspect is undocumented. Northern Virginia civil rights advocates said they were "deeply disappointed" that the court sent it back to Arizona rather than striking it down. Several said the Arizona law was patterned on a recent Prince William County measure that gained national significance.

"In many ways, Prince William is a trial balloon, where things were test run," said **John Liss**, director of the Virginia New Majority. "Policies were created in think tanks in Washington, test run in Prince William and then exported to the rest of the country."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## News



**Cub scouts TJ Heck and William Oakeley talk to an operator in Wisconsin during the field day exercises at Armistead Boothe Park.**

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GAZETTE PACKET

## Hams Have Field Day in Alexandria

### Amateur radio proves its value at Boothe Park.

BY MEGAN WENGER  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**ires, antennas, batteries, and a solar panel adorned a section of Armistead Boothe Park this past weekend in an effort to demonstrate what amateur radio is capable of today.

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) — the national association for amateur radio — held its annual 24-hour Field Day event Saturday, June 23 until Sunday, June 24. The first Field Day was held in 1933, and since then has gathered over 35,000 amateur radio operators, or hams, throughout the U.S. and many other nations, to practice emergency communication procedures and educate the public on the capabilities of amateur radio.

Marshall DeBerry, president of the Alexandria Radio Club, explained that the greatest responsibility of ham radio is to support the health and welfare of its community. In circumstances where other means of communication has failed, DeBerry said, "We get the message through no matter what."

The Alexandria Radio Club consists of hams who

have helped facilitate emergency communication during natural disasters, such as Hurricane Isabel in 2003 and Hurricane Irene in 2011, and are always available to the City of Alexandria to assist in an emergency.

In addition to the unexpected, the club also participates in the Marine Corp Marathon each year. Amateur radio operators are stationed along the course and at an aid station for participants in need of medical attention.

Club members, such as Larry Walker, who was licensed as an amateur radio operator last year, emphasized the benefits of ham radio as a means of

communication when all other forms are blocked, and the ease at which it can be completed. "All you need is a transmitter, antenna, and someone on the other end," said Walker.

Many clubs, including the Alexandria Radio Club, participating in the ARRL Field

Day treat the event as a pseudo-contest among their members. "We don't really consider this a competition in terms of winning or losing," said DeBerry. "We use the aspect of obtaining contacts as a way of being able to demonstrate our ability to communicate under varying conditions and seeing how far a distance we can communicate."

Spread throughout a picnic pavilion in Armistead Boothe Park, members of the Alexandria Radio Club,

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**"All you need is a transmitter, antenna, and someone on the other end."**

— Larry Walker, club member



**Newly licensed operator Ed Bradshaw joins the group at Boothe Park**



**Alexandria Radio Club president Marshall DeBerry.**

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## PEOPLE



Food judge Lisa Shapiro samples the crabcake from Walker's Grille.

## Savoring Carlyle Food & Wine Festival

The first Carlyle Food & Wine Festival on Saturday, June 23, featured live entertainment, a children's corner, food and wine tasting, a food demonstration showcase area and a VIP networking reception for sponsors.

Participating restaurants and wineries include: The Chart House, Delia's Mediterranean Grill, San Antonio Bar & Grill, Walker's Grille, Clyde's at Mark Cen-

ter, Rita's Ice Custard, Indigo Landing, Alexandria Cupcake, La Tasca, and Jamieson Grille, Mattaponi Winery, Unicorn Winery, Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery, Lake Anna Winery, Glass House Winery, DelFosse Vineyard and Winery and Cedar Creek Winery. Winners of the food competition were: Appetizer - Delia's Restaurant with its Halloumi Crustini; Main Course - Walker's Grille with its Asian Style Short Ribs, and Dessert - Jamieson Grille with its Green Tea Cheesecake.



Indigo Landing executive chef Erik Gutierrez serves up another sample of heirloom tomato gazpacho with a drizzle of cilantro.



Walker's Grille executive chef Henri Outlaw.

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Clyde's at Mark Center executive chef Jay Allen and Sheryl May serve up crabcakes and corn and tomato salad.



# Looking for a Hug? Look No Further

Hugging Saint to embrace 5,000 individuals in Alexandria.

BY ERIK HEANEY  
GAZETTE PACKET

Some people are huggers, some are not. Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, also known as Amma, is definitely the former. With over 30 million hugs and counting, she is known as the “hugging saint.”

“She is a saint,” said Ken Steben of the Potomac Amma Center. “She is like love embodied.”

Before she became an international figure of compassion, Amritanandamayi was a girl from an isolated fishing village in Kerala, southern India. But at an early age, she showed an uncommon interest in showing compassion to others. By age 14, she began to spontaneously embrace others, even men, despite the heavy taboos in her community of a woman touching another man in public.

However, she was able to positively affect members of her community and she soon began to be known as Amma, or mother. Amma continued to teach others the principles of love and compassion and used hugs as an expression of her teachings.

Nonetheless, she is not limited to hug-

ging. Amma has helped facilitate the spread of orphanages, shelters, food pantries, healthcare providers and schools. While the spread of these charitable organizations began in India, they now reach more than 40 countries in the world.

Particularly, Amma has helped the empowerment of women in India. Embracing the World, an umbrella organization that

Others attest to the power of Amma’s presence. Dr. Kanwal Kehr, the head of nephrology at the Children’s Hospital, has been seeing Amma since 1997. Kehr attributes much of Amma’s appeal to her uncommon patience. “She can sit 10 to 15 hours at a stretch,” Kehr said, having spent time with her at a weeklong retreat, “I couldn’t do it. The degree of patience she

**“They told me: ‘this is a woman who imparts an incredible uplifting energy, and she engages her whole life to selfless service in humanity.’ So I was inspired to see her.”**

— John Graff, first visited Amma in 1994

has spawned from Amma’s humanitarian actions, claims to have loaned 3,500 microcredit loans to women’s groups in India and the Andaman Islands.

“You can only feel love by expressing it” is one of Amma’s many proverbs on love. Amma has grown into an international symbol of love and compassion. She has addressed the United Nations General Assembly, the Parliament of World Religions and various interfaith organizations.

has is impressive.”

John Graff, a software engineer, first visited her in 1994 when friends encouraged him to see her. “They told me: ‘this is a woman who imparts an incredible uplifting energy, and she engages her whole life to selfless service in humanity,’” said Graff. “So I was inspired to see her.”

Amma has since inspired Graff to redouble his efforts to show compassion towards others. Specifically, he has volun-



Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, also known as Amma.

teered at the Potomac Amma Center’s food kitchen and has been a regular event organizer for Amma’s D.C. area visits.

All are welcome. No payment is necessary, no questions are asked. “People from all faiths come,” said Steben. “Christian, Jewish, whatever, we get people from all walks of life.”

For those curious about visiting Amma, Steben, Graff and Kehr are encouraging. “Go with an open mind,” said Graff, “and you will be very pleasantly surprised.”

Amma will be in the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, July 6-7. Programs begin 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Admission is free of charge and tokens are given out an hour in advance. A token is needed to receive a hug.

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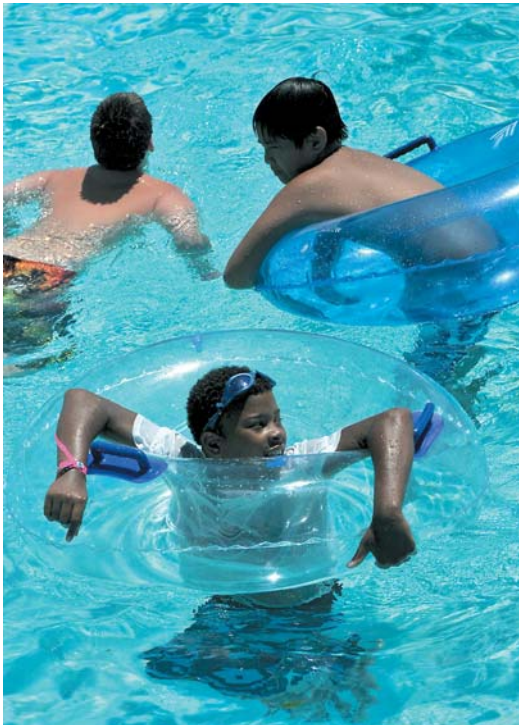


The Wavepool at Cameron Run Park.



A welcome to the Great Waves Waterpark.

# Summer Fun at Cameron Run



Cisco Delgado floats along with friends in the wavepool.



Cameron Run Regional Park offers a variety of water features for all ages.



Height signs are posted for the various pools and slides.

The line for the waterslide snakes up the stairwell at the park.

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## SUMMER FUN

# Flamenco In Old Town

Restaurants feature dances, music.

By Edison Russ  
Gazette Packet

For fun with a different kind of flavor, look no further than King Street for live flamenco dances and music.

At 607 King Street, La Tasca is a Spanish restaurant and tapas bar with flamenco dance and guitar performances throughout the restaurant Thursdays at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

La Tasca also has flamenco guitar performances Fridays at 10 p.m. and Latin rock band performances Saturdays at 9 p.m. Managing Partner Shana McKillop said the performances draw crowds of



A Latin rock band performs at La Tasca.

people from their 30s to their 60s, and that the "bar area becomes a really big attraction."

McKillop also said that sometimes the restaurant opens its windows "to offer a more authentic atmosphere, like they do in Spain, for open-air dining."

La Tasca's various tapas are roughly \$7 to \$12, and it also offers paella dishes for two to three people for \$38, and tasting menus for two or more for \$50 to \$65.

Las Tapas is at 710 King Street and has a stage for flamenco performances Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 and 9 p.m.

It also has two separate bands play Spanish guitar music in the style of the Gipsy Kings Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. General Manager Dawn Braga said the restaurant draws an "eclectic crowd," with people from various parts of Europe and from Russia, and that the age range is



Yolit Yospe, guitarist Richard Marlow and Edwin Aparicio perform at Las Tapas.

from 25-65.

The performances at Las Tapas are done in 45-minute sets.

Entrees at Las Tapas range from \$18.95 to \$24.95 while tapas are about \$5 to \$8

Both restaurants hire dancers from dcflamenco, such as Sara Jerez, who was a dancer for the Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center from 1998 to 2008, and has been performing weekly shows at Las Tapas since 1999 and at La Tasca since 2004.

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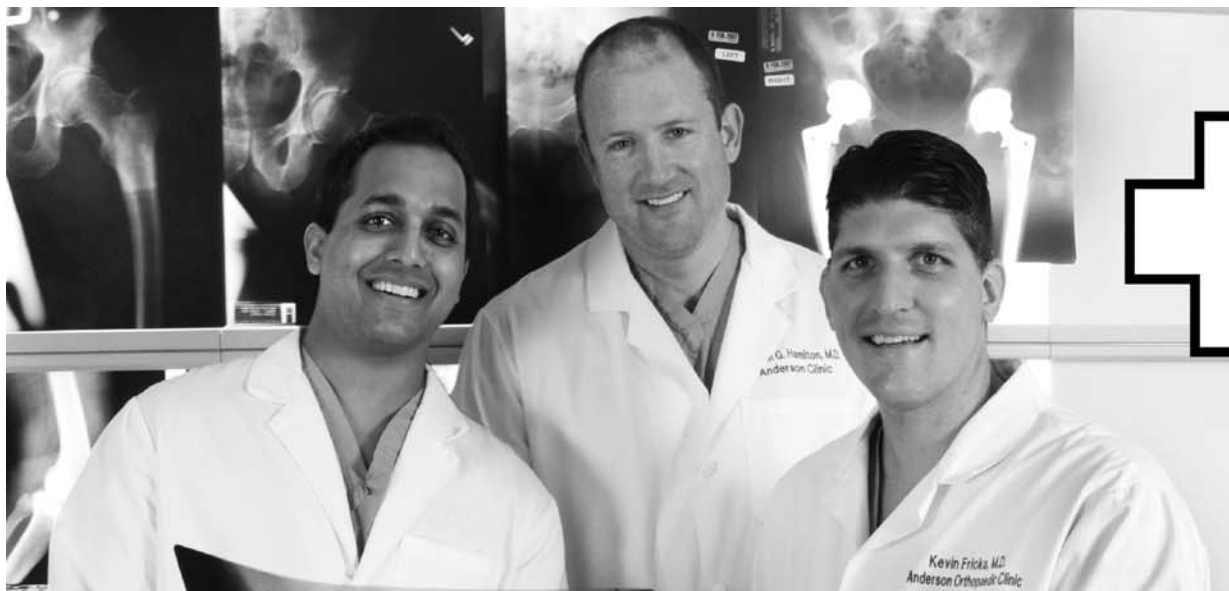
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## BUSINESS MATTERS

### Hot and Cold

How about this heat? Like death and taxes, this weekend's heat wave is an inevitable fact of life. But it's also an opportunity to make money.

That's a time-honored lesson from legendary Alexandria businessman **John Wise**. Back in 1793, the Alexandria Common Council granted Wise permission to build an icehouse underneath the corner of Royal Street and Cameron Street. It must have been a massive capital expense at the time, although it probably made the building now known as Gadsby's Tavern the most popular place in town on a hot summer day.

Now, that ice well is once again the center of attraction in Old Town. And just in time for triple-digit weather.

"We planned that," deadpanned **Lance Mallamo**, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. "We'll bring the ice."

Fortunately, acquiring ice these days is placing an order and waiting for it to show up. In Wise's day harvesting ice involved cutting large chunks of frozen water from the Potomac River in the dead of winter and hauling it up Cameron Street to store in the ice well, where it was placed under hay. The tavern's ice well was linked directly to the tavern basement by a vaulted tunnel as well as a small hatch at street level.

"Just in time for the 100-degree weather," noted Councilwoman **Del Pepper**.

The groundbreaking on the long-awaited ice well restoration will take place on Sunday at 4 p.m.

### Master of the Estate

**George Washington** is often known as the Father of Our Country. But longtime Mount Vernon Estate president **Jim Rees** may become known as the Father of How We Think About George Washington.

Since he became president of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association in 1994, Rees has worked to transform how Washington is understood by academics and schoolchildren alike. During his tenure at the historic estate, Rees restored the gristmill, reconstructed the distillery, created a four-acre farm exhibition area and opened a massive new education center where visitors can meet lifelike statues of Washington at three different ages. Now that he has retired, Washington's adopted hometown is honoring Rees for his decades of service.

"We felt that he had so much to do with the promotion of George Washington that we should honor him and recognize the achievements he has made at Mount Vernon," said **Joe Shumard** of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. "That's why we are endorsing this proclamation."

Tuesday night, the Alexandria City Council adopted a proclamation honoring the three decades of work Rees put into making the Mount Vernon Estate what it is today. From a business perspective, Rees raised more than a quarter billion dollars for projects, and he increased Mount Vernon's endowment from \$4 million to \$125 million.

"He preserved a national treasure," said **Bernie Schultz**, chairman of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.

### Dismal Science

The most recent financial report shows a 4.5 percent unemployment rate in the city. That's compared to 5.6 percent in Virginia and 8.1 percent in the United States.

And new residential construction permits in Alexandria have increased 179 percent compared to last year, spiking from 62 last year to 173 this year. Unfortunately, residential investment as a percent of gross domestic product is still near record lows at 2.4 percent.

"In previous post-war recessions, residential investment bounced back quickly, typically within one quarter," wrote City Manager **Rashad Young** in the most recent monthly financial report. "But this time due to the excess supply of existing vacant housing units, residential investment has dragged for 11 quarters."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## BUSINESS

### Realtors Launch 'Ask Me!' Campaign

#### Association points towards positive trends in region's real estate market.

BY ERIK HEANEY  
GAZETTE PACKET

**R**ealtors say there is room for hope for northern Virginia real estate. Due to an increase in demand, the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors launched its "Ask Me!" campaign to help educate both consumers and agents about the positive trends in the region's real estate market.

"I honestly don't think I'm exaggerating over the past 26 years I've been a Realtor that the opportunity has not been greater," said executive vice president and CIO of McEneaney Realtors David Howell. A self-described "data geek," Howell along with other Realtors insist that the data reveals a relatively strong market in northern Virginia.

Demand for real estate is so high that Realtors report a shortage of inventory. They have noticed that home sales in northern Virginia have increased from 1,677 to 2,041 over the past year, or an over 21 percent increase and a median sales price have increased by 7 percent. Additionally, homes remain on the market for shorter periods of time: the average home sits 40 days on the market, a 24 percent decrease from 2011.

However, consumers are slow to respond to the recent market trends. A major factor that causes the discrepancy between the state of the market and consumer perceptions is the continually negative national outlook. The national unemployment rate was 8.2 percent in May and there's been a nearly 40 percent drop in median net household wealth between 2007 and 2010.

But members of NVAR reminded their audience that consumers should pay more attention to local data rather than national data. "Real estate is local. Real estate is hyper local," said Suzanne Granoski, a Keller Williams Realtor, "and I think that's something that most people have a hard time understanding."



David Howell



Suzanne Granoski

Northern Virginia's strong economy, the rise in population, and the historically low interest rates make home ownership attractive.

Within northern Virginia, Alexandria and Arlington are particularly strong. An average Alexandria home sat for 41 days on the market this May, which was a 37 percent decrease from May of 2011. Similarly, an average Arlington home sat for 31 days on the market this May, a 16 percent decrease from last year.

Granoski attributes the two jurisdictions' relative success to their proximity to downtown Washington. "I think people are beginning to value commute times more," said Granoski.

Not only that, but there are some abnormal demographic trends that are occurring throughout northern Virginia. The first is the rise of cash transactions. This is a result of the increasing number baby boomer parents that are lending to their children so that they can put a first down payment. Realtors have noticed that younger people are owning homes sooner than before.

The second demographic trend is the increase of retirees who are choosing to remain in the area. Many of these retirees are downsizing from their house in the outer suburbs and are moving into condos closer to the city. So many homes that would have normally been sold to younger workers are being bought by these retirees. "It's almost like a switch," said Granoski, "the population is aging and is not leaving, because they like living here."

For those who are skeptical of the recent trends due to the housing bubble in the 2005 and 2006, Howell and others claim they are optimistic yet reasonable. "We are not suggesting that everybody should buy a house," said Howell, "we've gone down that road before, and it's just not true."

Ultimately, that is what members of NVAR say that the "Ask Me!" campaign is all about. It is not about pushing everyone into home ownership. Instead, it is about letting people know that there are opportunities for those who can afford it. Above all else, they encourage consumers to do their research, and if they think they are ready to buy or sell, ask a Realtor.

"We are stepping up, we feel like we are moving in the right direction," said Landsman, "we have a lot of things going for us in this region."

#### BUSINESS NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged.

**CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union of Alexandria** has won first Place in the Desjardins Youth Financial Education Awards for credit unions. The Desjardins Awards, sponsored by the Virginia Credit Union League and the Credit Union National Association, honor credit unions for their commitment to teaching personal finance basics within their communities.

**Anne Marie Moore** of Alexandria achieved the status of independent sales director with **Mary Kay Inc.**

**Dennis Marron** has been named new executive chef at **Poste Moderne Brasserie**, a Kimpton restaurant, in

Washington D.C. Marron joins the Poste team from sister restaurants, The Grille at Morrison House and Jackson 20, both located in Old Town Alexandria. Marron brings his experience overseeing two distinctly different concepts in The Grille, a fine dining French restaurant, and in Jackson 20, a casual, Southern-inspired American tavern. He'll bring this combination to the Penn Quarter brasserie.

**Greg Thomas** of Alexandria has joined the **National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants** (NCCPA) as the director of professional development and is among those charged with providing the organization insights on trends and issues affecting the physician assistant profession. Having over 30 years of experience with the PA profession, Thomas has extensive knowledge of the industry and will work with staff and

leadership to develop and implement the enhancements to the NCCPA certification of maintenance processes. He will also speak and provide representation on behalf of NCCPA at professional conferences and events across the nation.

**Steven C. Bergeron** has joined the **Curcio Law Firm** in Alexandria as an associate. Bergeron is a trial attorney with 15 years of experience, primarily in the area of personal injury and wrongful death. He will be representing clients, or their families, who have suffered personal injury, brain injury, or wrongful death.

**Lia Sophia** advisor and Alexandria resident **Elizabeth Voeller** recently joined other high achievers on an incentive trip to Puerto Rico. Voeller earned the reward for reaching sales and recruiting goals.

# PEOPLE



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**Rita Peterson and Kate Coward volunteer to serve appetizers prepared by La Bergerie.**



**Sam Dyson and Jeanne Warner**

## A Garden Party

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Garden Party was held Tuesday, June 19 at the home of Donnan C. Wintermute.

Sponsors included: Jarrett Arp, Miriam and David Browning, Linda and Elliott Bunce, Margaret and Marvin Bush, Jan and Hugh Campbell, Gincy and Nick Carosi, Mollie Danforth and Steve Coangelo, Vicki and Nick Coward, Diana and Gerry Dreio, Dottie and Val Hawkins, Lisa and Phil Herget, Bethann and Leo Horey, Julie and Bill Howard, Jeanne Defliese and James Huck, Pauline and Robert Hurd, Ann and Mark Kington, Eva and Frank Manning, Rita and Dennis Meyer, Lisa Brock and Craig Miller, Margaret and Bill O'Grady, Betty and Frank Quirk, Fran and

Gant Redmon, Anne and Steve Reed, Catherine and Tim Thompson, Sally and Craig Veith, Judy and Forrest Williams and Nancy Ziegler. Catering was by La Bergerie and Del Ray Café.

Honorary co-chairs were U.S. Sen. Mark Warner and former U.S. Sen. John Warner. Co-chairs of the evening were Julie Dyson, Jim Singerling and Jeanne Warner. Craig Dyson volunteered to be auctioneer.

Patrons of the event included: Suzanne Brock, Julie and Eddie Dyson, Lisa and Ken Mountcastle, Anne Rector and Tim Allen, Molly and Jim Singerling, Audrey Swanstrom and John Osuna, Jeanne and former U.S. Sen. John Warner, Wells Fargo and Donnan C. Wintermute.



**A violinist for 32 years, Marlisa Delcid Woods entertains guests at the annual garden party with colleagues from the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.**



**Former U.S. Sen. John Warner, honorary co-chair of the garden party talks with Jim Singerling and Elliott Bunce.**



**Anne Hobbs, Babs Beckwith and Margaret O'Grady**



**James Huck and Jeanne Defliese**



**Cricket, Lindsay and Max Angerholzer**



**Alexandria Housing Development Corporation President Danny Abramson and Vice-President Robert Burns welcome Carol Jackson, new executive director.**

## Jackson To Lead Housing Agency

**Carol Jackson named executive director of Alexandria Housing Development Corporation.**

BY CORYN JULIEN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Carol Jackson aims to make the properties refurbished by the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation more available to lower income individuals and families in her newly appointed position as its executive director.

Jackson's experience in non-profit, affordable housing development in the Northern Virginia market made her the ideal candidate in the eyes of the AHDC board of directors. She most recently served as executive director of the Falls Church Housing Corporation, where she initiated a number of joint venture projects during her eight years there. She is also a volunteer member on the board of directors for the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance and Arlington Home Ownership Made Easier.

She began her new duties at AHDC on June 18. The corporation focuses on producing and preserving affordable, safe, high-quality housing for low to moderate-income households. AHDC collaborates with other similar organizations such as NVAHA to ensure that the four properties it owns are running efficiently and to establish strong resident and community

relations. Another priority is locating other properties that can be renovated and refurbished to maximize their value, and then sold or rented to those who cannot afford the usual, expensive housing of the D.C. metro area.

Jackson hopes to make connections with residents and use her expertise to further collaboration with Alexandria's city hall, Department of Housing, and other members of AHDC's network of partners. She has already decided her main goal: to make sure that AHDC properties are well managed and operating successfully enough to house the lower income of Alexandria for at least 40 years. This task can only be accomplished with proficiency in the housing development arena, effective collaboration, and a sharp eye for real estate, she said.

"This job requires what some would call the shotgun approach," said Jackson, "You have to keep your ear to the ground and your eyes searching, but that's what makes it exciting. And it's satisfying when local residents are able to benefit from the work."

The AHDC is always looking for new properties to refurbish and new volunteers and donors to further its mission.

# OPINION

## Case Closed. Why the Secrecy?

No reason for police to exercise “blanket” approach, shielding every document in every case.

Gazette Packet readers know that we respect and appreciate our public safety professionals. Members of local police and fire and rescue departments are motivated by their deep commitment to serve and protect our local communities. We honor those with our coverage of valor awards, features on police efforts to curb drunk driving and distracted driving, and tragically sometimes a death in the line of duty.

While police earn and deserve a special consideration, police departments in Northern Virginia should let go of their relentless pursuit of secrecy. Police departments all over the country routinely allow access to police reports, incident reports and many other documents without harm, documents that police here refuse to allow the public to see.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.” But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold

“complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.”

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any document they can without any analysis of whether they should. Police chiefs and prosecutors from

across the commonwealth have spoken out against any effort to undermine their broad power of exemption.

Senate Bill 711, originally introduced in 2010 by state Sen. John Edwards (D-21) and up for discussion again this week, would limit the blanket withholding of information to ongoing investigations. This could allow for the public release of documents in closed cases such as the one conducted by the Arlington Police Department about the death of Hailu Brook. In December, 2008, Fairfax County police officers chased 19-year-old Hailu Brook across the county line into Arlington and shot him dead. Brook, a senior at Yorktown High

School, had reportedly robbed a BB&T in McLean.

The autopsy report, one of the few documents his parents were able to obtain, shows that the teen was shot 20-25 times by three officers with large caliber handguns. Baffled by what happened to their son, the parents sought access to police reports and documents, but even now that the case is closed, their requests have been denied.

Police wield power unlike any other entity — the power to detain and question, the power to arrest, the power to respond with force when necessary, sometimes deadly force.

With that power, comes responsibility — the responsibility to operate openly and with transparency, the responsibility to make available the greatest possible amount of information, especially the responsibility to provide the public with a full picture of what happened when something goes wrong.

Somewhere along the way, police leaders in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax have gone astray in their control of information.

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### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bait and Switch By City Council

To the Editor:

On June 13 at the Legislative Session, City Council approved a six-month pilot program for a free Del Ray/Arlandria Trolley to begin in November. The trolley will run on Thursday and Fridays from

3 to 10:30 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. It became clear during the presentation by the city staff that they had been given instructions to maximize the number of tourists who could discover the restaurants and entertainments that Del Ray and Arlandria offer and that this new trolley should connect with the existing King

Street Trolley.

Therefore the route would begin at the King Street Metro Station. The staff recommended a route which the council members changed. That they changed the route is not troubling but that during their discussion they changed the purpose of the free trolley is troubling. They opined, as many had already believed, that this “free” trolley would service more locals than tourists.

Having agreed on a new mission of basically bringing more local folks and maybe some tourists to the Del Ray/Arlandria area they did not discuss the ramifications of their decision. Would you not expect that they would have turned to their staff to find new options for routes that would meet this new purpose? If the point is to get as many customers, and hopefully new customers, to the area as possible, is it still important to connect with the King Street Trolley at the King St. Metro Station? Are there not other options for routes? Why not begin at the Braddock Road Metro Station and capture the new residents along the Wythe Street corridor and pass by a few hotels in North Old Towne as just one option?

The route that was chosen is a curious one given its new purpose. It goes north down Commonwealth Avenue, turns right on Braddock Road to the Braddock Road Metro Station then tracks

back to Mt. Vernon Avenue and onto Del Ray and Arlandria. This route mostly benefits the Rosemont community of which I am a member. Was council under the impression that we in Rosemont are unaware of the restaurants in Del Ray or that we don't already frequent them? We already have a bus, the Dash AT10, that follows a similar route. Will the number of Rosemonters who will use this free, cute bus justify its almost \$1 million operating cost? Actually that million dollars would be better spent solving Rosemont's flooding problem.

This brings me to the most troubling part of council's decision. Since they decided to run a “free” bus for mainly locals, did this not warrant another public hearing where the citizens could decide if they wanted to provide free service for just some of its citizens? Can we really afford this at this time? What is council's vision for the future? Is it to replace Dash with free service? Is it to provide free trolley service to the Bradlee area, the Eisenhower Valley area and other commercial parts of the city? Is Del Ray/Arlandria just the beginning?

Based on council's June 13 decision the city is now preparing for November by buying new buses/trolleys, hiring a consultant (of course), for a route that per

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**\$3,000 to ALIVE!** Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 has donated \$3,000 to ALIVE! Inc. in support of the Alexandria Food Bank. The donations will be released in increments of \$1,000 per month, covering the months of June, July, and August when contributions are traditionally the lowest and the need is the greatest. Above, from left: Adam Duncan, worshipful master of Andrew Jackson; Dennis Dunston, Andrew Jackson Lodge junior warden; and Ken Mazer, executive director, ALIVE!

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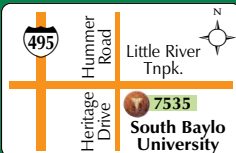


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Senior Services of Alexandria board members and officers include, back, from left: Mitch Opalski, Barbara Anderson, Dan Marks, Gordon Kromberg and Jay Thomas. Front, from left: Carter Flemming, Jane Foote, Connie Frogale, Christiana Forbes, Councilwoman Del Pepper, Gay Pasley, Buzzie Harris and Gordon Peyton.

## Praising Senior Services

**SSA welcomes officers, new board members.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
 GAZETTE PACKET

Senior Services of Alexandria held its annual meeting and luncheon June 21 at The Fountains at Washington House to formally elect the 2012-2013 slate of officers and board of directors.

"Nonprofit service has been an incredibly

rewarding area of my life," said outgoing president Barbara Anderson in welcoming the new board members. "I know each of you will bring your experience and training to your service to SSA."

Anderson spoke about the need for organizations like SSA to fill social needs that local, state and federal governments can

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## PEOPLE

# Contee: From Cell 7 Unit 2D to Ministry

Serving Alexandria jail as its chaplain.

BY HARRY COVERT  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**yron Contee was a pretty good basketball player. Back in the decade of the '70s, he was better than most and without doubt was headed to a professional career.

Born and raised in Alexandria he honed his skills at T. C. Williams High School where he graduated in 1974. His prowess wasn't lost on collegiate scouts and coaches and he ended up at George Mason University in Fairfax.

Contee could shoot well and play defense. His defensive work was always prevalent and when GMU was on the court, opponents were diligent knowing Contee could block and rebound with the best in the nation. He did, too.

He's not a bragger but Contee did work over the University of Maryland's Lenny Bias, frustrating the All-American who was headed to the NBA's Boston Celtics before an untimely death. Contee snatched rebounds from Bias, blocked his shots and even dunked cleanly over the Terps star. Maryland's fabled coach Lefty Driesell just shook his head.

Because of his athletic abilities, he was invited to tryout for the Washington Bullets and the international trial camp in Chicago. He had been the most valuable player at Mason his last two seasons.

Following playing days from 1974-79, Contee was an assistant coach at Mason, then moved onto a "sales" career, which happened to be more than a bit illegal. He began selling drugs, got a little careless identifying his clients and it wasn't long before he sold his wares to federal agents to support his \$1,000 daily habit. His life took a major change.

His 10-year federal sentence was reduced to a year after pleading guilty. He finished his sentenced in what is now the William G Truesdale Adult Detention Center of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office and that's where he met John Poffenberger, former marine and chaplain.

"In 1994, under John's tutelage, I got serious about my Christian convictions," he said. "I was in cell 7, unit 2D on the second floor. The

Lord spoke to me as plain as day and showed me I'd come back as a volunteer."

Contee's late wife, Florence, whom he married in 1994, was an Alexandria jail volunteer two to three days a week for 17 years. On weekends the couple ministered throughout Old Town. They are parents of five children and 13 grandchildren. Florence Contee died on May 4.

The story doesn't end as a volunteer. Chaplain Poffenberger retired three years ago and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne named Contee the Alexandria Jail chaplain. "I always run into old acquaintances and they listen."

Contee's duties are teaching inmates, scheduling weekly and Sunday services for all denominations.

Contee just didn't matriculate from inmate-to-volunteer-to-chaplain. He studied and graduated from the Capital Bible Institute and was licensed and ordained by Foxchase Tabernacle Baptist Church of Alexandria. He earned his ministry through hard work and dedication.

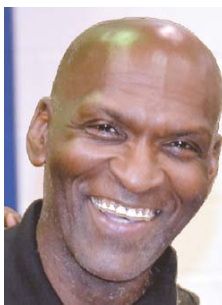
"We learn that many are 'called but few are chosen' and I'm intrigued that God showed me the work of a jail chaplain in the very cell I was confined," he said. "I believe in the principles of the Bible and I like to share them." Helping others is not something new to Contee. He and Florence worked as a team. After marrying in 1994, they opened M&F Services. His workmanship has been praised for its excellence. He has employed numerous ex-inmates and assisted them in their transitions. He expects reliability and good work.

Contee is faithful to those inside and outside of the facility on Mill Road, Alexandria.

"What a calling," he said. "This is a blessed work and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity. It's easy to forget those who've committed crimes from minor to major, and I'm bound by the fact that Christians are not to forget 'those in bonds.' I don't and I won't."

Contee's funding comes from his friends and churches.

"I've come full circle and I'm grateful," he said.



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## NEWS

# Hams Have Field Day in Alexandria

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divided into groups of both old and new members, worked to reach contacts by implementing the use of voice, Morse Code, digital, or even solar-powered equipment.

Ed Bradshaw earned his amateur radio operator license just one month ago, and within the first few hours of the event, had made contact with hams in Tennessee, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts on what the club called its "Get on the Air" station. Here, both members of the club and the public could try their hand at tuning in to make contact throughout the U.S., or even the world.

Today, there are more than 700,000 licensed amateur radio operators in the U.S., and more than 2.5 million around the world.

Although the ARRL Field Day is said to be the most anticipated event within the amateur radio community, other activities and awards continuing throughout the year encourage amateur radio operators to extend their own knowledge and capabilities of the technology.

The Summits on the Air award program is designed on a point-basis for hams who can operate their radios from the tops of mountains. Other activities



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**Larry Walker and Nicholas Curcuru work out of the club's mobile unit.**

could include logging international connections with the International Amateur Radio Union. Operators, such as club president DeBerry have successfully made contacts in countries such as Canada, Greece, Cuba, Japan and France.

By the conclusion of the 24-hour event, the Alexandria Radio Club had made contact with several hundred other operators, including individuals from around the U.S. and other countries, such as Kuwait, Spain Romania, and Slovenia, resulting in what DeBerry and the Alexandria Radio Club felt was a very successful Field Day for the Alexandria hams.



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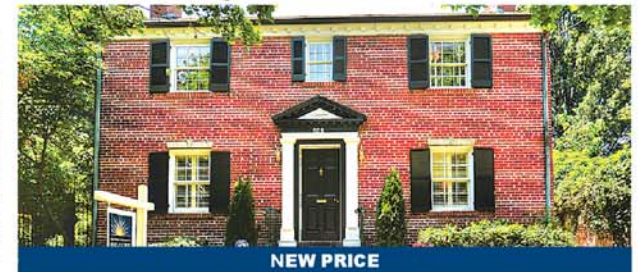
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Exhibit Showcases Occupation

### Lyceum reveals life in Alexandria during the Civil War.

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**hroughout the Civil War, Alexandria was an occupied city under the control of the federal government. An exhibit at the Lyceum, Alexandria's history museum, displays what life in the city was like during that time, as well as before and after the war.

In the years before the Civil War, Alexandria was a thriving commercial center. "There were a lot of new industries, factories, and different things starting in Alexandria during the 1850s," said Jim Mackay, director of the Lyceum.

The city was also an important seaport. Alexandria Canal, which was built in the 1830s, helped provide passageway through the Potomac River, and it helped connect the port with the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, which stretched from Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Md. However, according to Mackay, the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad made the Alexandria Canal irrelevant and much of the trade was being "siphoned off to Baltimore." The construction of the Alexandria, Loudoun & Hampshire Railroad was a way for the city to catch up. The railroad helped to bring grains and other raw materials from the Piedmont and Valley regions of Virginia.

For much of the mid-19th century, Alexandria, like the country as a whole, was divided by the issue of slavery. A pre-war incident in the city highlighted the national tensions that the country was facing. The Rev. Alfred Griffith, the minister at Trinity United Methodist Church in Alexandria, went to a Methodist convention in the



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**The Washington Street United Methodist Church was built in the early 1850s, following the congregation's split over slavery with another church. The church still stands today at 115 South Washington St. in Alexandria.**

1840s and become involved in a debate about slavery, which he spoke out against.

After Griffith returned to Alexandria, many of the members in his congregation disliked what he had said about slavery. The members who supported slavery left to form the Washington Street United Methodist across the street.

It's "an interesting pre-war incident because it indicates how strong the feelings [over slavery] were before the war," said Mackay.

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S SECESSION** from the Union and the attack on the Fort Sumter, which was controlled by the federal government, both in 1861, had led to the start of the Civil War. More southern states decided to secede as well, including Virginia. However, during the debate of whether or not to secede, many Alexandrians weren't

sure of what to do.

"There was so much pride in this community in the history that had happened here, the links to George Washington, [and the] fierce, strong sense of patriotism" made many in Alexandria hesitant to want to leave the Union, said Mackay.

As time went on, however, people in Alexandria became more and more secessionist. Finally, on April 17, 1861, Virginia voted to secede from the Union. Due to Alexandria's proximity to Washington, D.C., Union troops were sent in to occupy the city, and would do so for the remainder of the war.

Life was difficult for people living in Alexandria living under occupation.

"I think for a lot of people it would have been a strange experience because of marshal law being in effect. You couldn't come and go into town the way that you had be-

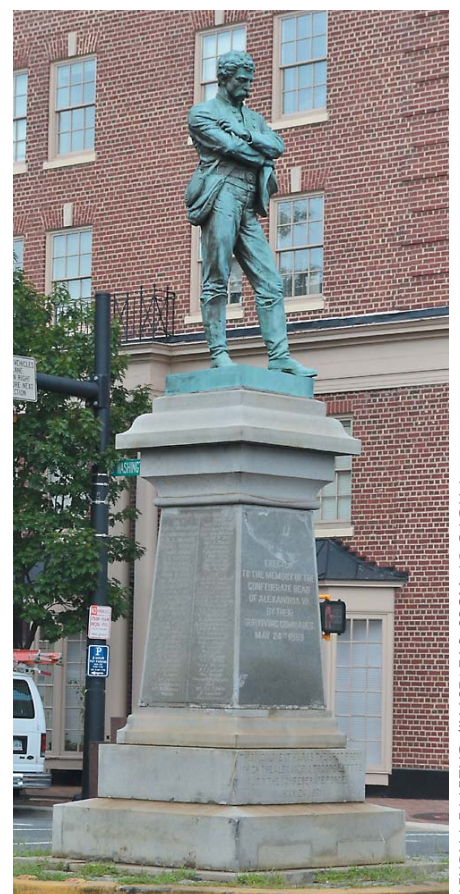


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**A statue erected in the memory of the Confederate soldiers from Alexandria who died during the Civil War. The statue faces south to show its defiance of the North.**

fore the war. You needed a pass for everything. You needed the federal government's permission to do so many things that would have just been a part of daily life before."

Mackay said, for instance, that if somebody living in neighboring Fairfax County wanted to go into Alexandria to do some shopping, that person would need some kind of permit to enter the city. The same went for people who wanted to leave the city. He said that there's a quote in the exhibit from an Alexandria resident during the war stating that saying how there's "a line outside the provost marshal's office every Monday," which was where the travel passes were issued.

This created much animosity among many Alexandria residents towards the Union troops due to the restrictions placed their lives, and there were incidents of violence between the residents and the troops.

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#### FRIDAY/JUNE 29

**Serenade Festival.** Noon-1 p.m. Free. Hear music presented by choirs from Colombia, Australia and the United States. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5592.

**Serenade! Festival.** 7:30 p.m. "Opening Celebration" with a welcome address by Alexandria's Mayor W. D. Euille. Take a trip around the world with this opening festival concert that will feature exciting and unique performances presented by choirs from Canada (Countermeasure and Cantaré Children's Choir), Colombia (Verata e Liberi), Australia (Young Adelaide Voices) and the USA (Boston City Singers). At St. Paul's Episcopal

Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Old Town Alexandria.

**Anthony James Band (Southern Rock)** - Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill at 7:30 p.m. For more directions and more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/or](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/or) [myspace.com/anthonyjamesband](http://myspace.com/anthonyjamesband). The Anthony James Band is a Stafford, based trio playing a taste of Blues, Classic Rock, Southern Rock and Originals.

**Wee One's Story Time.** 10:30 to 11 a.m. Hooray For Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. 703-548-4092. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 30

**Wee One's Story Time.** 10:30 to 11 a.m. Hooray For Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. 703-548-4092. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**Chopteeth (Afrofunk)** - Mt. Vernon Nights at Workhouse Arts Center (Lorton) at 7:00 p.m. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/) or [www.chopteeth.com](http://www.chopteeth.com). Chopteeth is a 12-piece Afrofunk orchestra exploring the common groove between the funkier, most hip-shakin' West African and American popular music on the planet.

**Serenade Festival's "African Evening."** 6 p.m. Free. In partnership with Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Classical Movements will present two exhilarating choirs from Africa (Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society and Voices of Namibia). At Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred Street, Alexandria.

**How to Get To Wonderful.** 5:15-6:45 p.m. Ronna Webb, Reiki Master, leads this 90-minute class on creating the life you want. Learn to use your intuition and attract health, success

and peace of mind. Cost is \$47. At Alexandria Massage Therapy 1217 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0310.

**The Clan MacLeod North American Gathering** being held at the Alexandria Crowne-Plaza Hotel will have the Stanley R. McLeod Memorial Lecture, open to the public, by Australian John MacLeod at 9 p.m.

**Nature-Based Preschool Open House.** 9-11 a.m. Free. Come see this mini-farm located on two acres adjoining Huntley Meadows Park. Serves children 18 months to pre-kindergarten. Frog Pond Early Learning Center, 7204 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-765-7663 or visit [www.FrogPondKids.org](http://www.FrogPondKids.org).

#### SUNDAY/JULY 1

**Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association**

2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Performance by Benjamin Scott, Violinist. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org). E-mail: [wmpa@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpa@earthlink.net) or call 703-799-8229.

**Opening Reception,** 3-5 p.m., for Tribute to the Queens, a photography exhibit by Louise Noakes at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit [www.louisenoakes.com](http://www.louisenoakes.com).

**Serenade Festival. 11 a.m.** The Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society will join the 11 a.m. Sunday service with the Alfred Street Baptist Church choirs. At Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred Street, Alexandria.

**American Doll Tea.** 1 p.m. Cost is \$15/person. Guests will enjoy a

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## ENTERTAINMENT



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**Joseph (Hunter Bales) and the Narrator (Marie Wakefield) and the ensemble of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”** The story is told entirely through music in a multitude of styles including parodies of a French ballad, rock and roll, country-western, Caribbean and disco.

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Directed by John C. Waldron, and Musical Director: Jeff Taylor, the cast of 40 is lead by veteran ACCT actress Marie Wakefield (Narrator) and newcomer Hunter Bales (Joseph). Lyrics by Tim Rice, Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” is now playing through July 8, at the Aldersgate Church Community Theater, 1300 Collingwood Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-660-2611 or visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org).

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menu of finger sandwiches, scones, lemon tea bread, and an assortment of desserts all while sipping a special blend of spring teas from Tea & Spice **Exchange of Alexandria.** At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or email [carlyle@nvrpa.org](mailto:carlyle@nvrpa.org).

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

**July 4th Fireworks Cruise on the Matthew Hayes.** Depart at 7 p.m. expected return 10 p.m. Tickets required. The cruise will benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Alexandria City Marina behind the Torpedo Factory. 3 Cameron St., Alexandria. Visit [www.july4thcruise.eventbee.com](http://www.july4thcruise.eventbee.com).

**Fireworks Flow.** 8-9:30 p.m. \$25 if pre-registered. Honor the independence of our nation and honor your own freedom while igniting the fire (agni) within. 532Yoga. 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria. All welcome

to the 4th of July workshop. Visit [www.532Yoga.com](http://www.532Yoga.com), [suzanne@532Yoga.com](mailto:suzanne@532Yoga.com) or call 703-209-0049.

**Myth Asana.** 11a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \$25 if pre-registered. Have you ever wondered about yoga's mythology and symbolism? In celebration of July 4, this special workshop will delve into the symbolic nature and mythology of what you do on your mat. All are welcome. 532Yoga. 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria. All welcome to the 4th of July workshop. Visit [www.532Yoga.com](http://www.532Yoga.com), [suzanne@532Yoga.com](mailto:suzanne@532Yoga.com) or call 703-209-0049.

### THURSDAY/JULY 5

**Chris Robinson Brotherhood.** 7:30 p.m. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### FRIDAY/JULY 6

**Polynesian dance troop Hui O Ka Pua** ‘Ilima performs the traditional and contemporary songs and dances

of Hawaii and the Polynesian islands of New Zealand and Tahiti. Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 7:30 p.m. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway Alexandria, VA 22309. Visit [www.ilimahui.com/](http://www.ilimahui.com/)

**Musical Performance.** 7 p.m. Jonathan Edwards, who topped the charts with the classic hit “Sunshine” in the 1970s, will perform songs from his latest release “My Love Will Keep,” his first in 14 years. The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500.

### SATURDAY/JULY 7

**USA/Alexandria Birthday Celebration.** 4-10 p.m. Program includes children's activities and pre-show entertainment, exhibits by community groups and food sales; followed by awards presentation, birthday cake distribution, musical performances, and concludes with fireworks. Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Call 703-746-5592.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# All the World's a Stage

## LTA holds Open House July 13.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Little Theatre of Alexandria will hold an Open House reception Friday, July 13 at 8 p.m. to welcome the community. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the producers and directors of the 2012-2013 season, learn about upcoming shows and explore ways to get involved in the theatre.

"Everyone is welcome to attend," said Eddie Page, Governor of Membership at LTA. "You don't have to be an actor to get involved in the theater. There are many ways to participate and be a part of the special family that is LTA."

The reception will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Green Room of the theater at 600 Wolfe St. in Alexandria.

Shows scheduled for the upcoming season include "Sweeney Todd," "The Full Monty," "Funny Money," "Dial 'M' for Murder," "Cantorial," "33 Variations," "Twentieth Century" and "A Christmas Carol."



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**Cast members of "All the King's Women" ham it up following the opening night performance June 9 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria. Pictured are director Ellen Dempsey, Ric Andersen, Robin Parker, Sarah Holt and Jennifer Finch. The show runs through June 30.**

"This is our second year to hold an open house with the producers and directors," Page said. "It takes from 150-200 volunteers working behind the scenes to put on one of our shows. The open house is a fun way to learn more about what we do, hear how a show gets produced and meet some amazing people."

To RSVP, contact Eddie Page at eddie.page@verizon.net. For more information, visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) and click on "volunteer."

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### SUNDAY/JULY 8

**Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association**  
2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3:00p.m. Special performance by Pianist Victoria Park. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org), email: [wmpa@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpa@earthlink.net) or call 703-799-8229

### MONDAY/JULY 9

**Come go Fishin' with Ebenezer.** Join Ebenezer Baptist Church, 909 Queen Street, Alexandria, "Fishing on a mission with Jesus" July 9-13, 6-9 p.m. each night. We will fish our way through crafts, Bible Stories, Games, Arts/Crafts, Skits, and have a light dinner. Transportation provided by calling the church office 703-683-1473 ext. 3. Visit [www.ebenezer909.org](http://www.ebenezer909.org).

### TUESDAY/JULY 10

**Tom Cunningham Orchestra.** 9-11 p.m. \$10. The 17-piece orchestra plays the standard Big Band hits of swing era. The Carlyle Club. 411 Carlyle Street, Alexandria.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 11

**Billy Wilder's "Double Indemnity."** 7 p.m. Free. Part of the monthly Film Noir Series at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., in Del Ray. After the movie, viewers are invited

to discuss the film at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub at 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705

**DJ DANCE PARTY.** 9-11 p.m. With DJ Dabe Murphy. \$6. Nick's Nighclub. 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

**Used Book Sale.** 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For children and teens. Hardbacks: \$1; paperbacks, 50 cents with discounts for books bought by kids. Sale will be held at the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Contact 703-746-1702 or [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Lunch Bunch Concert.** Noon-1 p.m. Musical performance by Lea, featuring folk & contemporary acoustic music. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Call 703-746-5592.

**Ben Brenman Park Concert.** 7-8 p.m. Performance by Jazz Foundry, featuring traditional jazz. Lawn seating, you are welcome to bring a blanket or folding chair to enjoy the music. Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. Call 703-746-5418.

### THURSDAY/JULY 12

**Music At Twilight Concert.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. John Carlyle Square Park. New Location. Performance by Lesson Zero. John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418.

**Swing and Blues Dance Party** with Gina Desimone & the Moaners. 7pm. \$10.

### FRIDAY/JULY 13

**Mt. Vernon Nights.** 7:30 p.m. Little Red & The Renegades performs a variety of American music, emphasizing Zydeco and Cajun. Mt.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Acquires George Washington's Original Acts of Congress

George Washington's original copy of the Acts of Congress will once again find a home at Mount Vernon, the first president's beloved Virginia estate. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association emerged as the winning bidder in an auction at Christie's in New York, securing the prized volume for the shelves of the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. Slated to open in fall 2013, the library will function as a privately-funded presidential library for George Washington.

Emblazoned with Washington's bookplate and featuring his handwritten notes penciled in the margins, the 106-page book contains Washington's personal copy of the U.S. Constitution, a draft of the Bill of Rights, and other documents recording the early acts of the new Congress. Washington received the book in 1789, his first year in office as President of the United States, and brought it with him to Mount Vernon upon his retirement from public office in 1797.

The acquisition ranks among the most significant in the history of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the private, not-for-profit organization that maintains and operates the estate in trust for the American people and accepts no government fund-

ing. Since purchasing the estate from the Washington family in 1858, the association has welcomed home scores of original Washington family objects, largely through private donations. Each year, the estate attracts more than one million visitors. The quick timing of the auction and the rareness of the opportunity sparked the association to move swiftly to place the winning bid.

The volume is a centerpiece for the association's latest initiative, the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. Currently under construction near the main entrance to the estate, the library will serve as a place to safeguard Washington's documents as well as a gathering place for leaders and scholars. The association has currently raised more than \$85 million of the \$100 million needed for the construction of the library and its initial slate of programming.

Mount Vernon expects to take possession of the volume later this summer. The association will announce plans for its display and viewing at a later date.

For more information about the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of Mount Vernon, visit [www.MountVernon.org/library](http://www.MountVernon.org/library).

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Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway Alexandria. Visit [www.littleredandtherenegades.com](http://www.littleredandtherenegades.com).

**Alexandria Citizens Band**  
**Concerts.** 7:30-8:30 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/JULY 14

**The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra:** Summer Concert Series II. 7:30 p.m. Free. The Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil).

**Banjo Festival.** 7:30 p.m. Mike Seeger Commemorative 6th Annual Old Time Banjo Festival. Artists include Bill Evans, Adam Hurt, The Old 78's, Evie Laden, and Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer. Advance tickets are highly recommended. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 202-397-SEAT.

### SUNDAY/JULY 15

**Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. Special performance by The Edwin Trio: violinist Rachele Sills, cellist Ryan Bridgland, and pianist Stefanie Watson; with Guest Artists: violinist Winnie Nham and Erin Terwilliger. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org), email [wmpa@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpa@earthlink.net) or call 703-799-8229

**Jazz at Meade featuring Nasar Abadey.** 4p.m. \$15 donation. Nasar Abadey is an educator, composer, and bandleader from Washington DC area. He has been the recipient of

grants and fellowships for composition, performance and merit by the most prestigious music arts organizations in the US including the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the church's lot and on the street. Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. 322 N Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334

**Banjo Workshops.** noon-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30p.m. Artists include Bill Evans, Adam Hurt, The Old 78's, Evie Laden, and Cathy Fink. House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave. Takoma Park, Md. Call 301-270-9090.

### TUESDAY/JULY 17

**Sarah Jaffe to open for Blitzen Trapper.** 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall. Tickets are on sale now at <http://sarahjaffe.com>

**Jazz.** Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra will play on Tuesday July 17 at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria from 9-11 p.m. Cost \$10.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 18

**Ryan Montbleau Band** (R&B/Pop) - Lee District Nights at Lee District Park at 7:30 p.m. For more information and directions, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/) or [www.ryanmontbleauband.com](http://www.ryanmontbleauband.com).

**Live Music.** Hangover Royale, DC area's newest rockabilly/swing/blues power trio will play at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria from 9-11 p.m. Cost \$10.

### FRIDAY/JULY 20

**Tommy Lepson Band** (Blues/Soul) - Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 7:30 p.m. Visit [fairfaxcounty.gov](http://fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Spoken Word.** 7 p.m. Admission is free, entry fee of \$10 for competitors. Featuring live music, scheduled artists, and an open mic, SLAM ALEXANDRIA is hosted by Shelly Bell and co-sponsored by the NVFAA and Shelly B. Arts. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street.

### Children's Iconic World Traveler Turns 25

Waldo, the children's book character, turns 25. And just where is Waldo after all these years? In Alexandria, of course. The fellow in the striped shirt and black-rimmed specs will be visiting 20 different local shops throughout the month of July. Those who spot him can win prizes.

In celebration of Waldo's longevity and popularity, his publisher, Candlewick Press, is teaming up with the American Booksellers Association and 250 independent bookstores nationwide, including Hooray for Books!, an independent children's bookstore in Alexandria. Participation is free.

Look for the Waldo figures in public areas of Alexandria local establishments. Pick up a "Find Waldo in Alexandria!" search list with the names of all the businesses, and collect an "I Found Waldo at \_\_\_\_\_" card for each Waldo spotted.

For every 16 cards collected, Hooray for Books! will provide a Waldo button and an entry for other larger prizes to be drawn at a Waldo party on July 31. The grand prize is a complete six-volume set of Waldo books.

For more information about hunting for Waldo in Alexandria, call Hooray for Books! at 703-548-4092 or contact Ellen Klein at [ellen@hooray4books.com](mailto:ellen@hooray4books.com)

— SANDRA MARTINEZ

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# LETTERS

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haps no longer fulfills their new requirements. I ask you, is this any way to run a Council?

**Marguerite Lang**  
Alexandria

## Campaign Aftermath

To the Editor:

On behalf of Alexandrians for a Livable City, I congratulate Allison Silberberg for her successful campaign for a Democratic Party nomination to run for City Council in November. Allison attracted a wide array of voters with her message of reasonable discourse and compromise as a part of public policy. I expect her conduct of her office (if she is elected in November) to be gracious and inclusive toward voters. I predict that she will emulate the Hon. Patsy Ticer in her public demeanor. It is also worth mentioning that in running for Council as a first time candidate, she ran near the top in the order of finish, ahead of two incumbent Council members.

We also congratulate our other candidates, Victoria Menjivar, Sammie Moshenberg, Arthur Peabody and Boyd Walker for running thoughtful issue-oriented campaigns. Speaking as an individual, I have to say that except for Boyd Walker, I did not know any of the candidates well at the time we endorsed them. They were chosen based solely on their positions on issues. It has been a great personal pleasure for me to get to know Allison, Victoria, Sammie and Arthur as we met at campaign events. I hope these new friends will continue to be part of my life.

Mrs. Menjivar and Mrs. Moshenberg did a great public service by highlighting the destruction of affordable housing in this city over at least the last decade. This period of considerable development added little to our housing stock for working families. We hope that their impressive campaigns as new comers to citywide issues will encourage both of them to continue to educate Alexandrians on the important and difficult issues of affordable housing. All of us as Alexandrians and caring individuals need to be active in fighting for the preservation of affordable housing in this city throughout the year, not just during political campaigns.

Finally, I want to comment on my friend of several years, Boyd Walker. Boyd was the victim of a disgraceful smear campaign, carefully launched at the very end of the campaign so that the facts, and not the embroidered versions or outright lies, could become known. Everything we know now suggests that persons working in the Sean Holihan campaign perpetrated this smear. As is usual with these last minute smear attacks, it devastated Boyd in parts of the city where he was less well known, and did nothing to improve the electoral chances of Holihan.

**Katy Cannady**  
Alexandria

## Going Backward

To the Editor:

It is difficult to understand the logic behind the Bike Share Program soon to be installed in Old Town, although the politics are right. This is funded in large part by an air quality grant from the federal government and is an extension of the Bike Share program I know from Washington D.C. Extending this service to Old Town and making the argument for air quality improvement is a nonstarter, and here's why.

Let's start with the most basic, fundamental and important reasons to put more bicycles on the road — they improve air quality and human health as well as mitigating climate change impact. Measured against these compelling goals the Bike Share Program for Old Town produces a resoundingly negative result. In the context of Old Town the Bike Share program isn't even neutral, which would make it easier to justify as a long-term educational program.

How is this possible? First, as our city staff has acknowledged (1) the program does not reduce normal vehicular traffic — so adding bikes increases congestion by putting 70 new vehicles on King Street (2) the streets in Old Town are much narrower (as are the sidewalks) than in D.C. — so delivery trucks, emergency vehicles, weekend surges could easily force bicyclers into risky situations with little room for escape (3) the bicycles themselves are redistributed by a large truck that circulates and stops to load the bikes on a regular basis — so we are actually adding truck exhaust to the air. The net result is reduced air quality, increased street congestion, and some real life safety concerns.

In addition, these are one style bicycles that are heavy and unless you are a good rider, not so easy to control. Making these readily available to tourists — without helmets — without maps — on busy commercial and residential streets seems like taking a big chance. Will the city be liable for any accidents? Will citizens be responsible for injuries that may occur because of uneven, brick pavements — an important feature of historic Old Town? What are we thinking — or are we?

I love bikes and want to see them as more a part of our daily life here in Old Town. But as this program stands now — well, it looks more like PR spin than a program put together to succeed. Time to take it back — and put it together so that it works for all of us here in small scale Old Town. At the very least the city must monitor the Bike Share Program in its early stages, so it can adapt to fit the unique needs of our city. Then, we can count on early success turning into future grants.

**Kathryn Papp**

## Suggesting Reforms

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate all the winners of the June 12 primary. From the beginning, the two incumbents, Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg, and two former city

## Illegal Aliens and Emma Lazarus

BY HARRY COVERT

I believe in law and order. I am a devotee of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These are the basic tenets of civil and religious life in Virginia and the rest of the 50 states. There's no question we like to brag about this

all over. Let's face it, we like to boast about all of the good works emanating from our shores.

Yes, we should abide by the laws and expect and require newcomers to do the same thing. I have to say it here and now we're becoming a mean-spirited people and blatantly selfish welcoming people from other parts of the world to our society.

I know. Lots of people have arrived illegally and continue to do so in large numbers. It must be reported that far more families arrive in Alexandria and northern Virginia properly and become and are good citizens. Surely, the national immigration laws and policies need urgent fixing and immediately. Not every illegal alien coming to American shores is criminal or a troublemaker.

Have we forgotten Emma Lazarus' words, inscribed on a statue in New York Harbor, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Yes, we have. We're admonished to be kind one to another, not when it's just convenient, but all the time. We've made "illegals" and immigration political and divided a nation of wonderful people who are being hoodwinked constantly by would-be experts just trying to get votes and sell books.

How often have we heard the careless words, "send 'em back"? "They're taking jobs from us" and "it costs too much to feed them." One caveat says taxpayers and schools suffer from the influx.



It's time to talk about positive contributions "aliens" have made for hundreds of years. "Illegal aliens" is not a proper term as far as I'm concerned. There's no way to list the names of all those who've come by boats, airplanes and all sorts and been valuable in

all walks of life. I can think of many here in Alexandria and elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

Yes, it's easy to talk about those who've committed crimes. It scares people.

I was glad to see the President do what the Congress on both sides of the aisle would not do. He will stop deporting young illegal immigrants who entered the United States as children if they meet certain requirements. Some argue it was merely for political purposes. What's so surprising about that? It's the right thing to do.

From firsthand knowledge I know people from other countries want to come to America, where it's no joke they've heard the streets are made of gold. This is not a joke. I know a Sudanese man who walked two weeks from southern Sudan to Khartoum hoping for a new life.

I know of a young Chinese man who went to Texas at age three and educated in Dallas. He got into a fight and convicted of felony assault. He was set for deportation to China even though he'd never been out of the U.S. A merciful Alexandria court imposed an 11-month sentence to allow him to remain state-side.

How cruel is it to make parents leave their U.S.-born children because they don't have green cards?

I may well be a soft touch. No apologies though. There's plenty room in the Land of Liberty and, as I've always known, Virginia is for lovers.

council members, Justin Wilson and Tim Lovain, had an edge in name recognition and experience. John Chapman and Allison Silberberg both ran very good campaigns and also deserve to be among the nominees.

Are there lessons from the primary? Were all the PAC's useful? I think with 14 candidates it was helpful for groups to help sort out the differences between candidates, and the differences between approaches to governing. I assume from the Mayor's comments on the primary night that more effort will be made to communicate better, listen more and collaborate more with citizens. That is needed, otherwise I don't think there would have been 14 candidates running in the first place.

It is clear that people feel a disconnect between elected officials and those being governed, and one of the challenges of the next council will be to bridge that divide. There is a feeling that the City Council

sometimes dismisses testimony, or gives the perception that they are in a unique position to have all the answers and make the decisions. I do not believe votes should be taken on the same day as testimony is given, especially on small area plans, as was done on the Waterfront and the Beauregard small area plan. There should be a 30-day period where staff can respond to citizen input, and improve plans, and show that citizens have been listened to. The perception now is that council members have already decided how to vote, and one or two tweaks might be made. I hope some real changes will be made to not only change this perception, but to make council members more accessible.

Some suggestions? Three or four open office hours a week, where any constituent

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# Sandusky Trial Must Lead to Awareness and Action

BY GISELLE PELAEZ  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CENTER FOR ALEXANDRIA'S CHILDREN

**T**he recent trial and conviction of former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky on 45 counts of child molestation has exposed the horrific and graphic world of child abuse. Although it may have occurred more than 200 miles away, children are sexually victimized everywhere. As executive director of the Center for Alexandria's Children, I work with children of abuse daily. Last year, 82 children were referred to The Center because of allegations of child sexual abuse. National statistics show that one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually assaulted before the age of 18.

Sandusky's guilty verdict provided vindication for 10 young men who were victimized by a trusted adult authority figure, cloaked as a father figure and mentor for at-risk and underprivileged youth. It is a devastating story that plays out behind closed doors throughout our community. Teacher, coach, relative, priest or trusted friend violates an innocent child. The victim, ashamed and fearful, is reluctant to reveal the abuse, much less report it to au-

thorities. And, if they muster up the courage to speak, it spirals into a "he said, he/she said" case that far too frequently errs on the side of the perpetrator.

Perhaps the attention this landmark case has drawn will finally awaken us as a society to our individual and collective responsibility to protect our children and realize the devastation caused when we look the other way, as well as to the enduring emotional and productivity costs for abused children over the course of a lifetime.

Abused children who do not receive treatment are likely to suffer both short-and long-term negative outcomes for physical and mental health issues, cognitive skills, educational attainment and social and behavioral development. They are more likely to develop serious emotional, physical and social problems, including: developmental delays, academic failure, involvement with the criminal justice system, substance abuse, social and mental health disorders and the continuation of the cycle of maltreatment into new generations.

What lessons can we glean from the Sandusky case, a travesty that violated our sense of morality and demonstrated once again the vulnerability of our children?

❖ Child sexual predators exist and are typically found in settings that provide them access to young people.

❖ They are rarely "strangers," but masquerade as respectable father figures, mentors, teachers, coaches and friends.

❖ It is critical for those who have been abused to report the crimes to stop the perpetrator from harming others.

❖ As a society, particularly trusted organizations serving children such as schools, churches, athletic teams and those at risk, we must support the abused cries for help and ensure justice and treatment.

❖ It is crucial for each of us to report any hint of abuse rather than turn a blind eye or sweep it under the rug.

There are proactive steps each of us can take both individually and as institutions to protect our community's children. Schools, churches and camps are beginning to adopt child protection procedures, isn't it time you institute procedures in your own home?

❖ Educate yourself about sexual assault. Check out websites on child abuse such as the Center for Alexandria's Children at [www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org](http://www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org), Darkness to Light at [www.d2l.org](http://www.d2l.org), SCAN of Northern Virginia at [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org), and the City of Alexandria Community and Human Services Center for Children & Families at [www.alexandriava.gov/ChildAbuse](http://www.alexandriava.gov/ChildAbuse).

❖ Talk to your children and grandchildren about body safety and healthy sexuality.

❖ Listen to your children and act on behalf of those who speak up by contacting local authorities.

❖ Minimize opportunity. Never allow your child to be in a private, one-on-one situation with another adult.

❖ Act on suspicions. Report alleged abuse to child abuse hotlines: In Alexandria, 703-746-5800, or the State Hotline at 1-800-552-7096.

Together we can create a safe world for children. We can protect our society's most innocent and precious resource, and ensure those who would harm them are behind bars. Let's ensure the crimes Jerry Sandusky committed don't happen again.

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# Two Emerge in Fast-Moving Democratic Contest

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Now, almost three months later, Englin is finally announcing a retirement —setting the stage for a political blitzkrieg in August during the dog days of summer. If Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell calls a special election for November, the timing of Englin's announcement means that it's too late to conduct a primary. Party officials from Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax must meet in the coming days to determine how to determine a nominee for the Aug. 17 deadline. In an interview this week, Englin said he decided to resign about six weeks ago. But he held back announcing the decision until after the statewide primary, when his son's elementary school year had concluded.

"We wanted to shield our 12-year-old from the difficult fishbowl he experienced from press coverage of my April announcement," said Englin, who is now working in public relations. "At the time of my April announcement," Englin said "I had not decided to resign."

The timing of the announcement means that voters of the 45th District, which stretches from Arlington through Alexandria into the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County will not have an opportunity to vote on the issue in a formal primary election. Instead, party members will gather at the call of a special committee of three members formed by one representative each from the three jurisdictions in the district. Alexandria Democratic Party Chairman Dak Hardwick agreed with Englin that timing the special election for November is the best course of action.

"Anything else would be a horrendous waste of money," said Hardwick. "This election should

## Meet the Candidates

**Karen Gauntney**, 50: Born and raised Valley, Ala., Gauntney received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Troy University and a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from the University of Rhode Island. She served as special agent for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service from 1984 to 1989, and she's worked in a variety of positions on the staff of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, including deputy executive director, from 1991 to 2012. She currently works as a consultant assisting professionals working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender employees. She votes at the Durant Center precinct in Alexandria.

**Rob Krupicka**, 41: Born in Thousand Oaks, Calif., and raised in the Seattle area, Krupicka received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Virginia in 1993. He worked at America Online from 1995-2000 as the director of business affairs, and he is currently self-employed as a communications and business strategy consultant. He was originally elected to the Alexandria City Council in 2003, and reelected twice. In 2009, he was appointed to the Virginia Board of Education by Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine. He votes at the George Washington Middle School precinct in Alexandria.

happen on Nov. 6."

**ALMOST IMMEDIATELY** after Englin announced his decision to not seek reelection in 2013, speculation began building that Englin would resign. But he waited. Then candidates began to announce for the special election. And Englin continued to wait. After the June 12 primary, which could have included candidates in a special election for Englin's seat, he announced his resignation from the House of Delegates on June 21.

"To ensure the best possible stewardship of taxpayer resources, I also conveyed my hope that Governor McDonnell will schedule the special election to coincide with the general election of Nov. 6," Englin wrote in a letter to constituents announcing his resignation.

Two candidates have already emerged in the special election, Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka and civil rights activist Karen Gautney. For Krupicka, it's a second stab

at an office in Richmond. The councilman was unsuccessful in a hotly contested Democratic primary to succeed former state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30) last year. The night he lost to former Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49), Krupicka announced it was his "last big campaign for a very long time." This week, he formally announced his intention to run in the special election.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

**David Englin, seen here during the night of his primary victory in 2005, beat out five other candidates to become the Democratic candidate seven years ago.**

"As I've done for the last 10 years, I will work for smart environmental and transportation solutions that create jobs and conserve our natural resources," said Krupicka in a written statement announcing his campaign. "I will fight against the right-wing extremism that has rolled back women's rights and true equality for every Virginian."

Krupicka has already lined up the support of U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), state senator and Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw. But it's a race that's already showing signs of division within the party. In his resignation announcement, Englin endorsed Gautney. At this point, she had no other big-ticket endorsements in the race to announce, although Englin's endorsement of Gautney was a strongly worded rejection of her competition.

"The people of the 45th District deserve a delegate who is totally fighting for what's right and not distracted by future political ambitions," Englin wrote. "Karen Gautney will be that delegate, and she has my endorsement and unqualified support."

Unlike Krupicka, who is well known for his three terms on City Council and his campaign for state Senate last year, Gautney is a relative newcomer.



She served as a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and she's currently a consultant focused on helping professionals work with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. She lives in Old Town with her partner of 23 years.

"David has been an ardent and remarkably effective voice for progressive values," Gautney said in a written statement announcing her candidacy. "I am honored to have David's support and I look forward to carrying on the tradition of effective representation for this district."

Arlington School Board member James Lander was considering a campaign but decided against throwing his hat into the ring. He said the timing would have been right for a 2013 campaign, but he didn't want to leave his term early.

"I think it wouldn't be right for me to try and end my first term early to run for another seat," Lander said. "There are some issues going on with schools that require my focus, and now isn't just a good time between work, my service on the School Board and my service to veterans."

## Candidates Spent in Range of \$8.60 to 10 Cents per Vote

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until he was knocking on doors the Friday before the election and a voter showed it to him.

"It was not the way I wanted to end the campaign," he said. "But I don't think it cost me 300 votes."

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE** records in the Democratic primary show that candidates engaged in a variety of fundraising strategies. Several of the candidates made significant contributions to their own campaigns, including Michael Hepburn and Sammie Moshenberg. School Board member Arthur Peabody and Planning Commissioner Donna Fossum took out loans to fund their campaigns.

"As a sitting planning commissioner I couldn't take money from anyone with business anywhere near

the city," said Fossum. "I was actually sending checks back to people."

Following the money is a good way to trace support. Sometimes top-dollar contributions came from prominent supporters, such as former School Board Chairman Ferdinand Day contributing \$500 to John Taylor Chapman or Planning Commission member Stewart Dunn contributing \$500 to Del Pepper. Other times, the money came from political organizations associated with state Senate Democratic Leader Richard Saslaw or Del. David Englin (D-45).

"Money is important in politics, but it's not as important as we sometimes think it is," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "Sometimes you can buy an election and sometimes you can't."

## Cost Per Vote

Candidate	Total receipts	Votes	Cost Per Vote
Sean Holihan	\$36,916	4,294	\$8.60
* Paul Smedberg	\$21,279	4,957	\$4.29
Boyd Walker	\$4,942	2,807	\$0.57
Victoria Menjivar	\$15,026	4,427	\$0.29
* Del Pepper	\$17,957	5,069	\$0.28
Arthur Peabody	\$19,400	4,957	\$0.26
* John Taylor Chapman	\$22,636	4,644	\$0.21
Sammie Moshenberg	\$19,403	4,076	\$0.21
Melissa Feld	\$19,199	3,558	\$0.19
* Allison Silberberg	\$28,306	5,168	\$0.18
* Tim Lovain	\$32,995	5,388	\$0.16
* Justin Wilson	\$32,974	5,192	\$0.16
Michael Hepburn	\$16,875	2,231	\$0.13
Donna Fossum	\$37,157	3,887	\$0.10

\* Winning Candidates

SOURCE: Virginia Public Access Project and the Virginia State Board of Elections

## LIVING LEGENDS

# Volunteering — and No Time for Retirement

Allen Lomax has focused on those in greatest need in the city.

By Lou Cook

**O**n pleasant spring and summer days, Allen Lomax and his wife Margie start Saturday mornings at Alexandria's Farmers' Market. After selecting their produce, they get a cup of coffee, find a bench on the river, and contemplate life from their view of the Potomac. Lomax is a happy man. He loves his work, loves Alexandria, and says, "I want to stay here and do what I'm doing here forever." And, what he does now and has done since coming to this area is trying to improve the lives of others in the community: the homeless, the youth, substance abusers. He's a man with many causes and even greater energy.

Lomax was born in Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y. His father was in the Air Force, which meant many family moves from base to base in places like South Carolina, Texas, Florida, Alabama, and Alaska — until finishing high school in Cape Cod. In 1977, Lomax earned a B.S. in political science at Northeastern University in Boston and arrived in Washington, D.C. to work for the government. He says, "Government was my study, and my dream was to work for GAO." (The U.S. General Accounting Office) In 1979, he achieved this dream becoming an analyst and then a senior analyst at the GAO where he directed studies of Federal programs for the U.S. Congress. His areas of expertise involved national strategies, indicators, strategic planning, pandemic influenza, budget analysis, and program evaluation. While at GAO, Lomax won awards for Meritorious Service, the Managing Director's Award, Strategic Issues, and two Presidential Citations of Merit from the American Society for Public Administration.

In 2008, Lomax retired from government work to become an independent consultant for both the Robert Wood Johnson and Alfred P. Sloan Foundations as well as a full-time volunteer. Now he took skills developed during his career and put them to work for his community. This is not to say that Lomax suddenly burst into full bloom as an active community consultant and volunteer. He had been at it for over 21 years.

As a long-time member of the Alexandria United Way Regional Council and Chairman from 2004-200, Lomax led an effort to study the needs of Alexandria's working poor. From this study came "Living from Paycheck to Paycheck: A Look at Alexandria's Working Poor" with 10 recommendations for improving their lives. The study was one of the first in the nation to focus on this important population and helped the city with planning and funding decisions. As chair of the Alexandria United Way, Lomax led the group in reaching out to the non-profits to determine how United Way could best help, started an annual retreat to discuss citizen needs and formulate a work plan to better address those needs. United Way also joined with Housing Action to successfully advocate City Council for a portion of the prop-



PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

**2012 Living Legend of Alexandria Allen Lomax is a man with many causes and much energy.**

erty tax revenue to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and to develop a comprehensive Housing Plan (to be issued soon.)

**FOR 14 YEARS** Lomax served on the City's Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) and was its chairman for 12 years. The commission became a strong voice in key city issues and testified before City Council on many issues: budget proposals, location of public housing sites, establishment of the Youth Policy Commission, and the development of the Safe Haven facility. The latter facility provides permanent housing and supportive services for homeless people with mental illness and sometimes concurrent substance abuse disorder. It is an Alexandria Department of Human Services program and building that fills a gap in Alexandria's services for homeless people.

Former City Manager, Vola Lawson remembers Lomax. "During his many decades in the city, Allen demonstrated how deeply he cares about Alexandria and its people. He has provided years of leadership to EOC, to the United Way, and to programs combating drug abuse and mental illness."

Lomax has played a significant role in helping to make his home town a healthier place to live. He served as a member of the Alexandria Community Health Assessment steering committee, which developed an assessment of the city's health. He is a founding member of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria and also chairs the Partnership's Substance Abuse Prevention

Coalition of Alexandria. Since his first meeting in March 2009, Lomax has spent over 550 hours as a SAPCA volunteer and that number doesn't include his other projects. Under his leadership, the coalition has received a five-year Federal Drug Free Communities grant for over \$600,000 to support SAPCA's work to prevent and reduce substance abuse by Alexandria's youth.

For the last two summers, SAPCA worked with Job-Link, a city employment services provider, to involve youth in a Community Youth Mapping project in the City of Alexandria. In addition to leading project planning, Lomax made sure each youth felt valued by reaching out to them individually.

**BEFORE BEGINNING** an advocacy effort or community change, Lomax has one im-

## Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria's Living Legends. The project was conceived by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; Club Managers Association of America; Dominion Foundation; Erkiletian Real Estate Development; John McEneaney in memory of Ginny; Renner & Company, CPA, P.C., and the Rotary Club of Alexandria.

This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a Legend for 2013, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com) or contact Nina Tisara, [AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com](mailto:AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com).

portant question: "How it will support and benefit Alexandria's youth." One current project is SAPCA-sponsored dinners at local middle and high schools. More than 380 youth and parents have attended the "Community of Concern" dinner where they engage in open dialogue about the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse and ways of prevention. These dinners help launch "Parent Chat" groups. Two in English and one in Spanish are hosted by parents who talk about how to prevent drug and alcohol abuse by their kids.

SAPCA Coordinator Noraine Buttar says, "Allen loves Alexandria. The many hours he puts in boggles my mind. He never takes credit; he passes it on and works behind the scenes. Allen never makes you feel as if your work wasn't valued. He improves stuff, adds things, and will say, 'The hardest part is getting started and you did a great job with that.' You want to have him as a manager, he makes you look good. He is one of the best supervisors I've ever had."

The Lomaxes live in Southern Towers. Their son Chris lives in North Carolina and their daughter Suzanne and son-in-law Adam Willard are in Alexandria. Margie, also retired, is a community gardener at Chinguapin Park, and is frequently assisted by her husband. In their garden, Lomax is not "chairman." He's the "Weed Eradicator" wielding a hoe not a gavel. "It's a nice joint project," says the man with a hoe who apparently enjoys a break from more serious issues.

## NOVA, Sheriff's Office Launch Classes

**N**orthern Virginia Community College is partnering with the Alexandria Sheriff's Office to offer classes at the Alexandria Detention Center. The Open Road Program will provide inmates a set of skills to encourage continuing their education at NOVA and breaking the recidivism cycle.

The first course will be History 295 - Topics in African American History and will be taught by Dr. Jimmie McClellan, dean of Liberal Arts at NOVA's Alexandria

Campus. Approximately 20 students are expected to take the one-credit course. The class will meet during NOVA's second six-week summer session on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Alexandria Detention Center. More classes are expected to be offered in the upcoming fall semester.

The partnership will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 28 with the first class immediately following the ceremony.

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can walk in and talk to their council member or make an appointment during that time. Maybe these could be on alternate weekends, or on evenings for constituents and for council members who have full time jobs. Each council member could have an official website where constituents could communicate with them, and learn more about what they are focused on. There should also be an idea bank, where citizens can make suggestions for better government and better communication, as some of the best ideas will undoubtedly come from the people the new city council members serve. And lastly, the City of Alexandria website badly needs an overhaul, and it is worth spending money on. When it takes a dozen clicks to get where you need to go, it is not user friendly. For instance the Mayor and City Council link is separate from Dockets, which is separate from the Calendar.

These first impressions must be improved.

The council members who embrace positive changes I think will serve constituents well, and reforms that address both perceptions and create dialogue are necessary. Those that don't will probably face more challenges and challengers in the future. Even though only one change candidate, Allison Silberberg, won the chance to be one of the Democratic nominees, I believe those that embrace change and welcome input from citizens will serve the city best.

**Boyd Walker**

## Improve Schools For Children

To the Editor:

As a school system, "we" have been ineffective. The millions in previously unknown bad debt and overages within the CIP means those funds must be replaced from elsewhere in order to operate on the same level

of fiscal need, in addition to many other line items, these replacement funds holds in its proverbial hands the fate of our teacher's salaries, our arts and music programs, our ELL program, Adult Ed program, etc.

As our city grows so does the city's population. Some of our more successful schools now sit in areas that have seen previously unheard of growth. These schools are being closed to the area's new residents due to overcrowding and limited facility or faculty space. We need more teachers, more space and, an equal opportunity for our kids to attend the school in their respective neighborhoods. And within those schools, we must care for our learning troubled kids.

All special-needs students are capable of success. Each will succeed according to his or her individual ability — but all can succeed. We must constantly keep that in mind. Additionally, we must be able to provide the necessary learning aids, activities that stimulate and nurture creativity, higher education and continuing education for our teachers.

Students who end up dropping out of school may experience the compounded impact of, living in a neighborhood where violence is commonplace, balancing school-work with the demands of caring for younger siblings or work, and lacking the skills to escape from a limiting track of remedial classes. These kids have a range of needs, and equipping our school to cope with those needs requires that our teachers, administrators, and city leadership recognize the main causes that put students at risk.

Our schools must find ways to introduce an accelerated and enriched curriculum that will provide the neediest students with the learning experiences that will enable them to reach higher standards.

A challenging curriculum engages students in education by drawing clear connections between learning and the world beyond school. Our schools must find ways

to make challenging and high-quality teaching and curriculum available to all students, including those traditionally relegated to remedial or low track classes. We must create new opportunities for learning that typically require our schools to reorganize, creating smaller, and more flexible communities of learning.

Our schools must find ways to create a network of support that ensures each student's success. This network might include peer tutoring and mentoring programs, adult-student mentoring, more effective student advising, improved partnerships with families, and comprehensive support systems that include health and other social services.

The key to success within a system like this is to have an unbroken system of curriculum institution and to do so without removing the resources at the disposal of already high achieving students.

On Arts É Brain research confirms that arts education strengthens student problem-solving and critical thinking skills, adding to overall academic achievement. Art classes provide students a chance to develop cognitive and creative skills, and to develop their imaginations. For some students art is their motivation for coming to school and an area where they have success or excel, providing an important balance in their total educational experience. The arts teach our students to be more tolerant and open through multicultural and historical perspectives and through their involvement in the creative process itself. Due to the collaborative nature of art, students develop crucial skills in cooperative decision-making, leadership, clear communication, and complex problem solving while working with others. The skills and experience that students develop by learning to perform, create, and respond to works of art provides a foundation for the kinds of literacy students must have to communicate and work successfully in our ever-changing media, technology, and information age.

**Scott Gordon**

Candidate for School Board - District A

## Focus on Dirty Air

To the Editor:

I'm quite disappointed that Senators Warner and Webb both chose to support efforts to prevent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from implementing new

regulations that will require power plants with outdated pollution control to reduce the emission of a myriad of toxic air pollutants, including mercury, arsenic and nickel.

The new rules will compel older coal- and oil-fired power plants to lower emissions of 84 different toxic chemicals to levels no higher than those emitted by the cleanest 12 percent of plants. Companies have three years to achieve the standards, and EPA has made clear a fourth year and perhaps even more time is also available to them. Yet the coal industry and some legislators still opposed it.

Coal contains all sorts of heavy metals as a result of its geological formation. When coal is burned inorganic mercury, which is not very toxic, is released into the air. In lakes and other waterways it is converted into the highly toxic methyl mercury, which accumulates in increasing levels in fish and other organisms. The new rules seek to reduce the emission of metals and gases that pose a health risk to human and a biological threat to life on earth. It's a science-based decision.

President Obama supports these regulations and I think that in this case he is right to do so. What is the long-term economic benefit of delaying the implementation of these rules? None I think. Indeed by pushing the industry forward, now, we stand to gain greater economic benefits sooner by shifting to greener technologies that we clearly need too to compete in the world we live in.

Coal is simply a dirty fuel and there is only so much we can do to clean it up. We are we are not improving our economy, or the health of Americans and our environment by allowing the older coal or oil powered plants to continue to emit these pollutants at these concentrations and rates.

If we don't protect the biosphere from too much pollution — there is a natural source like volcanoes to be sure — we won't have a place to live. For those who think Mars is a place to escape to, think again.

The good news is that Senate Joint Resolution 37, the Senate bill that would overturn the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial Mercury and Air Toxics Standards or MATS, was voted down Wednesday by a margin of 46 to 53.

**Andrew Macdonald**

*Andrew Macdonald is an independent candidate for Mayor of Alexandria.*



## Rapunzel Rocks the Rafters

**On Sunday, June 3, in a packed auditorium at Bishop O'Connell High School, more than 200 young dancers from Tiny Dancers' Alexandria Studio delighted family and friends as they twirled, tapped and chasséd their way across the stage in their end-of-year recital performance of "Rapunzel." See [www.tinydancers.com](http://www.tinydancers.com).**

## Write

The Gazette Packet welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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## RECREATION



Members of the Swanson family and the Kelley Cares Foundation present their \$40,000 check to the Miracle League and City Council members.



Bill Rivers and Mac Slover, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' director of sports, congratulate each other after the ceremony.

# Groundbreaking Launches Miracle Baseball Field

**T**he Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Miracle Baseball Field on Saturday, June 16 at the Lee Center.

The ceremony was led by Mayor Bill Euille with the support of the entire City Council. Euille recognized the partnership between the city, the Miracle Baseball League of Alexandria and the Kelley Cares Foundation to raise \$135,000 of the \$420,000 it will cost to construct the field.

The mayor outlined the use of the field and the importance of the project to the community and presented a proclamation on the Miracle Field.

Bill Rivers, chairman of the Miracle Baseball League of Alexandria, and Lindsey Swanson, chairman of the Kelley Cares Foundation, also spoke on the partnership and the successful fundraising efforts. The Kelley Cares Foundation presented a check for \$40,000 that will support the construction of the new field. Following the speeches, there were several ribbon cuttings

including the mayor and City Council, Miracle League of Alexandria Board members, donors, participants, staff and supporters of the program.

The new Miracle Baseball Field will provide an opportunity for children or young adults to play baseball with the opportunity to hit the ball and score on a rubberized surface. The Miracle League of Alexandria team members are assigned "Angels in the Outfield Buddies" who assist them in hitting the ball and "running" the bases. The Miracle Baseball League of Alexandria is

open to any person with mental and/or physical challenges who reside in the City of Alexandria or outside the city. The field construction will begin in July. A dedication will be held in September.

For more information on the Miracle Baseball Program, contact the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or Mac Slover, director of sSports at [mac.slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:mac.slover@alexandriava.gov). More information about the Miracle Baseball League and the construction project may be found at [www.miraclebaseballleagueofalexandria.com](http://www.miraclebaseballleagueofalexandria.com).

## RECREATION BRIEFS

### Youth Volunteer Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth baseball, softball, field hockey, swimming, track and field, Rugby, summer basketball and football. Criminal history background checks are required. Interested persons should call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or e-mail [mac.slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:mac.slover@alexandriava.gov) or [Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov).

### 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 lbs/ 85 lbs/ 95 lbs/ 110 lbs/ 125 lbs/ and 150 lbs. 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. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 (Anklebiters & 75 lbs.), Saturday, July 28 (85 lbs. & 95 lbs.) and Saturday, Aug. 4 (110 lbs., 125 lbs & 150 lbs.). The Alexandria Titans Football Camps (free for Titan players only) will be held 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 season. For more information or to register online, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Recreation Department's web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### Community Open Play Days And Nights

July is National Park and Recreation Month in Alexandria and throughout the United States. The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is celebrating "Rock Your Park" by offering free Community Open Play Days and Nights throughout the summer at Ben Brenman Soccer Field and Four Mile Soccer Field.

Beginning Tuesday, June 26 we will be providing the opportunities for families, friends and neighbors of all ages to come visit our fields

to exercise, play soccer, lacrosse, touch football, rugby, frisbee and much more.

The dates and times for each location are

Ben Brenman Field (4800 Ben Brenman Drive), Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 6 p.m.

Four Mile Soccer Field (3700 Commonwealth Avenue), Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 6 p.m.

Below are some guidelines for "Rock Your Park:"

- ❖ For city residents only.
- ❖ Show courtesy to all other field users.
- ❖ No permits or registration will be required and use will be on a first come, first served basis.
- ❖ No uniformed teams or structured games will be allowed.
- ❖ Must provide your own equipment/balls.

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## SPORTS BRIEF

### Goalie Sisters Selected for Lacrosse Classic

Olivia Cole, a rising junior at Bishop Ireton High School, and Amelia Cole, a rising 8th grader at Hammond Middle School, have both been selected to represent the Washington, D.C., region at the 2012 Brine National Lacrosse Classic. The Alexandria-born sisters' squads will battle it out with other regional teams from around the country in, respectively, the high school and middle school divisions of this event at the Maryland Soccerplex in Boyds, Md., from June 30 to July 3.

Olivia also plays for the Capital Girls Lacrosse program, while Amelia also plays for Stars Lacrosse.



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NEXT 4 HOME GAMES:

Thursday, June 28th vs  
Baltimore Redbirds - 7 PM -  
City Employee Night

Tickets for all City Employees with ID just \$3

Saturday, June 30th vs DC  
Grays - 7 PM - Sponsored by  
Union Street Public House -  
Youth Baseball Night

All kids in their baseball uniforms get  
free admission



Monday, July 2nd vs. Rockville Express -  
7 PM

Thursday, July 5th vs Youse's Orioles - 7  
PM



Aces home games are played at Frank  
Mann Field at Four Mile Run Park,  
located at 3700 Commonwealth  
Avenue in Alexandria, behind Cora  
Kelly School

Eat dinner at the Ballpark!  
Stop by the Union Street Public House  
Concession Area at each game for  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Italian  
Sausages, Chips, Drinks, and much  
more!

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- ❖ Tennis shoes or turf athletic shoes must be worn on the field.
- ❖ When more than two pick up teams are playing, a time limit will be enforced.
- ❖ No pets, smoking, alcohol, music will be allowed at the fields.
- ❖ All trash must be deposited of in the trash containers.
- ❖ Youth must be accompanied by a parent or an adult chaperone.
- ❖ Please follow all field and park regulations.
- ❖ Have fun ....

### Hershey Track and Field State Meet

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Hershey Track and Field Team sent 15 participants to the Virginia State Hershey Track and Field Meet on Saturday, June 23 at Monticello High School in Charlottesville.

Two of Alexandria's relay teams in the Girls 9 & 10 division finished in first and second place. Congratulations to the Mt. Vernon relay team for bring-

ing home the first place ribbon and to Charles Houston for making it a very close race and finishing in second place. The Mt. Vernon Relay Team included Cierra Brown, Rylie Edwards-Drummond, Halle Walker and Emonnie Copeland. The Charles Houston Relay team members included Breyana Smith-Harper, Caliyah Fields, Mariah Matthews and Shanay Evans. Shanay Evans also placed first in the 50 meter dash.

### Girls Fastpitch Champions Crowned

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Sports Section held its Girl's Fastpitch Softball Championship games on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16 at Armistead Boothe Park.

The National League championship was won by the Gators with a 15 - 11 win over the Storm. In the American League championship, the Hurricanes defeated the Pride 16 - 11. This season there were over 175 girls participating the Rookie, National and American Leagues. The league's sponsor for the second straight year was Giant Food Stores on Edsall Road, First Street and Monroe Avenue.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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Deadline is Thursday by noon.

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 30

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# Senior Services

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not provide.

"Our tax dollars simply don't extend to covering the person-to-person needs that organizations like SSA and others in the city provide," Anderson said. "At SSA, we will work together to meet the needs of citizens who want to age with dignity in this community, our community and the city of Alexandria."

Fran Becker, former executive director of Carpenter's Shelter, was the featured speaker at the event.

"For many years I have admired the dedicated board, staff and volunteers of Senior Services and your critical work in Alexandria that allows seniors to live their golden years a lot easier," said Becker as she addressed the issues facing nonprofit boards today. "It is every board member's job to believe in the organization's mission, to be loyal to the organization, to understand the financial activities and to display the highest standards of ethical conduct. These are the ingredients of a good, responsible board."

The 2012-2013 SSA officers are: Greg Murphy, president; David Baker, president-elect; Gay Pasley, secretary; Art Sauer, treasurer and Barbara Anderson, past president. Board members include: Lynnwood G. Campbell; Carter Flemming; Jane Foote; Christina Forbes; Constance H. Frogale; Heidi Garvis; Harvey L. Gray; C.B. "Buzz" Harris, Jr.; Connie Hart; Gordon Kromberg; Daniel E. Marks; Gregory L. Murphy; Mitch Opalski; Gordon P. Peyton; Councilwoman Del Pepper; Catharine Puskar; Jay Thomas and Carolyn S. Wilder.

Anderson spoke about the history of SSA, the growth of programs such as Meals on Wheels and the development this summer of a "Friendly Visitors" program to provide companion visits with homebound seniors.

"I am very excited to have a board that is so committed to helping our most vulnerable citizens," said SSA executive director Janet Barnett. "We are fortunate to have generous donors such as the Ron Bradley Foundation, Alexandria Rotary and Yellow Cab. With such a dedicated board and officers, we will continue to provide the best possible services and treat those we serve with dignity and respect."

For more information on Senior Services of Alexandria, call 703-836-4414 or visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org).

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Idyllic bungalow home that exemplifies the charm and warmth of Del Ray. Three bedrooms, two baths. Hardwood floors in bedrooms and main living area. Granite counters in kitchen with adjoining breakfast room. Large family room addition with cathedral ceilings. Fenced back yard with lush landscaping. Steps to "The Avenue" in Del Ray.

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### Serenity Abounds

In this circa 1900, four-bedroom farmhouse with rooms for every whim. Gracious formal rooms tended by a nicely located wet bar, main level master bedroom and bath, state-of-the-art kitchen with granite counters and cherry cabinets contribute to this traditional residence with two fireplaces, expansive garden, enchanting flagstone terrace and oversized garage.

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