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Everyone's Best Friend

Kobar, a young English Spaniel, takes a walk with Mike Rosenberg. Pet Gazette coverage, pages 3-5, 14-18.

Double the Density

Proposal for waterfront hotel would more than double density of existing development.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The vivid color images of a hotel on the waterfront offer a stark contrast to the dingy old warehouse currently occupying the northeast corner of Duke Street and Union Street. The hotel would have about 120 rooms and a restaurant with 50 to 70 seats, creating about 30 new jobs in the city. The new building would also have conference rooms and

reservations through the International Hotel Group.

For supporters of the city's controversial plan to allow hotels and increase density on the waterfront, the proposal now under consideration from Washington-based Carr Hospitality represent a great leap forward. But opponents of the zoning

"This is a community dialogue, not a decision-making process."

— Mayor Bill Euille

changes decry the city's willingness to entertain plans for zoning that doesn't exist. Caught

in the middle are city officials who must balance the needs of a de

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A New Jones Point

After years of construction, new National Park Service site offers something for everyone.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Jones Point Park used to be a place for walking dogs and fishing in the Potomac River. Then the project to build a new Woodrow Wilson Bridge turned the park into a massive staging ground. Even when the bridge was completed and the old one was demolished, the park remained under construction. Now, after more than a decade hidden behind a veil of orange cones, Jones Point Park is ready to once

again take its place among the premier city parks. Visitors can lumber like a bear, learn about shipbuilding and visit the original cornerstone of the District of Columbia.

"There's so much more to do now than there was before," said Jack Broward, division chief of the waterfront for the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. "It's very exciting."

The history of Jones Point Park goes back to the end of the Ice Age,

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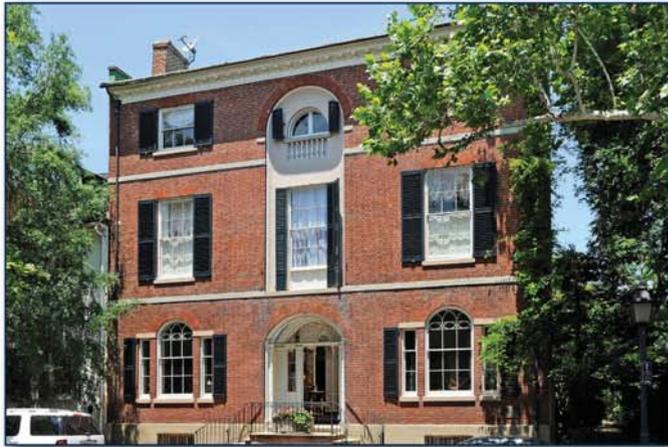


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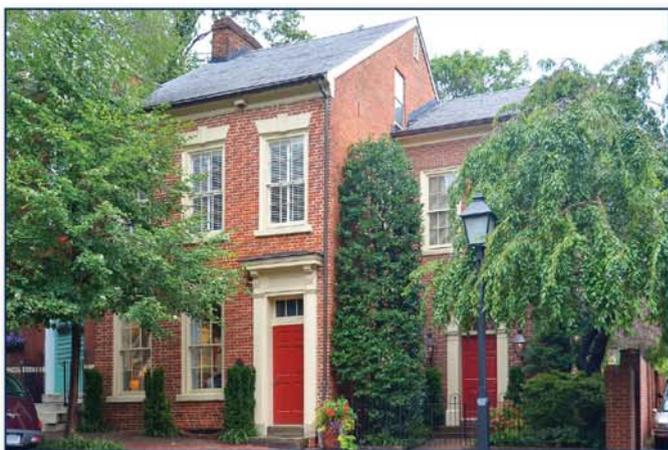


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The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) provides shelter for homeless animals in Alexandria. Also, since 1989, it has had a contract with the City of Alexandria to provide shelter, animal control and care services.

— ROSS SYLVESTRI



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AWLA staff member Chelsea Young, right, plays with Cricket.



Poppy, a cat.



Crepe, a guinea pig.



Turkish, a dove.



Squirtle, a turtle.



Patrick Cole, AWLA's director of communications and outreach, holds Oak.



AWLA staff member Ashley Young, right, plays with Sabrina.



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A poster of the What About Me depicts cats available for adoption at King Street Cats.

What about Meow?

King Street Cats raises awareness for shy and mature cats.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Mature and shy cats at animal shelters do not make immediate impressions, and are often overlooked by the young and outgoing. Through no fault of their own, these cats have a difficult time finding a loving home.

King Street Cats, an Alexandria-based no-kill animal shelter, campaigns for such cats with a label and a question: What about me?

“Kittens adopt themselves, but we want to feature the shy, old and long-term. They sit back and say, how do I compete with a cute fluffy six-week old,” said Allie Phillips, author and volunteer with King Street Cats. “The goal is to keep featuring these cats, we give them a voice and ask, what about me?”

The What About Me campaign at King Street Cats is in its second year, and organizers have put together a film set to the music by the Moving Pictures band. The film, which can be viewed through the shel-

ter website, offers biographical information on many of the What About Me cats. Last year volunteers at King Street Cats placed 13 of the 22-featured cats into new homes.

Chris Diongi, an auxiliary police officer in Arlington, picked his cat Buddy from the previous What About Me Campaign. “The cat was so grateful to have a home, he displays an amazing level of affection,” said Diongi. “When kittens can’t find a home, there’s no chance for elder cats. King Street Cats is dealing with a serious but not recognized problem.”

Although many of the What About Me Cats come from families who put their cat up for adoption, other cats come from more unfortunate circumstances. Cars, foxes and diseased animals endanger cats that live on

the streets, and when a cat is front-declared the chances of survival are slim.

Although King Street Cats is a no-kill shelter, when cats stay long term they take up limited space that might otherwise be available. This

year organizers hope to find homes for 30 felines through the What About Me campaign.

“We want to find homes for shy cats that will blossom,” said Phillips. “We hope people will look at them online, they’re docile and wonderful.”

Get Involved

The King Street Cats annual fundraising will be held Tuesday, July 31 at the Little Theater of Alexandria. The event features a performance of “Sweeney Todd,” as well as cheese and wine tasting. For more information about the fundraiser, and to view bios of the What About Me cats, visit kingstreetcats.org.



Hannah, a What About Me cat, arrived at King Street Cats in January 2012.



Mary, a What About Me cat, is a black domestic short hair. She was returned to King Street Cats in January 2012.

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Kate Moran and her dog Lucy.



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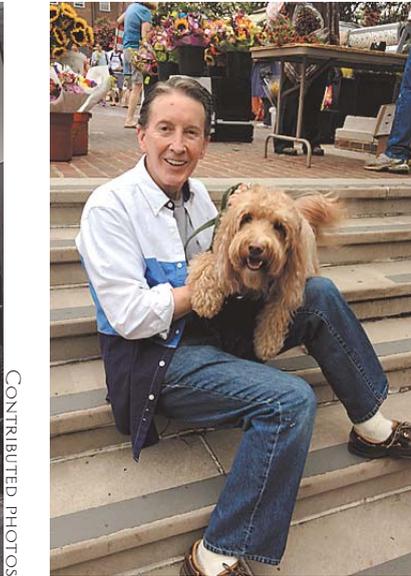
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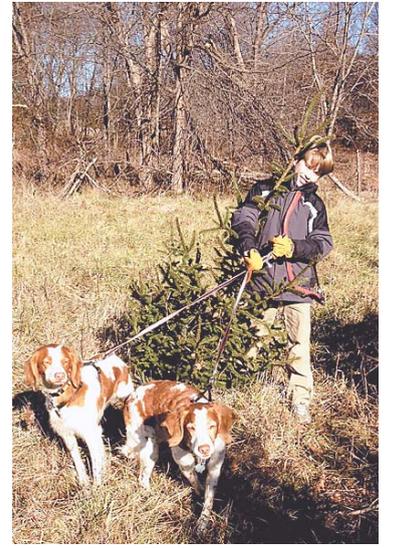
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Will Edwards takes Tache and Sirie out for a walk.



Sarah



Francesca, a mini-rex breed bunny, quite enjoys life with Allison and Kevin Nance.



Lucy Brenner takes a walk around the garden.

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Sophie stops to visit.

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Double the Density

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veloper with the wishes of the community.

“Right now, we’re at a point where we are listening to what people have to say about it,” said Mayor Bill Euille, one of the most outspoken supporters of the plan. “This is a community dialogue, not a decision-making process.”

Opponents of the waterfront plan say now is not the time to start considering plans for a hotel, even if the item was removed from the formal docket of the Old Town Board of Architectural Review and moved to a work session. They point out the existing zoning does not allow hotels, and the square footage of the proposal could not be approved unless legal challenges to the plan have been swept aside. Many opponents fear supporters have been working behind the scenes to orchestrate a swift approval for the proposed hotel.

“Maybe they would be gambling they can jam something through the Planning Commission and City

Council this fall,” said waterfront work group member Bert Ely. “But, you know, right now, they don’t have the zoning.”

OFFICIALS FROM Carr Hospitality have already indicated they aren’t willing to wait forever. During an October work session, representatives from the Washington-based company appeared to present their vision to the waterfront work group. At the time, they made it clear that they were willing to move forward with a residential development if the city were unable to change the zoning in the near future.

“We would prefer to develop it as a hotel,” said Carr Hospitality president Hammad Shah. “But we’re happy to look at either option.”

The Cummings-Turner property currently has about 70,000 square feet of development, although existing zoning would allow about 125,000 square feet.

The waterfront plan proposes increasing that to 190,000 square



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feet, which is more than double what’s there now.

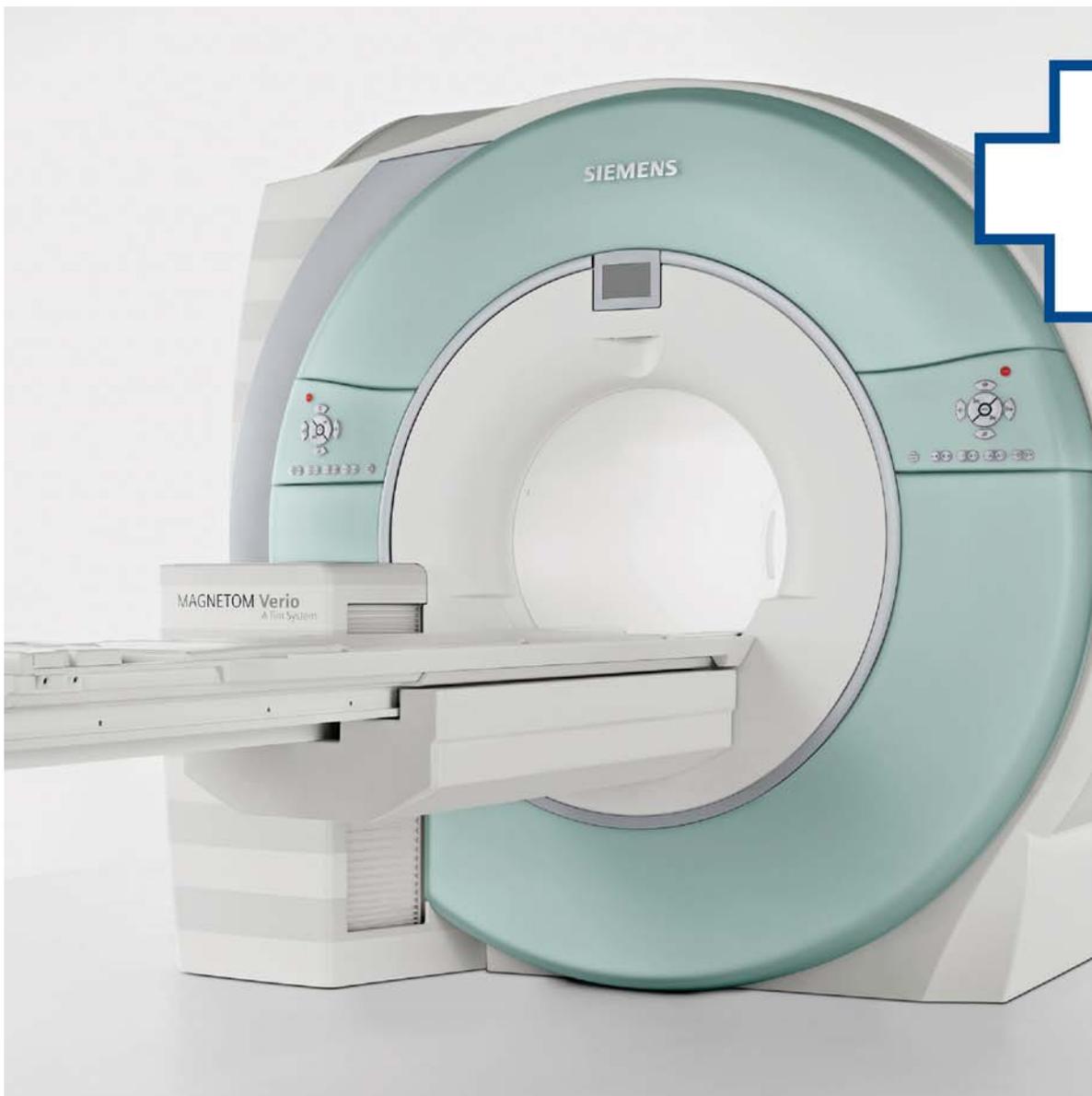
For many neighborhood residents, the prospect of doubling the density in this part of Old Town is a troubling development — especially without the necessary zoning changes in place.

“This will be the biggest building in that area,” said Katy Cannady, an outspoken critic of the waterfront plan. “It will stick out like a sore thumb.”

Some have criticized the proposal as being somewhat of a bait-and-switch. The scale model that was presented to citizens had an

open-air alleyway at the north edge of the Cummings property. But the concept plan now under consideration has a tunnel that connects Union Street to the Strand in a design reminiscent of the connection between the intersection of King Street and the waterfront.

“Its characteristics fit in well with what we are trying to accomplish,” said land use attorney Jonathan Rak, who is representing Carr Hospitality. “The approach would be to integrate this into the historic fabric of Alexandria.”



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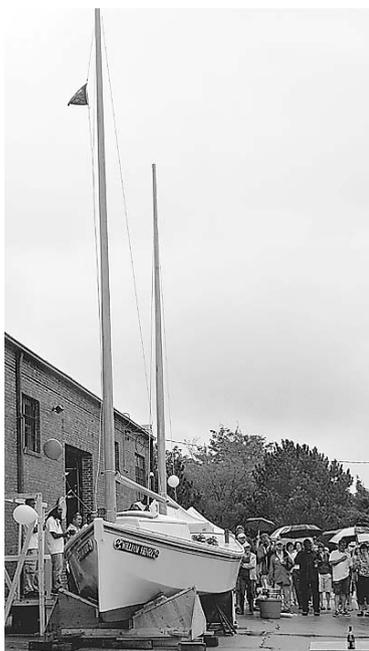
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The William Henry.



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Bagpiper Don McLean of the Washington D.C. St. Andrews Society warms up the pipes and leads the gathering out into the boat yard for the christening of the William Henry.

Setting Sail for Success

Seaport Foundation celebrates launch of the William Henry.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Shortly after Larry Sadler retired, a visit to a schooner moored along the waterfront prompted a friend to suggest that he consider volunteering at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Sixteen years later, he is still at it.

"This is an incredible organization to be a part of," said Sadler at the July 21 launch of the William Henry, a 30-foot Potomac River Dory boat. "The boat really looks great. It's good to finally get her out of the shop."

Sadler, along with 40 other volunteers, worked alongside ASF apprentices for two years on the boat that has been named in honor of Bill Hunley, an ASF board member and supporter for more than 20 years.

"This really is a tribute to him," Sadler said. "He is an extraordinary guy and a lot of what drove us was knowing that this would be dedicated and christened to him."

Despite the dreary skies, dozens of volunteers, apprentices and supporters gathered at the foot of

Duke Street for the christening of the William Henry, the first of two Dory boats being built to replace the 42-foot Potomac, which has reached the end of her lifespan.

"It was a tremendous effort by our volunteers and apprentices that created this beautiful craft," said ASF Executive Director Kent Barnekov. "It makes you proud to see what was accomplished."

Established in 1982, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation trains at-risk and disadvantaged youth through its Boatbuilding Apprenticeship Program, an intensive combined GED/vocational training program that operates from facilities based along the Potomac River in Old Town.

"This is a learning experience for everyone involved," said boat designer and ASF board member Dave Helgerson. "The program isn't just about teaching boat building skills. It's about shaping the lives of those who can work in society."

A feature of the William Henry is the electric motor donated by Elco Motors, which will allow the boat to be environmentally friendly and run silently when it takes to the water later this summer.

"This really was a group effort," Helgerson said. "It took volunteers to do the work, companies to contribute and the organizers of the Seaport Foundation to make it all come together."

For more information on the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, call 703-549-7078 or visit alexandriaseaport.org.



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Volunteer Larry Sadler, center, celebrates the July 21 boat launch with his wife Marg and ASF Executive Director Kent Barnekov.



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Dave Helgerson, a designer of the Dory boat, points out the Elco electric motor donated to the Seaport Foundation.

September Special

For more than a month, voters in the 45th District have been waiting for Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** to call a special election to fill the seat vacated by former Del. **David Englin** (D-45), who resigned to put his family back together after announcing he had been unfaithful in his marriage.

Now, the wait is over. And it's yielded quite a surprise.

Instead of adding the special election to the November ballot, when a maximum number of Democrats will be at the polls for the presidential ticket, the Republican governor chose a different path. In a written statement issued Wednesday, McDonnell said he will issue a writ of election on July 30. That gives parties five days to name their candidates, which is Saturday Aug. 4.

Voters will head to the polls on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

"I believe we must hold these special elections as quickly as is possible under Virginia law," said McDonnell. "Having these special elections on September 4th will allow for the citizens of these districts to have full representation and give the new Senator and Delegate time to fully prepare for the 2013 legislative session."

More Than Money

Money is always important in politics. But in the Republican primary for governor, the ability to raise large amounts of money might not be as significant because of the party's recent decision to spike the statewide primary in favor of a convention.

Leading the race for cash in Lt. Gov. **Bill Bolling**, in the first half of 2012, he raised almost \$100,000. And he's got \$1.5 million cash on hand. Attorney General **Ken Cuccinelli**, on the other hand, has raised about half as much money — \$540,000 in the first half of the year. And he has about half as much cash on hand with \$630,000. That's an indication that the big-money donors are with the lieutenant governor.

"He's the establishment candidate," said **Toni-Michelle Travis**, George Mason professor of political science. "And the party would perhaps like to see him be the nominee versus the Tea Party more extreme people."

Last month, the Republican Central Committee voted to hold a convention rather than a statewide primary to determine a nominee. That means money may have a reduced influence in this race because television time and large-scale direct-mail operations won't be needed.

"Organizing for a convention is much more of a grassroots person-to-person effort," said **Chris Marston**, former chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. "It's not a paid effort."

Despite the imbalance in the recent fundraising reports, many are predicting a victory for the attorney general.

"I think Cuccinelli is still a heavy favorite to be the nominee," said University of Virginia Center for Politics analyst **Kyle Kondik**. "And I don't think money means much."

Contraband Landmark

One of Alexandria's long-neglected cemeteries has now been added to the Virginia Landmarks Register. Earlier this month, the Department of Historic Resources issued a list of 17 new sites for the list — and the Alexandria Contraband and Freedman Cemetery made the cut. The graveyard is the only known burial ground in the United States to be established and administered by the federal government for the internment African Americans during the Civil War.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Taylor Run

In support of National Night Out, on Aug. 7, at 7:30 p.m., the Taylor Run Citizens' Association will be hosting an "Ice Cream Social" at 701 Upland Place. This event will allow residents the opportunity to meet and mingle with their neighbors and local law enforcement officials, as well as see the community's new pollinator garden, installed and maintained by Girl Scout Troop 4143.

Death and Maybe Taxes

Death may be one of those unavoidable things. But taxes? That's another story.

According to a recent report from the Washington-based Tax Foundation, the percentage of tax filers who pay no income taxes because of credits and deductions in the tax code has reached levels not seen since the 1940s. In 2010, for example, more than 58 million federal income tax filers had no income tax liability after taking deductions and credits. That amounts to about 41 percent of the roughly 143 million tax returns filed that year.

"These credits not only have a major budgetary cost both in terms of the lost revenue and the outlay cost for the refundable portion," said Tax Foundation president **Scott Hodge**. "They undermine the financial stability of the government by narrowing the tax base and disconnect people from the basic cost of government." A recent report from the Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shows that many tax incentives don't achieve the goal they were created to accomplish. Two recent tax income credits have been created to slow the decline of Virginia's coal employment and production, for example, although the report suggested the credits have only served to reduce the tax bills of unnamed corporations. Del. **Scott Surovell** (D-44) introduced legislation to make all recipients of tax credits worth more than \$1,000 a matter of public record this year, but the effort was defeated.

"These tax credits are out of control, and it's a hidden form of government spending," said Surovell. "It was interesting because the Tea Party came out in favor of it, but a majority of the members on the committee that considered it were concerned about discouraging people from taking tax credits."

Holiday from Taxes

It's almost back-to-school time again. That means back-to-school tax breaks.

The first weekend of August will be Virginia's seventh annual back-to-school sales tax holiday, which begins Friday Aug. 3 and ends Sunday Aug. 5. Most school supplies \$20 or less and clothing items \$100 or less will be exempt from Virginia's 5 percent state and local sales taxes. The list of tax-exempt items includes pens, pencils, loose-leaf notebook paper, scissors, binders, backpacks, construction paper, sneakers, dresses, jeans and T-shirts.

"Of all the commonwealth's three sales tax holidays, this is the most important because it helps parents around the state save money while purchasing essential school supplies, clothing, shoes to help their children have a successful year at school," said Gov. **Bob McDonnell** in a written statement. "But it's also important to remember that you don't have to be going back to school to take advantage of these savings."

New Space Coast

For many years, Texas and Florida dominated the space industry. But now that the shuttle program has ended, Virginia may stand to gain.

NASA's Wallops Island facility has already seen a spike in activity, including a launch this week of a rocket carrying an inflatable heat shield — technology that will be used next month when NASA lands a science laboratory on the surface of Mars.

"If you can pack an inflatable inside a rocket, send it up into space and then inflate it while you are in space, that means you might be able to take even more instruments and more gear," said **Kathy Barnstorff**, spokeswoman for the NASA Langley Research Center.

The end of the shuttle program is likely to result in a boom of private investment. Dulles-based Orbital Sciences is one of the many companies that is planning to lead the private industry into space. Later this year, the company plans to use the Wallops Island facility to launch its Antares vehicle. That launch will be followed by eight more missions in the near future. NASA officials say that means money and jobs for Virginia.

"There's clearly been a lot of folks who have been working on the launch pad," said **Bill Wrobel**, director of the Wallops Island facility. "And that has certainly brought in some jobs."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

BUSINESS



Zoe Boutique owner Susan Gerock and New York fashion designer Kathlin Argiro.



Sam and James visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus dressed in summer attire at The Christmas Attic, a co-sponsor of the Christmas in July event.

Union Street Celebrates Christmas in July

Alexandria Archaeologist, Architectural Ceramics, Ben & Jerry's, Bike & Roll, Encore Consignment Boutique, Firehook Bakery & Coffeehouse, Old Town Coffee, Tea & Spice, Potomac Riverboat Company, The Art League, The Christmas Attic, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, The Virginia Shop, Union Street Public House, Virtue Feed and Grain and Zoe Boutique all participated in this year's summer celebration of Christmas. The event was co-sponsored by the Christmas Attic.

Alexandria native and now New York fashion designer Kathlin Argiro spent Saturday, July 21, at Susan Gerock's shop Zoe. Argiro was featured in the Alexandria Gazette at the age of 16 when she started selling some of her designs

at the Farmers Market at Market Square. She is a graduate of the Parsons School of Design and has been designing under her Kathlin Argiro Atelier label for a number of years.

She is known for her white graduation gown designs, her bridal and formalwear offerings, and her wrap dresses.

Zoe Boutique carries a regular stock of her wrap dresses and the Dressong (a dress/sarong combination), and they also carry samples of her formalwear for special order.

Out on the street, wands were being made, balloons being created into hats and animals, music wandered through the seaport. Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic was chosen as the beneficiary of the Wish Star sales.



Carly and Bishop Gabriel perch on the upper wall as the band warms up for a musical set.



Alex Gabriel opens up the set with his first public appearance on the piano for Billy Clements, Rob Gabriel and Joe Chiocca of the Folsom Prisoners. Alex played a medley of Christmas tunes.



A cappella group Word of Mouth sings Christmas carols on South Union Street as part of the Christmas in July celebration sponsored by the South Union Street retail shops.

BUSINESS



Bob Tagert of the Old Town Crier speaks to those gathered for the business social.



Thomas Fraher, manager, Lorien Hotel and Spa and board member of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.



John Long, president, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

Back-to-Back Receptions

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce held its monthly Business After Hours reception at the Lorien Hotel & Spa on King Street and OTBPA (Old Town Business and Professional Association) had its social at the nearby Caprese Restaurant, a Mediterranean Grill at the Embassy Suites hotel.

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Mayor Bill Euille and OTBPA president Carol Supplee.



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Separate and Unequal?

If we don't believe that poor students are less innately talented, then the disparities in Northern Virginia are truly unfair.

The numbers are eye-popping. Latino students are 22 percent of Fairfax County Public Schools students, but 2.7 percent of the incoming Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology freshman class, the class of 2016. Of the 480 students, seven are black. That's 1.4 percent, while black students are 10 percent of the county school system.

The class of 2016 includes 480 students: 126 white students (26 percent), 308 Asian students (64 percent), 13 Hispanic students (2.7 percent), seven black students (1.4 percent) and 27 other.

Almost all of the students accepted to TJ come from eight middle schools with advanced gifted-and-talented programs.

The disparities and lack of diversity at Northern Virginia's stellar magnet school, ranked the top high school in the nation, is a symptom of a much more pervasive problem in Fairfax County.

This week, two groups, the Coalition of The Silence led by former school board member Tina Hone, and the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP filed a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. The complaint argues that the current policies regarding admission to Thomas Jefferson and policies regarding identification of students for eligibility for gifted services within FCPS "disparately impact Black and Latino students in violation of Title VI of the

Civil Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color and national origin."

For well over a decade, FCPS has made a variety of attempts to address the exclusive nature of admissions to TJ, but with little effect and intense controversy.

The problem runs much deeper than freshman admission to Thomas Jefferson. Of 12,044 elementary and middle school students identified for "level 4" gifted-and-talented programs last year, only 455 were black, 3.8 percent, while 10 percent of FCPS students are black. Just 752 were Hispanic, about 6 percent, although 22 percent of FCPS students are Hispanic.

EDITORIAL

GETTING ACCEPTED to TJ, in general, is not an easy task for anyone, reported Julia O'Donoghue in 2010 in the Connection. The school admitted only 15.3 percent of the 3,119 students who applied to be part of the class of 2014. That means TJ had a lower acceptance rate for its incoming freshman class than either Cornell University or Swarthmore College that year.

Fairfax students also compete with children from around the region for slots at the Northern Virginia magnet school. About 80 percent of TJ's student body comes from Fairfax but residents from Arlington, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties and the City of Falls Church can also apply. (The City of Alex-

andria does not allow its students to apply to TJ, and should reconsider its choice to opt out.)

While it may be difficult for all children, students who are black, Hispanic or poor have a particularly hard time getting admitted to TJ.

Out of 480 students admitted to the class of 2014, only nine were considered poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced-priced lunch.

Across all four grades at TJ in 2009-10 school year, approximately 1.78 percent of students were black, 2.84 percent of students were Hispanic and 1.74 percent were poor.

Fully 25 percent of students in Fairfax County are poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced-priced meals. Do we believe that poor students are less talented than students from wealthier families?

The complaint asserts that FCPS "has evolved into a system that essentially operates a network of separate and unequal schools."

Many if not most poor students lack access to quality enrichment programs and after-school activities, lack access to expensive and highly specific test preparation classes for the admissions test for TJ. And the complaint cites FCPS retreated from outreach programs for poor and minority students.

Addressing these issues from Kindergarten up would have many benefits beyond increasing diversity at one school. This could also decrease the achievement gap, increase the graduation rate for minority and poor students, and reduce disparities in the suspension and expulsion rate.

These are hot issues with many perspectives. We welcome letters and comments suggesting solutions and with different points of view.

— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open for Public Involvement?

To the Editor:

I attended the first meeting of the Beaugard Rezoning Advisory

Group on Monday, July 16. As Mayor Euille appointed David Baker chair of this group, the first thing Mr. Baker said was "I'm the guy who knows the least about the Beaugard Small Area Plan." So true and are we in trouble now

since Mayor Euille appointed Dave Baker as chair. I can only say from my personal opinion but don't know this to be a fact, that Dave Baker will do whatever Mayor Euille tells him to do so that the BSAP comes in front of the Planning Commission and City Council before the November elections. Mr. Baker is in charge of operations at Goodwin House that is part of the BSAP and supports this major redevelopment. It is clear that the appointments to the Advisory Group were representative of the democratic machine that currently exists in Alexandria and for political reasons, and Dave Baker is part of that democratic political machine.

I met with Mayor Euille on June 26 to try and persuade him to change this group to a community group run by an independent facilitator who would be selected not only by some members of city staff but also some members in the BSAP neighborhood who would know how to find an independent/

objective facilitator. Of course it was too late for Mayor Euille to even consider such a change. He and members of the council were not going to listen to citizens concerns who are not anti-development, but wanted more time to discuss the major issues with city staff before another advisory group had to be formed. Many of us, myself included, had emailed the mayor/council members about using a community group forum and also spoke to this alternative at the public hearing when Docket Item #32 was discussed. However, Mayor Euille and all members of the council ignored our request and voted to move the BSAP along as quickly as possible. I reminded Mayor Euille in our meeting and emails that he had stated several times at council meetings that he was not going to push the BSAP forward too quickly. Surprise, surprise.

With regard to the composition

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Snapshot

Dad Bob Coulter with daughters Christie, 12, and Katie, 16, on Easter Sunday in Alexandria.

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OBITUARY

Edward S. Kidd, Jr.

Editor's Note: The wrong photo accompanying this obituary was published July 19. The Gazette Packet apologizes for the error.



Court Judges of Virginia, Inc., Past-President of the American Judges Foundation.

Judge Kidd will be missed and remembered by Betty Kidd, his wife of 58 years; daughter, Deneen

The Hon. Judge Edward S. Kidd, Jr., 81, died peacefully July 14, 2012.

He was a wonderful husband and father, and a great friend to many. He graduated from George Washington University School of Law. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He and his wife, Betty Kidd, have resided in Roanoke for the last 45 years. He practiced law and served as District Court Judge from 1978 to 1981 and served as Chief Judge of the General District Court for 23rd Judicial Circuit from 1981 until retiring in 1994. He was predeceased in death by mother, Grace Kidd; father, Edward Kidd Sr., and two sisters, Edna May Collins and Marion Smith.

He was an avid Floyd farmer and craftsman. Often indulging in painting, sculpting, and woodworking. He enjoyed researching and illustrating historic Virginia courthouses. He was a member of Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity and the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge in Alexandria. He was involved in Civic Affairs, Previous Board Member of Association of District

Kidd Amos, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stan and Susan Kidd, Virginia Beach, Va. and Michael and Angela Kidd, of Archdale, N.C.; six grandchildren Cristin Amos, Wil Amos, Eastan Kidd, Trevor Kidd, Tyler Kearns, and Ashley Kearns; one sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Jean and Creighton Jones, of Petersburg, Va.; and one brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Kathy Kidd, of Panama City, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Wednesday, July 18, at Oakey's Roanoke Chapel with the Rev Brent Williams officiating. Interment was at Green Sea Baptist Church Cemetery in Green Sea S.C. on Thursday July 19. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Colonial Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Va.; the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice. Online condolences can be made at www.oakeys.com.



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Crews will work weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The estimated duration of the project is three months. At least one lane of traffic on Trinity Drive and Fort Williams Parkway will remain open while the project is underway.

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Walk slated to benefit homeless animals.

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria will host the first-ever Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals on Oct. 21 to raise awareness about pet overpopulation and the thousands of animals the AWLA cares for each year.

The Walk will also raise funds to support the many AWLA programs that combat animal homelessness, promote responsible pet care and match shelter animals with adopters.

The Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals will begin at 9 a.m. at Market Square in and participants and their animal companions will complete a one-and-a-half-mile walk through Old Town, returning to Market Square.

The AWLA operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, an open-admission facility and Alexandria's only animal shelter. The League was established in 1946 and has provided shelter for homeless animals and served as a community resource for more than 65 years.

Since 1989, the AWLA has contracted with the City of Alexandria to provide animal care, control and sheltering services for City residents. Through adoptions, low-cost spay and neuter assistance, humane education and community outreach the League

strives to end animal homelessness.

Although based in Alexandria, the League serves the entire metropolitan region.

"The League represents and speaks for those who do not have a voice of their own," said acting Executive Director Mary Beth Mount. "In addition to operating a shelter that serves as a safe haven for abused, neglected and unwanted animals, we proactively fight animal homelessness by educating and assisting pet owners with spaying and neutering. This is the best way to prevent unwanted and unplanned litters that inevitably end up on the shelter's doorstep." Mount adds, "Our Walk not only benefits the dogs and cats in our shelter, but also the birds, guinea pigs, rabbits, turtles, ferrets, lizards and other small animals we care for on a daily basis."

The League encourages all animal lovers and pet owners in the region to participate in the Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals. While many participants will be walking with their dogs, those with cats, small mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians at home are welcome to represent their companion animals and support the AWLA's fight against animal homelessness. Registration will be available online in the coming weeks, as well as campaign and fundraising tools to help walkers raise money and awareness for this cause.

For more information on the Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals, visit www.AlexandriaAnimals.org/Walk.

COURTESY PHOTO



Canal Place has gone to the dogs. Owners pictured are Jason DeBacker with Rudy, Mickie Selby with Cedric and Quinn, Joanne Broderick with Teddy, Shari Bolouri with Pomeroy, Laura Winstead with JD and Wendy Beacher with Keiko and Benny.



PHOTOS BY JOHN BORDNER

Hector, a 1-year-old domestic short hair rescued from the animal shelter, adjusts to his new home with Cynthia Bordner.

Despite his natural inclination, Nelson, a 7-year-old long hair Corgi, is not allowed to relieve himself on fire hydrants. Says owner John Bordner: "I don't want him to grow up and be just another non-thinking, conformist dog."



Here he is looking very white ...

Susan Dawson and Max Rotermund's 3-year old cat Cinco (we got him on May 5) came from the pound, so they really don't know what breed of cat he is. Trying to match him with pictures in cat books, they figure he may be a Siberian, "probably a mix, though, as are most pound cats. His fur is different colors, depending on the time of day, the lighting in the room, his position, etc. – and we've never seen a



.. and here he is looking tan.

cat like this. He has two or three different types of fur, which might add to this strange phenomenon. The fur on his chest - pure white – is every bit as soft as that of a bunny rabbit; however, his top level of fur, mainly on his back, is a buff, sometimes tan color – and rather coarse. I just keep thinking that an artist would have a great time mixing the various colors to depict him."



PHOTOS BY BRIAN MARQUIS

Our 1-year-old cat Cannoli, and our 6 year old Lab mix Guinness, get along great, and frequently end up sleeping together. Here they take up too much room together on the sofa, January 2010. — Brian Marquis

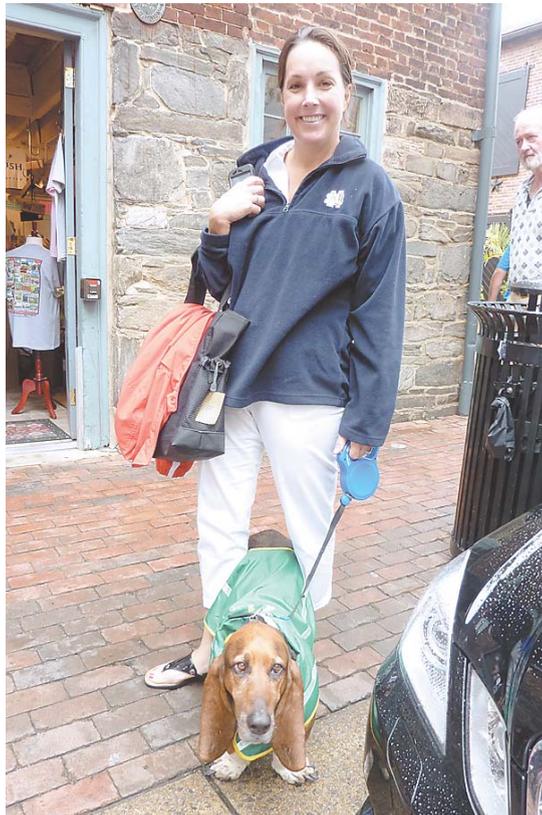


Our 12 year old cat Ziggy relaxes in the sun while sitting on the fence of our Alexandria home, April 2012. — Brian Marquis



PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Christina Brecto takes a break from walking her five French bulldogs July 21 on South Union Street. With her are 6-year-old Tony Curtis, Belle, 5, Butter Bean, 4, Tut, 2, and Rocco, 1.



Barbara Christian with Henry, an 8-year-old Basset Hound, enjoying Christmas in July on South Union Street July 21.

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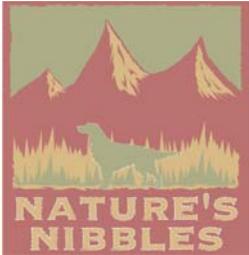
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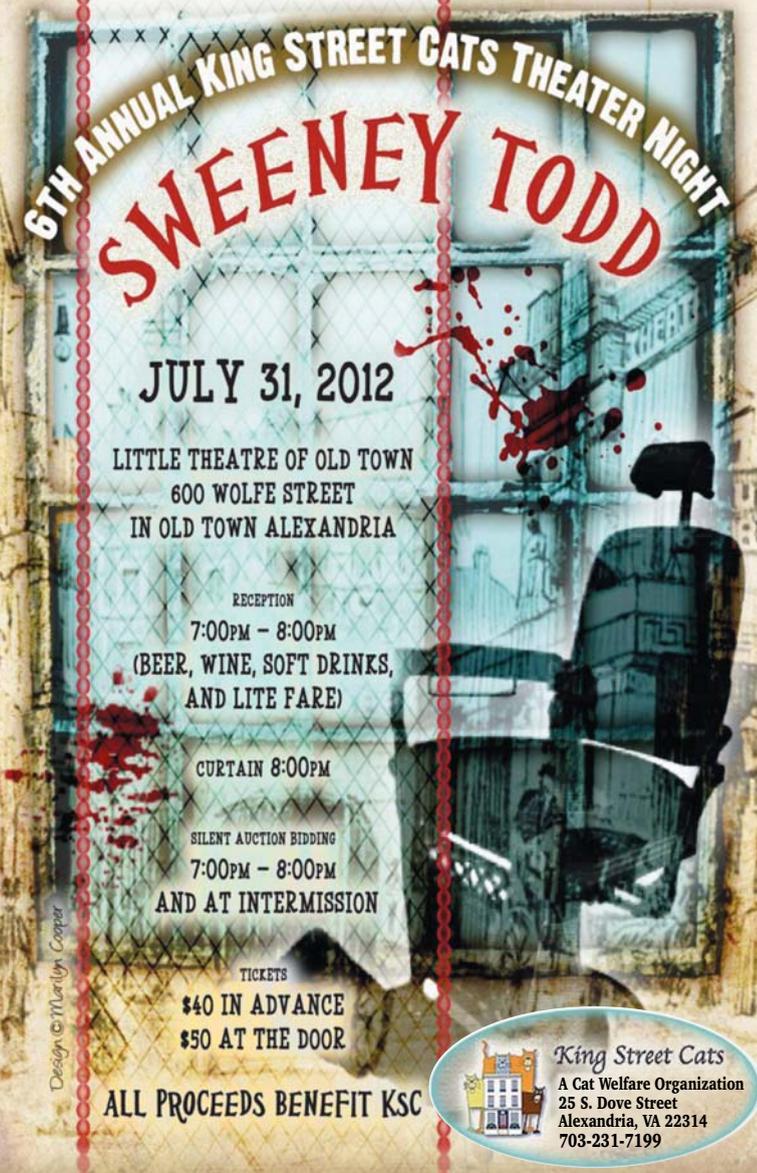
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\$1,295,000
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9516 Ferry Harbour Ct
\$650,000
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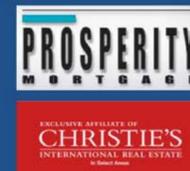
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PET GAZETTE

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Remy gets a bath July 22 at Dogtopia, 3121 Colvin St., that hosted the 8th annual charity dog wash benefiting working K-9 service dogs. Dogtopia, a national franchise, set out to raise \$25,000 for working canines. The funds help provide 5,000 pounds of supplies, including cooling pads, protective eye wear and clothing along with peanut butter treats and Frisbees. Since its inception, the Dogtopia fundraising campaign has raised over \$80,000 nationwide.



Beagle brothers Oscar (left) and Riley (right), companions of Nate and Kara Macek of Old Town Alexandria



Molly is a Bichon, a sweet princess with an outgoing personality. I went to see her when she was born in my neighborhood, and fell in love. Her paws have been wrapped around my heart for almost nine years.

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Zoey with her owner, Ashlynn Prisby, age 8.



Zan waiting for me to throw the ball.

— VINCE LAPOINTE

HOME SALES

In June 2012, 245 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,900,000-\$90,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$650,000-\$535,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
410 ROYAL ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CHATHAM SQUARE
7 MAPLE ST W	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$649,900	Detached	0.14	22301	ROSEMONT
5188 BRAUNER PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$649,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
717 FONTAINE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$645,000	Detached	0.18	22302	TIMBER BRANCH
5233 HAROLD SECORD ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$645,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
815 DUKE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$642,500	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FARNEY
711 CHALFONTE DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Detached	0.21	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
302 LAMOND PL	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Detached	0.21	22314	ORCHARD VALLEY
1716 CRESTWOOD DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$629,900	Detached	0.13	22302	DYES OAKCREST
5016 GARDNER DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
2509 RANDOLPH AVE E	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$619,900	Detached	0.13	22301	ABINGDON
265 MEDLOCK LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$618,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
1102 WEST ABINGDON DR	2	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$616,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	NEITHERGATE
5059 DONOVAN DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
906 ROLFE PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POWHATAN PLACE
2105 JAMIESON AVE	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$612,500	Townhouse	0.04	22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
1170 PITT ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$612,500	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CANAL WAY
319 ASHBY ST	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Detached	0.13	22305	DEL RAY
214 HENRY ST	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Semi-Detached	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
5238 TANCRETI LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
4616 KIRKLAND PL	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$604,000	Townhouse	0.08	22311	STONEGATE
209 MONROE AVE E	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.12	22301	DEL RAY
145 MARTIN LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
814 CLOVERCREST DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.24	22314	CLOVER
2151 JAMIESON AVE #810	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
700 LATHAM ST N	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Detached	0.28	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY
534 ALFRED ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN
1617 CRESTWOOD DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$590,000	Detached	0.14	22302	DYES OAKCREST
1723 DOGWOOD DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$589,000	Townhouse	0.05	22302	OAKCREST
220 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$585,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
1105 QUAKER HILL CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	QUAKER HILL
4505 PEACOCK AVE	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$579,000	Detached	0.29	22304	BELLE WOOD
2608 RIDGE ROAD DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$578,000	Detached	0.15	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
901 FRANKLIN ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$576,500	Townhouse	0.07	22314	OLD TOWN
105 LINDEN ST E	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Detached	0.11	22301	ROSEMONT
802 BASHFORD LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	NEITHERGATE
5005 MURTHA ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$572,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
708B MOUNT VERNON AVE	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.04	22301	DEL RAY
2309 COMMONWEALTH AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$569,900	Townhouse	0.03	22301	COMMONWEALTH CLUSTER
323 HELMUTH LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$564,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
703 UPLAND PL	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.12	22314	GLENMORE
103 NELSON AVE W	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Detached	0.15	22301	DEL RAY
325 MASON AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Townhouse	0.06	22301	BRADDOCK
325 WEST ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
31 BELLEFONTE AVE E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$543,000	Townhouse	0.07	22301	DEL RAY
421 NELSON AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$539,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301	DEL RAY
501 NELSON AVE E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.10	22301	LINDEN GARDENS
808 TAYLOR RUN PKWY W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.22	22302	ALBERT V BRYAN
309 LANGLEY ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.19	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY

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ENTERTAINMENT

Tail-wagging Treasures Come To the Torpedo Factory

For those who give a whisker about all things furry, clay artists have dedicated handmade wares to the animal kingdom at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

Through Aug. 26, Scope Gallery features Kiln Club's "Ode to Animals," a show featuring fuzz-friendly statuettes, chow crocks, water dishes and more. Potters welcome all friends feathery, woolly, wild, domestic and doggy, elevating them to high, functional art.

Artisan piggy banks, handpainted hen tableware and kitty dishes have come out of Kiln Club workshops. Potters have created ceramic birdhouses with natural construction and an organic bamboo front perch. For those who like the wild side, adopt a wolf plate, moose vase or fish platter. Other pieces of functional art include a squirrel food dish or a rabbit appetizer tray, teapot or statuette. Embrace insects with dragonfly and butterfly plates and cups.

Whether it be for birds or bees, Scope Gallery's high-fire tableware is food-safe and can be used in the microwave, dishwasher and oven.

"Ode to Animals," runs from July 30 to Aug. 26. Scope Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays until 9 p.m. The gallery is located at 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19. Call the Scope Gallery at 703-548-



Sculpted piggy bank by Thien Nguyen of Alexandria.

6288, visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm.

Kiln Club is an organization of more than 90 Washington, D.C. area artists working in the clay medium. Juried members exhibit themed shows every other month at the cooperative artist-run Scope Gallery in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit www.kilnclubwdc.com



Stone-ware handpainted siamese cat tea cups by Tracie Griffith of Reston.

CALENDAR

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Music Series. 3p.m. An instrumental master class. Details to be announced at www.wmpamusic.org. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.wmpamusic.org, email wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-8229.

Rug Event Preview. 6:30-7:30 p.m. People interested in fair trade rugs can get a sneak peek of Ten Thousand Villages' September 4-day rug sale. Guests can sample fair trade wines and artisanal cheeses as they view samples of the rugs coming in September, learn about the different types of oriental rugs, how they are made, how fair trade rugs differ from other rugs, and what to consider when choosing a rug. Free, but reservations strongly advised. 915 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-684-1435.

MONDAY/JULY 30

SummerQuest Carolyn Christensen Theater Games and Activities. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Monday, July 30 at 3:30 p.m., ages 6-9. At 4:30 ages 10-12. 703-746-1705.

SummerQuest Green Craft Night. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Monday, July 30 at 7 p.m., ages 9-17. 703-746-1704.

Little One-ers. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. 10:30 or 11:15 a.m., ages 12 to 23 months, with an adult. Sign-up



The Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery presents Masks, a solo exhibit featuring paintings and sketches by Susan Makara, through July 29.

required: call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk.

THROUGH JULY 31

Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt presented by Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore. Look in many business across Old Town, Alexandria to find Waldo. All ages welcome. Free.

TUESDAY/JULY 31

Time for 2's. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. 10:30 a.m., ages 24-36 mos. with an adult. Sign-up required: call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk.

Baby Rhyme Time. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. 11:30 a.m., for ages 0 to 11 months, with an adult. Sign-up required: call 703-746-1702x5 or

visit children's desk.

Theater Night Fundraiser. 7 p.m. Local cat orphanage King Street Cats will host its 6th annual Theater Night at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, featuring "Sweeney Todd," and an evening of theater, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. Tickets for the event are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door (if available). All ticket purchases and donations are tax deductible. Visit www.kingstreetcats.org.

All Wheel Jive at The Carlyle Club. 9-11 p.m. Blues and blues-flavored

vocals, guitar and harmonica, as well as the addition of Aussie Angus Mackay on standup bass to bring a hint of Rockabilly and Rock and Roll. Admission is \$10. 411 John Carlyle Street.

SummerQuest Jr. C Shells Musical Duo. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. 10 or 11 a.m., ages 0-5. 703-746-1705.

THROUGH JULY 31

Scavenger Hunt. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street. Sunday July 1 - July 31 Can you solve the clues? Pick up a copy of the Scavenger Hunt at Barrett Branch Library, correctly solve the puzzles, and return it by July 31st to be

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Summer Camp Fun at Little Theatre of Alexandria

The Little Theatre of Alexandria presented a Shakespeare workshop, the week of July 16-20, as part of their ongoing summer programs for children. The workshop was directed by Mount Vernon resident Heather Sanderson. According to LTA's website, Sanderson studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, England and "is known locally for instilling a love of Shakespeare into the hearts of children."

The workshop revolved around William Shakespeare's Macbeth. Friday morning the fifth through eighth graders wrote and presented a local news update on the Scottish King Duncan's murder at the castle. Cassie Cope and Danielle Murphy anchored the show as local reporter Siobhan Thompson interviewed villagers and guests at the castle. Lydia Greenwood as Willow Weather To Be gave the local weather reports and Okan Sinirlioglu brought in a sports report.

For more information on classes, visit www.thelittletheatre.com

— LOUISE KRAFFT



Heather Sanderson with her workshop students: Lydia Greenwood, Okan Sinirlioglu, Camila Cardwell, Sydney Turbeville, Molly Schulwolf, Siobhan Thompson, Grace Fredericks, Stephanie Celem, Cassie Cope and Danielle Murphy.



Weather reporter Willow Weather To Be (Lydia Greenwood).



News reporter Siobhan Thompson interviews Banquo (Stephanie Celem).



TV anchors Cassie Cope and Danielle Murphy.



Lady Macbeth (Camila Cardwell) waits to be interviewed by the reporter.



Ross, a visiting Lord, talks candidly to the reporter.



The doctor (Molly Schulwolf) explains he lost his glasses and did not see much at the crime scene.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Art Project Coming To a Door Near You?

Alexandria artist, Linda Hesh, is hanging 3,000 white paper doorknob hangers on homes and businesses in the Del Ray and Potomac West areas of Alexandria. On several days leading up to Aug. 2, 2012, Hesh will have a crew of art enthusiasts help her to install her artwork titled "Art is..." The doorknob hangers might at first glance seem like your typical advertising vehicle promoting a restaurant or dry cleaner, but each piece of 4.25"x 11" piece of white card stock will display one of four short poetic phrases: Art is to See; Art is to Feel; Art is to Do; or Art is to Know.

The bold, black type is large enough that you can read the words from across the street, making each home one part of a 3,000 house installation. It's an artwork constructed of many small pieces that add up in size to an area of more than 100 blocks.

Anyone who finds one of Hesh's small artworks on their door is invited to photograph it where they like and upload the image to an online website maintained by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. The back

of the doorknob hanger will contain a website address and QR code to encourage people to make Hesh's art into their own work of art.

This temporary interactive public art project is sponsored by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. The installation is timed to coincide with the Aug. 2 "First Thursday" evening event held in the business district of Del Ray. The theme of the night will be art and fashion.

Linda Hesh lives and maintains a studio in Alexandria. Her artwork is in collections including the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Library of Congress. Last year she received an award in Recognition for Community Engagement in Public Art from the Americans for the Art for a similar project of doorknob hangers. Her upcoming projects include traveling to St. Petersburg, Russia to participate in a temporary public art festival.



CALENDAR

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entered in a prize drawing. Call 703-746-1714 or email hmartyn@alexandria.lib.va.us.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

"The Postman Always Rings Twice" with Lana Turner and John Garfield. 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 with TK the DJ. The event is from 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub and costs \$6. The nightclub is located at 642 South Pickett St.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Music At Twilight Concert-John Carlyle Square Park. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Musical performance by The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington, featuring 1920s-1940s Jazz. John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418.

AUG. 3 THROUGH SEPT. 2

Boarderlines. Thursday-Sunday. Free. This exhibit is an individual and group journey across "boarders" and features a silent auction, 2-D and 3-D gallery artwork, and take-away art. At the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center,

The Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market Seeks Performers

The Office of the Arts, in partnership with the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, is inviting performing artists to participate in the "Call for performing artists." Artists selected will have an opportunity to perform at the Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market held on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October.

Family-friendly entertainment is appreciated. Artists must be self-contained and provide their own microphones, sound equipment, chairs, tents, etc. Parking is available.

The Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market is located near the Four Mile Run on Mt. Vernon Avenue in the Arlandria neighborhood of Alexandria near the border with Arlington. Visit www.4mrmarket.org or www.alexandriava.gov/arts, or call the Office of the Arts at 703-746-5588.

2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. Visit www.theDelReyArtisans.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 3

Concert By The U. S. Navy Band Sea Chanters. noon - 1:15 p.m. The U. S. Navy Band "Sea Chanters" chorus is the official chorus of the United States Navy. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including the sea chantey, to Broadway musicals. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5420 or email maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov.

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.

Open House. 6:30-9:30 p.m. The Gentleman Distiller: Dinner and Whiskey Tasting event begins with a reception at the Distillery & Gristmill, and continues at the Estate with a brief lecture by Mount Vernon's resident whiskey expert, Dr. Dennis Pogue, followed by a whiskey tasting and seated dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn. Tickets are \$150 per person, including tax and gratuity. Visit MountVernon.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Health Fair. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Health screenings, cooking demonstrations, health food vendors, fitness demonstrations, seminars, holistic practitioners, and activities for everyone. At the Community Praise Center SDA Church, 1400 Russell Road.

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LETTERS

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of the advisory group, there are five at-large members and during my meeting with Mayor Euille on June 26 he stated to me that all five at-large members live within the boundaries of the BSAP. Wrong. He did not tell me who these members were as this docket item was on council's agenda for their final meeting wherein Mayor Euille would announce the members of the group along with appointing Dave Baker as chair. Well Mr. Mayor, there is only one member of the group who lives within the BSAP boundaries, Hector Pineda, who is a renter at JBG apartments. The other four at-large members, Dave Baker, Carolyn Griglione, Don Buch and Dave Cavanaugh do not live within the boundaries of the BSAP. I did not submit my name for consideration as an at-large member even though I live within the boundaries. Dave Baker may speak to wanting a transparent and open group discussion, but I find this hard to believe. We will see how much Chair Baker allows for citizen input at the end of each meeting since city staff will be drafting the agendas and if these are agendas are anything like the city agendas for the BRAC-133 AG group, they will be stacked, not allowing for any time for citizen input. Stay tuned.

Annabelle Fisher
Alexandria

Add to City's Indebtedness?

To the Editor:

Just as Mayor Euille and his council colleagues did not cause the great recession of 2008, they have not caused the regional recovery we are experiencing in Northern Virginia today. The recession did demonstrate how dependent city revenues are on ever-rising home values. Our home values (judging from my own tax assessment and homes sales in my neighborhood) did not take a big dive. They just ceased to rise for a time.

There was only one year when my home assessment decreased. Since then I've had a modest increase every year. That also shows that I, like most Alexandrians, paid more in residential real estate taxes every year but one. That we are experiencing better times today rests mostly on those increases in Alexandria and rest of the region. Everyone who follows the news knows the same thing is occurring in the rest of Northern Virginia and Montgomery County, Md.

During the great recession, the city cut back on lawn care in the parks, on library hours, on replacing city employees who left the city's work force, just as examples of losses. We got through it by making sacrifices in services that support our quality of life. Other areas of the country fared much worse. Those areas do not have our geographic advantages. Our own city government estimates (in a document prepared as part of the recent budget process) that our Alexandria economy will grow six percent each year for the next several years due to "proximity" to Washington, D.C.

The same people, who want to tout the

financial stewardship of Mayor Euille and his Council, are also likely to praise their program of ever more development, claiming that the choice to raise zoning limits wherever possible will keep us financially secure. Even in times past, that was a questionable assumption.

Now it is even more doubtful. The infrastructure costs for new development have skyrocketed. Mayor Euille and his Council members have endorsed a new way of financing these costs — tax increment financing. This financing will be used for the proposed Potomac Yard Metro if it is ever built and to finance elaborate roadway changes that are part of the Beaugard Corridor Plan.

Under the tax increment financing scheme, all real estate tax revenue generated by the new development will be reserved to pay for the new infrastructure. No revenue will go into the city's general fund until the new infrastructure is paid for. In the case of the new Potomac Yard Metro, the cost is estimated at \$275 million to be paid for with municipal bonds. The annual debt service will be about \$20 million, exceeding the city's guidelines for indebtedness. We have an excellent credit rating and can expect low interest rates. However, like any individual, the city needs to ask, "Just because we can get a loan, is it a good idea to do it?" This is one of the many questions that citizens need to ask the Mayor and his opponent, Andrew Macdonald, in the upcoming mayoral election.

Katy Cannady
Alexandria

Buffalo Soldiers License Plate

To the Editor:

The Northern Virginia Buffalo Soldier Motorcycle Club has been working persistently for some time to create a license plate to honor and commemorate the legacy of the 9th and 10th Calvary Buffalo Soldiers.

We have been working with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and Del. Mark Keam to help make this possible. Keam has introduced a bill to the Virginia General Assembly (House Bill 1040) for issuance of a Buffalo Soldier commemorative license plate.

The state requires that we acquire 450 prepaid applications at a cost of \$10 per vehicle for regular plates or \$20 for personalized plates. At present we have approximately 100 pre-paid applications ready to submit. However, in a few weeks, we must have all 450 prepaid applications or as close to 450 as possible. We need everyone's help in making this possible.

For application packets and the proposed design as well as any questions, contact me at mr.tdavis@gmail.com or call 703-629-1174. You may also contact Joan Thomas at joanthomas17@gmail.com or telephone her at 703-586-8466.

Please do not contact the DMV as this plate has not yet been approved; all applications must be submitted as mentioned above.

Terrence L. Davis
Alexandria

From News Star to Sheriff's Star

BY HARRY COVERT

For five years, I pestered Jane Watrel. At least three times a week — and sometimes more — I either emailed or telephoned her with news story suggestions. She never ignored me. If she didn't like the idea, she was nice about it. Once, I called as she was preparing to go on the air. She was nice about that, too.

Jane is an experienced first-class reporter. She knows her way around, still a star in the news business. It was always my thought she should be anchoring the news. For the life of me, I can't figure why she wasn't put in the anchor's seat. It wasn't beyond me to anonymously send notes to various news directors and general managers suggesting a special broadcast spot for her.

I got out of the broadcast news business many years ago. I'd been assigned to interview five Navy nuclear submariners. I was a rookie. They probably knew it. We lugged a load of film equipment down a pier and then down the hatch. Today, of course, it's a lot easier with modern technology. The "old salts" on the sub weren't too thrilled at being interviewed for "teevee." At every one of my questions, they would answer yes, nope or just grin.

The piece was only going to be from 30 to 45 seconds anyway but it was about the coming launch of the fancy new sub. I admit I was excited about my first report and the copy I wrote was OK. The news show in those days was only 15 minutes. Wouldn't you know it, gremlins got on the director's board. The first 10 seconds there was no sound. My smiling face was silent for another five seconds and then for some reason, only a few seconds of the submariners looking at the camera with frowns.

It was then I figured I had a face and patience for the printed page.

Jane Watrel and her colleagues at WRC-TV, NBC4, Washington, rarely have had those kinds of problems I'm sure. They are the pros.

Jane has been a familiar figure to the Greater Washington news watchers, both at NBC4 and MSNBC cable news shows.

Recently, walking down the street I saw her doing a stand-up. As always, excellent. She suggested I stick around for a moment. She had something to tell me. I waited.

Once when Jane went to the Alexan-

dria Sheriff's Office, she was introduced to Sherman, the K-9 bomb dog. He never forgot her and on another occasion when she was covering an event, Sherman remembered her and dragged his handler to see her. Smart dog.

On another day, when the earthquake struck Haiti, she knew of my interest in a special school in a Port au Prince area. Jane came to interview me. We talked about it and discovered she knew all about the trials and tribulations in Haiti.

As a reporter in Florida, she had become acquainted but didn't explain it to me until after our interview.

A few days later, she called me. Her husband, Matt Herzberg, a Navy commander/dentist, was aboard the USNS Comfort and was headed to Haiti. The good doctor was indeed good and diligently worked on young and old alike for weeks.

Another reason I'm a fan of Jane Watrel is her community commitment. She and Matt are Alexandria residents. Several years back, the scheduled master of ceremonies for the Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards luncheon cancelled the day before the event. In a panic, I called Jane. Without hesitation she came in, wowed the audience and the heroes of the Sheriff's, Police and Fire-EMS departments.

Well, we're going to miss Jane Watrel from Alexandria and the Greater Washington communities. Her message to me was, "I'm going to be a PIO." In June she moved from journalism into new work as media specialist/public information officer for the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

I almost cried. What a loss for us television news watchers and the media community. As a retired PIO in Alexandria, the Sheriff in Orange County, Fla., gets a top notch pro. She covered the news at WFTV-Channel 9, Orlando from 1991 to 1999.

Jane earned a master's degree in public relations/corporate communications from Georgetown. She is also a Penn State graduate. She jumped at the new work.

"I have a great deal of respect for the sheriff's office and look forward to assisting them as they work with the media and the public," she said.



Jane Watrel

Title IX No Longer Needed

To the Editor:

Title IX is an example of a solution that has outlived the problem it was designed to solve. When passed in 1972, not only were women being athletic frowned upon, but such women were without warrant unfairly stigmatized. The turn of a few gen-

erations has changed attitudes markedly. Today's athletic man often expects a woman to whom he would be attracted to also be athletic, almost as an assurance of athletic children spawned of their union. Today's generation of high schoolers and young adults almost universally would consider stigmatizing girls and young women because of athletic participation to be incom-

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prehensible.

Title IX's enforcement algorithm contains a per se quota of "numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollment." As the Supreme Court has ruled regarding college admissions, quotas are appropriate only to remedy the effects of past discrimination and cannot be permanent.

The burgeoning growth of collegiate club sports is a symptom of Title IX's outmoded quota regime. Collegiate athletes should take the lead in demanding Title IX's quota regime's denouement.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

City Faces Serious Fiscal Challenges

To the Editor:

Alexandria just borrowed another \$76 million at the low rate of 2.55 percent over 20 years that will be used to finance things like schools, parks, and transportation projects.

According to Mayor Bill Euille, the city's latest AAA/Aaa credit rating proves once again that Alexandria is in great financial shape, and, by inference, that the city's current development policies will continue to insure this good credit rating.

I don't know about you, but after the financial collapse of 2008-2009, I don't have a great deal of confidence in the ability of the big credit rating agencies like Standard and Poor's and Moody's to fully assess the economic health of any entity, including the City of Alexandria.

Having said that, I think it's worth taking a closer look at Moody's economic outlook for Alexandria in 2012, which was somewhat negative, to see what they did say about the city's strengths and the fiscal challenges that lie ahead.

Alexandria's large and wealthy tax base, and its proximity to Washington, D.C. are key reasons that the city can borrow money at very low rates today. Moody's also notes that the city is conservatively managed, with adequate reserves. However, according to Moody's the city's future financial situation will be shaped by the following challenges:

* Growing school enrollment creating demand for additional facilities,

* An ambitious capital program and debt plans to support economic development initiatives,

* Significant liabilities for pension and other post employment benefits (OPEB),

* Cuts in federal spending.

These are important concerns. However, the credit agencies do not consider them serious enough at present to lower our credit rating below Aaa, they believe the City Council can always raise property taxes to service this debt if our economy deteriorates.

It is important to note that while our current debt load is considered manageable, it is rising very quickly. The city's approach to this problem is simply to argue that we should develop more densely and finance that growth with future revenue, that is to

say tax-increment financing. What we need more than simply more density is well-thought-out growth that will improve our quality of life and not drive up the cost of government at unsustainable rates — which I think is what is happening.

Take educational expenditures, which are a big portion of city's budget. The City Council is not really addressing the potential negative impact on our credit rating (or budget) of increasing school enrollments that are the result of development at locations like Potomac Yards and Beauregard in the West End, for example. This is just one instance in which the city is not adequately planning for our future. We could add many more examples — the need for more parks is one — the failure to force the developer to pay the high cost of a metro station at Potomac Yards is yet another.

It is clear that the credit-worthiness of Alexandria today does not guarantee the financial health of the city in the future. In fact, I would argue that it gives us the false impression that the city is being managed better than it really is. It is for that reason, and many others, that I am running to be the next mayor of Alexandria.

Andrew Macdonald

Andrew Macdonald is running as an independent to be mayor of Alexandria

War Against Women

To the Editor:

And they say there is no war against women! The willingness of Virginia to leave millions of health care funding on the table is one more assault on us.

Most of the 144,000-plus Fairfax residents are poor women and their children. Probably the proportion is the same in Alexandria.

The present state government has repeatedly made it clear that we are as disposable as Kleenex. All women, but especially those who didn't vote in the past, need to go to the polls in November and do a little disposing of our own.

Kudos to [Del.] Scott Surovell for his efforts to protect his constituents.

Lee Perkins
Alexandria NOW

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.

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Keeping Families Safe

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO,
FACHE
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA
HOSPITAL



COMMENTARY

and the Sheriff's Department will provide child fingerprinting and photos. We'll share accident prevention strategies from our Emergency Department staff and stroke prevention tips from our nationally acclaimed Primary Stroke Center experts.

Disaster preparedness is something most of us prefer not to think about, but keeping our families safe and ready for any emergency should be job one. Here in the Washington area, it's especially important. The violent summer storm that blew through our region on June 29 and knocked out electricity, phones and key emergency services is a powerful reminder of our vulnerability. So too is our close proximity to the nation's capital, which makes us susceptible to terrorist attack.

On Aug. 25, Inova Alexandria Hospital is hosting the 2nd annual Emergency Management/Preparedness and Safety Fair in partnership with the City of Alexandria. More than 25 vendors, including police, fire, health and safety organizations, will share simple precautions to help you and your family be ready for a wide range of emergency scenarios.

The fair is part of our hospital's commitment to keep the community healthy and safe.

Featured participants include the City of Alexandria Fire and Health Departments, the American Red Cross, CrisisLink hotline, the Medical Reserve Corps, private security companies and more. The Alexandria Police Department will show off its Mobile Command Unit,

And because it wouldn't be a fair without food and fun, we'll have plenty of both. Family activities include a moon bounce, petting zoo, face painting and K-9 officer show.

You can take home an emergency preparedness guidebook with easy ways to stay safe in various situations. It features a family communication plan, emergency supply list and websites for critical services. These booklets came in handy just 10 days after last year's fair, when a 5.8-magnitude earthquake struck the Washington area. Many folks told us the instructions helped them know what to do — and what not to do — during the quake.

Are you prepared for a disaster? Be informed. Be ready. See you at the Safety Fair.

Details

Inova Alexandria Hospital's second annual Emergency Management/Preparedness and Safety Fair takes place on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Howard Street Parking Lot across from the hospital campus. Admission is free. For more information, email angela.vigil@inova.org.

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TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS IN JULY

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

CLASSES. Free, on-going, drop-in All Levels ESL Workshop, Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon and 3-5 p.m., 17, 24 and 31. Thursdays, from 10 to noon, July 12, 19 and 26. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. For info, call the adult services desk, 703-746-1702x3.

SUNDAY/JULY 29

Prenatal Yoga Workshop. Learn about the benefits of yoga in pregnancy, postures to aid discomfort, modification etc. For all trimesters. \$25 if pre-registered by July 26. www.532Yoga.com suzanne@532Yoga.com 703-209-0049.

TUESDAY JULY 31.

Discussion about John Adams Elementary School's circulation and parking issues will take place during a John Adams Transportation Study public meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school's media center, 5651 Rayburn Ave., Alexandria. The agenda for this meeting will include a project overview, a summary of existing conditions, a review of potential short and long-term solutions, and a discussion and ideas for next steps.

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

A Fine Beginning. 12-4 p.m. Free. In August 1753, John Carlyle and his wife, Sarah Fairfax Carlyle, moved into their new home in Alexandria. That night, Sarah gave birth to a son, William. On Aug. 4, the family invite visitors to experience life at the Carlyle House.

This family-friendly program will feature living history interpreters portraying the Carlyle family and local Alexandrians, help them welcome the Carlyle's to their new home. Meet Monty the horse, and talk to the NVRPA's Roving Naturalist about John Carlyle's interest in native plants. Children are also able to play 18th century games on the front lawn. Location: Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997.

"In the Zone" Yoga Workshop. 4-7 p.m. \$45 if pre-registered by July 30. Learn how to tap into your 'zone' whenever you want, and move your life forward in this fun, adventurous workshop. No yoga experience required. 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100. Visit www.532yoga.com for more info.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

"Restoratives" Yoga Workshop. 3-5 p.m. \$35 if pre-registered by Aug. 2. Recharge your body and mind in this incredibly relaxing workshop, using props to create comfort and ease. 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100. Visit www.532yoga.com for more info.

MONDAY/AUG. 20

Alexandria Hospital Lectures: Minimally Invasive Joint Replacement Presented by John Albrigo, MD. Inova Alexandria Hospital Auditorium. 7pm. 4320 Seminary Road. Register: 1-855-694-6682 or register online at inova.org/AskTheExpert

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

Alexandria Hospital Lectures: Minimally Invasive Techniques in Gyn Surgery, Presented by Natalya Danilyants, MD. Inova Alexandria Hospital Auditorium. 4320 Seminary Road. 6 p.m. Register: 1-855-694-6682 or register online at inova.org/AskTheExpert



The first boundary marker for the District of Columbia is adjacent to an 1850s lighthouse.

A New Jones Point

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when American Indians began coming here for food, tools and supplies. Small groups of native peoples left their inland villages in the spring to establish hunting and fishing camps on Jones Point. When the Europeans arrived, Stafford County planter John Alexander arranged tenant farmers and crews of enslaved African Americans to work the farm.

At the end of the 17th century, the land where the park is now located was beginning to change.

“By this time, many of the Algonquians who had lived so long in the Alexandria area were there no longer,” wrote historian Ted Pulliam. “Diseases they contracted from contact with European traders and settlers to which they had no immunity took a significant toll.”

But Jones Point would not retain its pastoral calm for long. During the Revolutionary War, rebel forces placed cannons at Jones Point because of its strategic location along the Potomac River. After the war, when the federal government was looking for a permanent seat of government, surveyors descended on the site to create the original District of Columbia. The first boundary marker for the new District was laid in an elaborate Masonic ceremony with corn, wine, oil and trowels in 1791.

“May this stone long commemorate the goodness of God in those uncommon events which have given America a name among the nations,” said James Muir, offering a blessing during the ceremony. “Under this stone, may jealousy and selfishness be forever buried.”

Half a century later, the federal govern-



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The forgotten history of World War I shipbuilding at Jones Point is emphasized in several parts of the park.



The design of the lighthouse was one of the first to offer a place for the beacon and the keeper.

ment decided that Jones Point would be an ideal place for a lighthouse to help guide ships along the Potomac River.

The lighthouse, which was constructed adjacent to the District boundary marker, began operation in 1856. It was one of the first lighthouses to combine the beacon and keeper’s house into a single structure. For many years, this was the home of Benjamin Potter Greenwood, who would host visitors from near and far.

“They would occasionally partake in a hand or two of poker,” according to one contemporaneous account, and finish off the visit with a bit of Maryland rye or Virginia corn.”

By the beginning of the 20th century, war fever broke out at Jones Point Park. The

Army Corps of Engineers filled the cove and created 46.5 acres of new land for government’s use.

When the United States joined World War I, the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation used the new land to construct an enormous federal shipyard — one of 111 built to aid the war effort. The facility, which was constructed in a breakneck pace of 85 days, had 7,000 workers. It had two cranes servicing four shipways, a blacksmith shop, a boiler shop and an extensive network of rail lines.

“The history of shipbuilding here has been largely forgotten,” said City Archeologist Pam Cressey. “That’s one of the things that so exciting about the design of the park because it emphasis this lost history.”

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— City Archeologist Pam Cressey



A new playground is situated just north of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

TC Assistant Williams Focuses on Titans' Futures

Coach has organized offseason trips to football camps and combines.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

TC. Williams assistant head football coach Avery Williams is determined to help provide Titan athletes with opportunities to play college football that he didn't have.

Williams played outside linebacker and cornerback at Division III Emory and Henry College in Emory, Va., from 1994-98. As a relatively unknown player, he took out loans to get through school. Now, entering his fourth year as a T.C. assistant coach, Williams is helping provide exposure and a plan for those Titans interested in playing ball at the next level. Williams has organized trips to offseason camps and combines at such schools as the University of Maryland, the University of Richmond, East Carolina University and the University of Alabama in an attempt to showcase the Titans' skills.

Exposure mixed with good old-fashioned hard work in the classroom and the weight room are Williams' focal points for getting Titan football players into college.

"Coming out of high school, I didn't have the things that I'm trying to do for them," Williams said. "I didn't have anyone promoting me; I didn't have anyone showcasing my skills."

I had to take out a couple of loans to make it through and things of that nature. It's really a passion of mine to see that this generation doesn't have to go through those same things as far as taking out loans because there's plenty of scholarship money out here, it's just a matter of being recognized and

people knowing that you exist."

Williams said each player is different in terms of getting him to buy in to the process, but a lot of it comes through building relationships with athletes and their families. Giving athletes the chance to travel and see players from other areas working hard also helps, he said.

"One of the Major goals I had when I came in three years ago was to find college placement for a lot of the student athletes who play here," Williams said. "I noticed over the past 10 or so years not many guys have been going to school to play college ball. That was one of the major emphases I came in with. ..."

"I think right now for the most part kids here understand and believe in what we're doing, and that's half the battle."

Guys are working hard. ... When they're going to these colleges, the same things are being reinforced and I think that's the major reason why I wanted to get them out to different skills camps, visit different colleges and things of that nature, so they can see that, OK, what we're doing here is the exact same thing they're doing at the next level. It's a little bit easier for them to buy into what's happening here."

The results have been promising for the Titans. At a National Underclassman Combine, rising junior lineman R.J. Thorne, rising junior wide receiver Rashawn Jackson, rising junior linebacker Malik Carney, rising senior defensive back Timothy Garvin and rising senior running back Dealo Robertson each earned position or camp MVP honors.

On Feb. 12, 46 Titans participated in the Nike Football SPARQ Combine in Philadelphia. A SPARQ rating is a system developed to rate ability. Carney's rating of 80.28 was the 43rd best rating out of 1,159 participants and the fourth-best rating of all the rising juniors tested.

The top overall rating was 112.05.

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T.C. Williams running back Dealo Robertson and some of his Titan teammates have been attending offseason camps and combines in preparation for the 2012 season and beyond.

Veteran Coaches to Lead ODBC Select Rowing Team

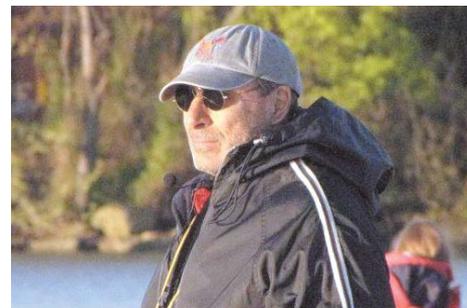
A pair of veteran coaches with more than 50 years of coaching experience between them have been selected to lead the Old Dominion Boat Club select rowing team this fall.

Steve Weir, who spent 33 years coaching at T.C. Williams High School and has a trophy named after him at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia, will serve as head coach of the ODBC girls' team, while Jaime Rubini, who rowed for Peru in the Pan American Games and has coached high school rowing in Northern Virginia since 1990, will serve as head coach of the ODBC boys' team. Weir's coaching career at T.C. Williams began in 1975, which was also legendary coach Dee Campbell's first year as head coach for the T.C. girls' crew team. Weir started coaching the girls' lightweight team in 1978, and became the head girls' coach for T.C. in 1994. His crews won 12 Stotesbury Cups and SRAA championships and five Canadian Secondary School Rowing Association championships. The trophy for the women's lightweight eight at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta is named "The Steven T. Weir Cup."



Steve Weir, a 33-year coaching veteran who has a trophy named after him at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta, has been selected girls' head coach of the fall 2012 ODBC select rowing team. Sign-up for the ODBC fall season will be held from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town Alexandria.

Rubini began rowing in Lima, Peru, at the age of 16, and rowed for Peru at the 1971 Pan American Games. Soon thereafter, he came to the U.S. and rowed at Vesper Boat Club in Philadelphia. He moved to Alexandria and began his coaching career also under Dee Campbell. He spent 10 years leading the T.C. freshman boys' program, winning many state championships, third



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places at Stotesbury, and third places at SRAA Nationals. He spent five years as head coach at West Potomac High School before returning to T.C., where he has led the girls' second 8 to gold at Stotesbury, bronze at SRAA Nationals, and where he continues to coach today. Weir will be assisted by Patrick Marquardt, who rowed for T.C. Williams in the 1990s and was head coach of

the multiple medal-winning T.C. Williams girls' freshman team this past spring, while Rubini will be assisted by Lexye Hearing, who also rowed for T.C. Williams in the 1990s and has served as director of the Alexandria summer crew program the last two years. Founded in 1880, the Old Dominion Boat Club is one of the oldest boat clubs in the United States. ODBC is also the birthplace of high school rowing in the City of Alexandria. Today, the ODBC select crew team rows out of the Dee Campbell Boathouse, a world-class rowing facility in Old Town. In recent years, ODBC rowers have established a record as one of premier select crew programs in the area, bringing home victories in such local races as the Head of the Potomac, Head of the Occoquan and the Occoquan Challenge, and top-20 finishes at the Head of the Charles in Boston. Registration for the fall 2012 ODBC select rowing team will be held on Saturday, Sept. 1 from 8-10 a.m. at the Dee Campbell Boathouse. Practice starts Monday, Sept. 3, at 4:15 p.m. Check www.tcwcrew.org for updates on regatta schedules, fees, and other information about the fall season.

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SPORTS

Focusing on Titans' Futures

FROM PAGE 27

On June 3, 23 Titans participated in Justin Kavanaugh's All-American Camp. Thorne was named camp MVP, Torrey Johnson was named linebacker MVP and Robertson was named running back MVP.

"It's been amazing for everybody," Robertson said of the Titans' offseason work. "It's been three steps: team bonding, building us and putting our name out there. ... Everybody's a team, [nobody is] above anybody. Everybody's working for one goal and that's to win the championship — not to make the playoffs, to win the championship."

While work on the football field is important, Williams also stresses academics and the use of study hall.

"If you don't have the grades, then you're wasting it," Robertson said. "That's the main thing: 'student-

athlete.' ... If you walk in [the weight room] and you don't have the grades, you're giving [the team] false hope."

While Williams, who took over as head coach for six games last year while Dennis Randolph stepped

away due to health issues, is focused on improving athletes' college opportunities, the Titans will also have a chance to showcase the fruits of their labor during the 2012 season. T.C. Williams is looking to snap a 21-year play-off drought. Practice begins on Aug. 6 and the Titans' season opener is Aug. 30 at home against Wakefield.

"He's done a phenomenal job," Randolph said about Williams. "... The success that we've had

and enjoyed has been because of his efforts and leadership. He's going to be an excellent head football coach one day. He knows what has to be done and he's taken charge and done that."

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Alexandria Aces pitcher Steven Schulner, right, enjoys the Meet the Aces dinner with his host family, Jonelle and Henry Wallmeyer and Mary Francis, 6, and Nicklaus, 4.

Meet the Aces

Host families, sponsors celebrate Alexandria Aces.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Aces celebrated with their host families, coaches, corporate partners and fans at the second annual Meet the Aces dinner June 26 at Union Street Public House.

"This is the best team we've ever had," said Aces owner Donald Dinan. "We are in our fifth year and are becoming a permanent part of the community and a summer tradition in Alexandria."

With Ryan Fannon acting as emcee for the event, Dinan, presenting sponsor Shawn McLaughlin and head coach Corey Haines thanked the crowd for their continuing support of the team.

"Without our host families and corporate sponsors, we wouldn't have the Aces," Dinan said. "And because of our enthusiastic fans in Alexandria and northern Virginia, our attendance is up."

Fannon noted that former Aces pitcher



Ryan Fannon chats with Alexandria Aces head coach Corey Haines.



Ryan Fannon holds the program book that feature former Aces player Kyle Zimmer on the cover. Zimmer was selected in the first round of the 2012 MLB draft.

Kyle Zimmer was a first-round pick in the 2012 Major League Baseball draft, making him the highest drafted Cal Ripken League alum in league history,

"Kyle pitched for the Aces in 2010," Fannon said of Zimmer, who was drafted June 5 by the Kansas City Royals. "If that doesn't tell you that dreams can start here in Alexandria, I don't know what does."

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Alexandria Aces head coach Corey Haines thanks the host families and corporate sponsors at the Meet the Aces dinner.

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Obituary



Marion Saunders Montgomery passed away on July 10, 2012, at The Johnson Center at Falcons Landing, in Potomac Falls, VA. She was born on October 1, 1922, in Norfolk, VA, of Newfoundlander parents. She graduated from Sweet Briar College with a degree in Psychology in 1944, and worked for the Department of the Navy during WWII. Her love of art led to further study at the University of Florida, the Corcoran College of Art and Design, and The Art League School.

As President of The Art League in Alexandria, Virginia, she helped start the Torpedo Factory Art Center and was one of the "Dirty Dozen" artist founders who reclaimed the building. She was active in garden clubs in Norfolk, VA, Annapolis, MD, Charleston, SC, and Alexandria, VA, and gave generously of her time to volunteer work, particularly for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Smithsonian Institution.

Marion is predeceased by her husband, Capt. William M. Montgomery, USN (Ret.), and is survived by her son, William M. Montgomery, Jr. and wife Patricia M. Montgomery of Fairfax, VA; granddaughter, Jacqueline M. Montgomery of Fairfax, VA; her daughter, Marion M. "Marnie" Montgomery and husband David L. Barton of Leesburg, VA.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, at Falcons Landing Chapel, 20522 Falcons Landing Circle, Potomac Falls, VA 20165. Inurnment will take place 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 28, at the U.S. Naval Academy Columbarium in Annapolis.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to The Art League, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; Falcons Landing Benevolent Fund, 20522 Falcons Landing Circle, Potomac Falls, VA 20165; or Sweet Briar College, Development Office, P.O. Box 1057, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. Condolences may be left at www.adamsgreen.com



Clifford L. Freeman, age 89, a Retired Navy Chief, who had a second career with the Naval Air Systems Command, died at home in Alexandria, Virginia from Parkinson's Disease complications on June 30, 2012.

Chief Freeman served on active duty in the South Pacific during World War II, served in the Korean War, and in the Ready Reserves during the Vietnam War. Educated by the Navy, Cliff Freeman became an Electronic Engineer, licensed by the University of Maryland. He had several patents in his name and was involved in the development, deployment, and operation of the E2C plane's avionics.

He was an avid golfer, with a Hole In One at Belle Haven Country Club, which much to his chagrin didn't count as it happened in the off-season. He served on the Belle Haven Country Club Executive Board, was a member of St. James' Episcopal Church, a Mason, Scottish Rite, and Shriner. He was an Episcopal lay-preacher, lay-reader and vestry member. He also belonged to the Association of Scientists and Engineers. Cliff was a magician with membership in the Society of Magicians.

Cliff was a gifted needlepoint artist and made 29 tapestries for his children and 12 grand-children.

While living in Maryland, he and his wife, Muriel, were the recipients of the State of Maryland's Governor's Award for their Outstanding Service to the Children of Maryland.

He is preceded in death by an infant son. He is survived by his beloved wife Muriel of 69 years, his children, Muriel Sue, Gregory, George (Donna), Anna, and Gordon (Joan), 9 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

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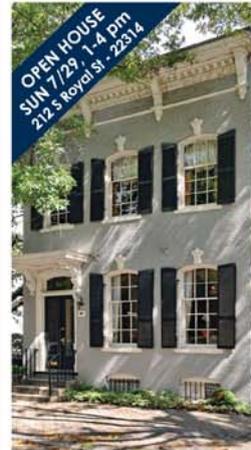
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