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Student representatives from Jefferson-Houston Elementary School perform a groundbreaking in the ceremony for the new school.

A New Jefferson-Houston

The ground has been broken on the new site for the Jefferson-Houston Elementary School. The event featured a visit from the Washington National's Running President Thomas Jefferson. Speakers included Mayor Bill Euille, Alexandria City Public Schools School Board Chair Karen Graf, Superintendent Dr. Morton Sherman, Jefferson-Houston Principal Mrs. Rosalyn Rice-Harris, graduating 8th grade student Mayayla Rice and mistress of ceremonies Shanelle Gayden. Student representatives included Aja and Asia Williams, Makiya Carper, Fatima Shakuur, Sam Mostow, Itali Woods, Mateo Ward, Madison Pipa, Porfirio Valasquez and Litzy Manzanares Rivera. Middle school ambassadors were Temperance Fraser, Kaylah Robinson-

Stewart, Mikias Abebe, Nye Bucksell and Davon Hardy.

The Jefferson-Houston Chamber Group, directed by Heather Rosner, performed before the ceremony. Members include DaVon Beckford, Keivan Macon, Cavandar Johnson, Sekou Koram and MarKeith Johnson.

Alexandria Archeology has been working with consultants on a pre-existing structure on the property. The structure appears to be the slaughterhouse that was built by a Mr. Baggette in the late 1800s. The walls of the basement that have been unearthed are 3 to 4 feet wide. Another structure has been noted on a late 19th century survey map. The new school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2014.



Jefferson Houston Principal Rosalyn Rice-Harris
The remains of the cellar from Baggett's slaughterhouse have been unearthed on the property of the school. Archaeology is looking into a second and possible third structure.



Jefferson-Houston Principal Rosalyn Rice-Harris.

Potomac Yard Metro Delayed

Draft Environmental Impact Study pushed back as haul route is debated.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Where should the new Potomac Yard Metro station be located? Does Alexandria need a new Metro station at all? Will borrowing the money for it jeopardize the city's credit rating? Should the George Washington Memorial Parkway be used as a haul route?

Alexandria will have more time to debate these questions, because the draft Environmental Impact Study has been delayed. Instead of being released this month, the document won't be available un-

til the fall. City officials say the delay was caused by comments from federal agencies that still need to be added to the document, pushing the expected opening back from late 2016 to early 2017.

"There weren't any major substantive issues, but as you can imagine with a document of this size there's always some editing and rewriting, which takes time," said Sandra Marks, transportation planning division chief. "And it was unfortunate timing with the summer break."

Meanwhile, critics are trying to derail plans to use the parkway as SEE POTOMAC YARD. PAGE 25

Panel to Evaluate Middle Schools

School Board creates committee to take a look at reorganization.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Consider the scenario: Two eighth-grade students get into a fight in the cafeteria of Hammond Middle School. One is enrolled at Hammond 1, and gets a slap on the wrist before being sent back to class. The other is enrolled at Hammond 3, and gets suspended for a week. That's the hodgepodge of administration that is concerning to School Board

members, who are creating a new committee to examine the middle school reorganization of 2009 that broke two existing facilities into five separate schools.

"I can understand how it creates a certain chaos in their environment," said School Board Chairwoman Karen Graf.

This week, members of the School Board directed Superintendent Morton Sherman to put a committee of stakeholders to SEE SPECIAL PANEL. PAGE 25

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Bashir Indicted

Alexandria Police Detective Chris Whalen appeared before a grand jury on Monday to testify about the Feb. 19 shooting of Officer Peter Laboy. Members of the grand jury indicted taxicab driver Kashif Bashir, 27. He faces four charges — aggravated malicious wounding, attempted capital murder of a law enforcement officer and two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. If Bashir is found guilty, he could face a minimum of 46 years and a maximum of life in prison.

“We will be seeking the maximum,” said assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Mollie Sullivan.

Shortly before noon on Feb. 27, Laboy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Wilkes and South St. Asaph streets.

Laboy, a 17-year veteran of the Alexandria Police Department, was on his motorcycle and Bashir was behind the wheel of an Alexandria Yellow Cab minivan. A court hearing is scheduled for May 30 to determine a date for the trial.

Hume Springs Shooting

The Hume Springs neighborhood was rocked this week by a shooting that happened shortly after midnight Wednesday morning. Police say an off-duty Arlington County deputy sheriff fatally shot a man in Alexandria during a dispute.

The incident happened at a home near the intersection of Lynnhaven Drive and Evans Lane at 12:45 a.m.

Police say the deputy and a 22-year-old man got involved in a dispute, and that the 22-year-old man was shot. The man was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police say investigators are trying to determine what led to the dispute.

Although the two men lived near each other in the neighborhood near Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology, police say there’s no sign of a prior connection between the two men.

Sounding Off

Should eighth-grade students be able to participate in the T.C. Williams Band? School Board members say yes, and now students at the city’s middle schools will be able to get on the sports bus and travel over to the high school to participate in the Marching Titans.

School officials say the move has two benefits. One is that it will ease the transition for some students from eighth grade to ninth grade, which has traditionally been a stumbling block for many. A second benefit is that the move will open up more slots in the middle school band, allowing for increased participation in the marching band at the high school level as well as the middle school level.

“The students are very excited about this,” said Shawn Thorpe, academic principal on assignment.

The move may even come in time for the eighth graders to be part of a monumental trip this January, when the T.C. Williams Marching Band will perform at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Who Will Win Chancellorsville?

Ever wonder how the Union Army protected the nation’s capital from Confederate attack? Now is your chance.

On June 8, Fort Ward will be hosting Civil War Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature a variety of living history interpreters portraying aspects of military and civilian life in the Washington area during the Civil War. Re-enactors from several Union living history groups will set up camps and demonstrate aspects of army life in the defense system such as drilling, firing demonstrations, camp cooking, medical care, leisure-time activities as well as the role of civilians in Washington’s camps and forts. Unlike previous years, this year’s event will take place during the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Chancellorsville — adding a sense of immediacy to the event.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Ten Northern Virginia black leaders under 40 were honored by the Virginia Leadership Institute on May 7.

Celebrating Achievement

Award promotes Northern Virginia’s leadership diversity.

BY COURTNEY M. MCSWAIN
GAZETTE PACKET

The nonprofit organization Virginia Leadership Institute held its Top 10 Under 40 awards reception on May 7 at Kora Restaurant in Crystal City to honor black leaders in Northern Virginia. In a room filled with dozens of attendees along with award recipients and their families, 10 people were celebrated for their achievements in business, politics, civic engagement and philanthropy. Representing the scope of cities and counties making up Northern Virginia, honorees were from Alexandria, Arlington, the Town of Dumfries, Fairfax County, Loudon County, and Prince William County.

The diversity of leadership that resides in Northern Virginia was a key theme repeated by those who gave remarks during the reception, including U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8): “There is an increasing need for wider representation and leadership among the entire community. No offense to the white guys here, but politics can’t be an all white guys thing anymore. It’s got to open up.”

Part of opening up the area’s political establishment to diversity is creating support for young black leadership, according to Krysta Jones who founded the VLI in 2006 as a way to increase the number of black elected officials in Virginia. As Jones told the crowd, she was inspired to start VLI while completing her master’s degree in legislative affairs at George Washington University and researching Virginia’s lack of black congressional representatives. During her research, Jones came across an article that described

one African American family’s move to the Washington, D.C., Metro Area and the advice they received.

“They were told not to move to Virginia,” Jones said. “The family was told about stereotypes, that they can’t get involved and that there is not really a strong black professional class [in Northern Virginia].” As Jones described, VLI’s presence and the existence of organizations like the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, which was founded in 2008, help to change the perception that black families can only find a strong community in the District of Columbia or P.G. County, Md. “For us to be able to sit here and honor these outstanding 10 shows how far Northern Virginia has come in terms of representing African Americans,” Jones said.

The six men and four women that received awards represented the nonprofit, government, business, education and philanthropy sectors. Three of the recipients were military veterans and the group included an elected official and one current political candidate. Among the honorees was Alexandria native and City Council member John Chapman, who noted the importance of not just having more black leaders in the area, but also of having a public actively working with those leaders on issues concerning black and other minority communities.

“Even if we have folks that represent us that might look like us, we’re not taking full advantage of working with them and pushing them to focus on our communities,” Chapman said. “I think that’s really what I want people to know. They need to use folks like me as a vessel to really push our issues forward.”

Award recipient Erica Jeffries, also of Alexandria, hoped that people attending the event walked away inspired to become more involved in public service and sees change in Northern Virginia and across the country as only the beginning. “Today, it’s a new day. We see more and more African American leaders,”

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Alexandria City Council Member John Chapman accepts an award from the Virginia Leadership Institute as one of the top ten black Northern Virginia leaders Under.

Tea Party Ticket

Republican convention selects conservative slate of candidates for November.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Perhaps the biggest sign that the Tea Party has taken control of the Republican Party of Virginia was the yellow Gadsden flag emblem that appeared on placards distributed by supporters of Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, who was one of seven candidates vying to be the nominee for lieutenant governor last weekend at a raucous convention in Richmond. Davis, who represented Fairfax

“I worked with the Democrat Board of Supervisors in Fairfax County to stop the EPA from trying to treat rainwater like a pollutant. And we won.”

— Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli

County for a decade in the General Assembly, has a reputation as being a moderate. And yet despite her embrace of the “don’t tread on me” iconography, she was eliminated on the first of four ballots in the hotly contested race.

“Frankly, I’m rather appalled by the results, with the ideologically narrow scope of the Republican ticket that emerged in Richmond this weekend,” said former Del. Vince Callahan (R-34), who represented Fairfax County for 40 years. “You’re turning off the vast majority of Virginians and a significant portion of the Republican base.”

“I worked with the Democrat Board of Supervisors in Fairfax County to stop the EPA from trying to treat rainwater like a pollutant,” said Cuccinelli. “And we won.”



Supporters parade through the Coliseum as they wait for the ballots to be counted.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

The vast majority of the party faithful who packed the halls of the Richmond Coliseum last weekend were looking for the most conservative candidates possible. Republicans were going to select their slate in a statewide primary until last year, when Tea Party supporters of Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli seized control of the executive committee and changed the rules. The primary was spiked in favor of a convention, and moderate Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling dropped out of the race, leaving Cuccinelli to accept the nomination of his party by acclamation without opposition Saturday morning. Cuccinelli used the opportunity to underscore his roots in Northern Virginia

“I worked with the Democrat Board of Supervisors in Fairfax County to stop the EPA from trying to treat rainwater like a pollutant,” said Cuccinelli. “And we won.”

BUT NORTHERN VIRGINIA was not popular among many of the delegates here, even though the region had more representatives than any other part of the state. Fairfax County had more delegates than any other jurisdiction because of how the seats were allocated, which was based on a formula using the number of Republican votes in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections. When asked about the influence of the region, many of the delegates who packed the Coliseum last weekend said they were suspicious of Northern Virginia.

“When you get bigger populations, you get more people wanting more stuff,” said Craig Gilpin, a delegate from Culpepper. “It’s too many, unfortunately, too many liberal Yankees in my opinion. That’s where they congregate because of its proximity to D.C.”

In speeches and in one-on-one conversations, Republicans who participated in the convention sounded that theme over and over — that Democrats supported people

wanting more and more resources from the government. One popular bumper sticker seen in the parking garage outside the Coliseum asked: “Are you a maker or a taker?” Clearly the party faithful who gathered in the capital of Virginia last weekend considered themselves makers — supporters of the capitalism and the free enterprise system. The convention had a strong undercurrent of evangelical influence, at times taking on the feeling of a



The Jeannemarie Devolites Davis campaign tried to adopt the symbol of the Tea Party, but she was eliminated in the first round of voting.

THE SELECTION of Jackson as the candidate for lieutenant governor throws a wild card into the campaign, one that may change the dynamics of how the campaign will unfold. Democrats responded by criticizing the pastor’s previous public statements comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and referring to gays in the military as “sexually twisted.” Democrats now feel they have a new tool to paint Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket as too conservative for Virginia.

“The vitriol put forth by E.W. Jackson is offensive and utterly

unbecoming of anyone hoping to hold elected office,” said Fred Sainz, vice president of communications for the Human Rights Campaign. “These candidates couldn’t be more out of step with the values that a vast majority of Virginia voters hold.”

Although the election for lieutenant governor is normally a sleeper, the race this year has taken increased prominence. Because the state Senate is deadlocked between 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans, the next lieutenant governor will determine which party controls half of the General Assembly. That puts Jackson at the center of a fight



Alexandria Republican Party Chairman Tom Fulton and former Alexandria City Councilman Frank Fannon.

Half Marathon To Support Families

Fundraiser includes 1K fun run.

BY SANDRA MARTINEZ
GAZETTE PACKET

Several thousand runners and spectators will gather for the fourth annual Alexandria Running Festival Half Marathon and 5K this weekend. The event is one of many hosted by the Marathon Charity Cooperation group to help raise funds for underprivileged children and families both locally and globally.

Aside from the Half Marathon and 5K, this Sunday's race also includes a 1K fun run for children. Medals will be given to each participant including the children. More information can be found at www.mc-coop.org/alexandria_running_festival.aspx

The beneficiaries are the Running Brooke Organization that serves the children of Alexandria, Hope for Tomorrow, Clermont Foundation, Burma Humanitarian Mission, Preemies Today, AIMS India Foundation, Asha for Education, Association for India's Development, 5th Pillar, American and Asian Indian Charitable Trust, and Iqraa.

This year marks the first time that MCC partners with Alexandria's RunningBrooke Organization to create a specific channel for funds to Alexandria charities.



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Youngsters participate in last year's Alexandria Running Festival Half Marathon and 5K.

"In 2013, RunningBrooke is our only local partner so all local funds will be donated to Alexandria charities," said Nicholas Panebianco, MCC president.

Brooke Curran, founder and president of the RunningBrooke organization, is equally excited about the joint venture.

"It's great partnering with like minded groups for the health and help of Alexandria's kids," Brooke said.

MCC conducts several events a year such as the Summer Training Program and Revenge of the Penguins, a low-key, low-stress practice race for anyone

Details

- ◆ 7:30 a.m. Half Marathon
 - ◆ 8 a.m. Grant Thornton 5K
 - ◆ 8:10 a.m. Kid's 1K Fun Run
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As delegates to the Republican convention waited for 10 grueling hours in the hotly contested race for lieutenant governor, paper airplanes began falling from the nosebleed section of the Richmond Coliseum. Then more came from the seats circling the floor. That was followed by paper airplanes headed in the other direction. Pretty soon, it was an all-out paper airplane war.

"The fire marshal has asked that delegates refrain from throwing paper airplanes," announced a man who did not identify himself over the loudspeakers.

He was booed. And delegates continued to throw paper airplanes. He came on the loudspeaker again, and patiently made the same request. Again, he was booed. Delegates took to Twitter to critique the different models. Some were long and slender. Others were squat and fat.

"You guys in the nosebleeds need to learn how to make a proper airplane," consultant **Jason Kenney** tweeted.

As the minutes dragged into hours, piles of paper airplanes collected on the floor. Finally, party chairman **Pat Mullins** decided it was time to take action. He bolted up to the stage and grabbed the microphones. "Do you see these screens behind me? They cost \$10,000 each," he said, grabbing the attention of the delegates. "If one of them is hit by a paper airplane, that's \$10,000 that won't go to one of our candidates."

Who is E.W. Jackson?

A native of Pennsylvania, **Earl Walker Jackson Sr.** is a Harvard Law School graduate who has been making a name for himself in conservative circles for years. Back in 2010, he gained national media attention for accusing the New Black Panther Party of voter intimidation. And in the last presidential election, he made a video asking black voters to abandon the Democratic Party. In the video, he compares Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and takes aim at the gay rights movement.

"Anyone who dares equates the so-called gay rights movement to the history of black Americans is exploiting the black community," says Jackson, appearing before framed images of black civil rights leaders. "They say opposition to same-sex marriage is the same as opposition to interracial marriage. That is an insult to human intelligence. It is a lie."

Although the Republican ticket has been trying to focus attention on jobs and the economy, Democrats are eager to call attention to Jackson's statements about social issues. The Human Rights Campaign organized a conference call this week to respond to Jackson's comments.

"He's showing the potential to divide Virginians along with **Ken Cuccinelli** like no statewide officials before," said state Sen. **Adam Ebbin** (D-30). "He is frightening rather than providing a legitimate and appropriate policy differential."

Even some Republicans are joining the chorus of opposition.

"I'm appalled by the candidate for lieutenant governor and his hate-filled comments on homosexuals and gays," said former Del. **Vince Callahan** (R-34). "We live in a different society than we did 10 years ago or 100 years ago."

'Guns Save Lives'

One of the most popular signs at the convention was a bright orange sticker that read "Guns Save Lives." They were courtesy of Del. **Bill Hype** from Midlothian, who came to the convention to support lieutenant governor candidate Del. **Scott Linghamfelter** (R-31). His candidate may not have won, but the stickers were clearly popular. "I'm in my 70s, and I'm not a Kung Fu guy," said Hype, taking a break from handing out the stickers. "How can I protect myself or my family if I can't use a gun?"

Hype said he was not packing heat at the convention, although he came armed with a huge stockpile of stickers. A never-ending stream of delegates were eager to get their hands on one as they entered the hall. "There's three kinds of people," said Hype. "People who want to wear one; people who don't want to wear one; and a third kind who will run you down to get one so they will have one."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

POLITICS



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

A collection of paper airplanes, which were thrown by delegates as they waited for ballot results to be announced.

Conservative Consolidation

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for control of the state Senate.

"This is the most conservative Republican ticket that I can think of over the past 30 years," said Steven Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington. "It also comes to the fore at a time that Virginia has moved very clearly into a purple state status."

THE COMING election may be a test case for how conservative candidates can be and still win. Farnsworth says that the slate of candidates on the ballot are the most conservative in at least 30 years, indicating that the state party has drifted to the right — especially with the dynamic of a convention selecting the most ideologically pure candidates possible. That leaves moderate Republicans frustrated by an inability to gain traction.

"Virginia Republicans have raised the stakes for anyone who believes that government should be about results for Virginia families, and not a platform for an extreme and divisive social agenda," said Catherine

Waddell, a former Republican who represented Richmond in the House of Delegates. "None of us can afford to sit on the sidelines and let this ticket turn Virginia into a playground for their extreme agenda."

Part of that shift to the right was accelerated by the move from a statewide primary to a caucus of party faithful.

When Jackson ran in the primary for the U.S. Senate in 2012, he was able to muster only about five percent of the vote — coming in last place in a four-way race. But the dynamics of a convention are very different, and Jackson led the voting from the start, even coming close to achieving the 50 percent threshold to win on the first ballot.

"Jackson might be a drag on the ticket for Cuccinelli, or at least a serious distraction," said Geoff Skelly, political analyst for the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

"If Jackson does prove to be a true liability for the Republican ticket, then they will probably look back on the decision to shift to a convention with some remorse."

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— **Former Del. Vince Callahan (R-34)**

NEWS

Alexandria Runs to Help Community

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training for a race or for anyone wanting a challenge. The organization also has plans of hosting a festival in Alexandria.

"I envision a festival to serve the community. I understand that Alexandria previously had a big community festival in Oronoco Bay Park each year in early June," said Panebianco. "MCC aspires to create a new community festival to replace that void.

The festival would have health and fitness activities along with lots of fun and games for kids."

MCC promotes health and fitness, provides training and education, and raises funds for its charity partners, who assist children and families in DC, Alexandria, and around the USA and the world. MCC's motto is "Think Globally; Run Locally."

The RunningBrooke Organization engages and empowers citizens near and far to "lace up its shoes" for at-risk kids. Visit www.runningbrooke.com.

NEWS

Volunteers To Place 5,000 Flags

On Saturday May 25, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 609, American Legion Post 1775 along with other veterans and volunteers will place more than 5,000 American flags at the graves at Alexandria National Cemetery, 1450 Wilkes St., Alexandria.

It is the oldest veterans cemetery in the U.S., established in 1862.

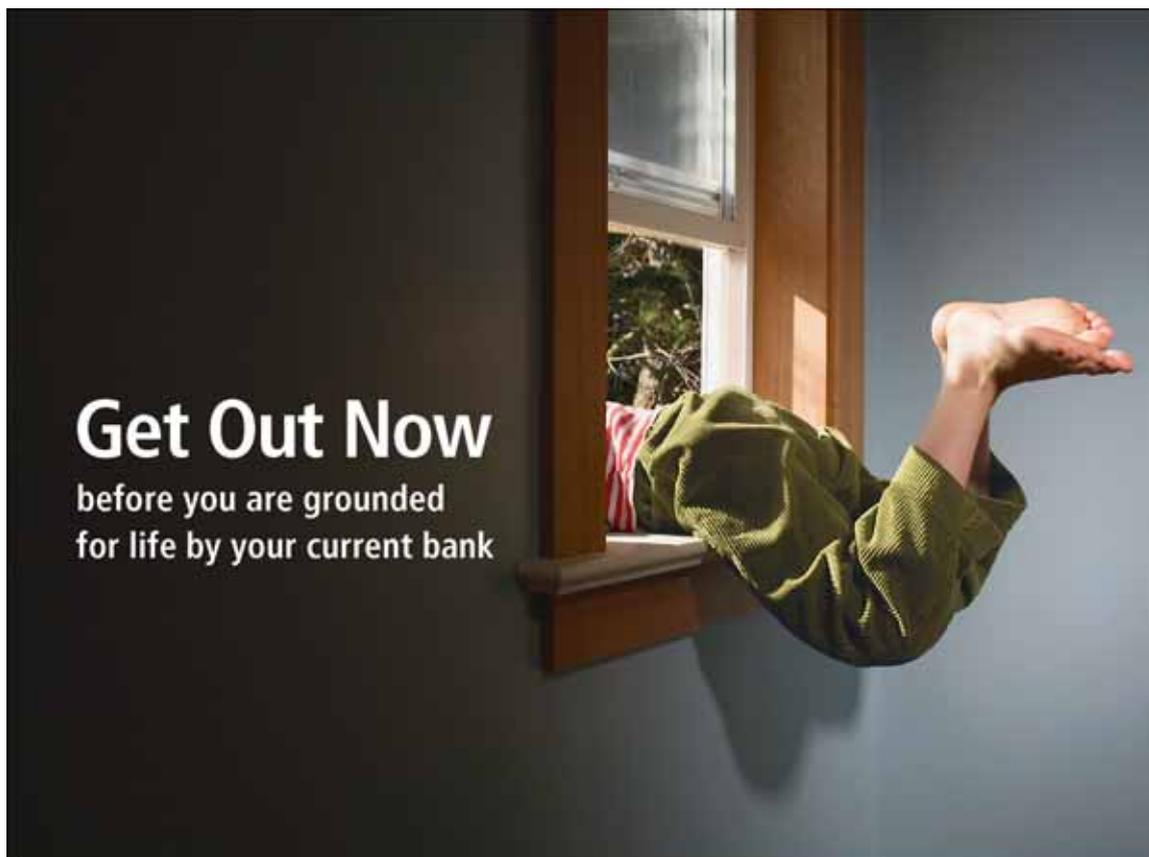
After the flags have been placed, the Veterans of

Foreign Wars and the American Legion will host a cookout for all volunteers.

On Saturday June 1, at 9 a.m. the flags will be taken up and stored. Coffee, milk, Juice and donuts will be provided.

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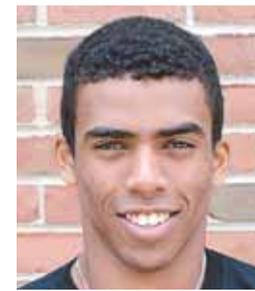
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2013 Athletes of the Year Britt McHenry to keynote Sportsman's Club dinner May 29.



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BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Washington sports caster Britt McHenry will be on hand as 26 of the city's best high school athletes are honored for their academic and athletic excellence at the 57th annual Alexandria Sportsman's Club Awards dinner May 29 at the Westin Carlyle Hotel.

A sports reporter for ABC7/WJLA-TV and NewsChannel 8, McHenry is also the host of News Channel 8's High School Sports Final. Her keynote address will be the first given by a female in the history of the Sportsman's Club.

Also being honored at the event will be Bishop Ireton High School coach Neil Berkman as Coach of the Year.

Founded in 1947, the Alexandria Sportsman's Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing local high school athletes for excellence in sports and proficiency in the classroom. In addition to the Athlete of the Year honorees, scholarship winners and a Sportsman of the Year award will be announced at the dinner.

"It's important to honor these athletes during their high school years, not only for their performance on the field but in the classroom as well," said ASC president Jeff Muphy. "Our yearly awards dinner is an Alexandria tradition that showcases the best and brightest of the young athletes in our community."

For tickets or more information on the Alexandria Sportsman's Club and awards dinner, call Frank Flaherty at 703-346-6525 or visit www.alexandriavaspports.org.



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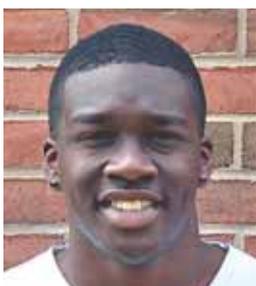
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HISTORY

Remembering a Promise To Remember

Alexandria war memorial is decaying.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
GAZETTE PACKET

The monument in front of Alexandria's railroad station is a pledge that residents who die in wartime service never will be forgotten. How, then, could the monument itself be so forgotten?

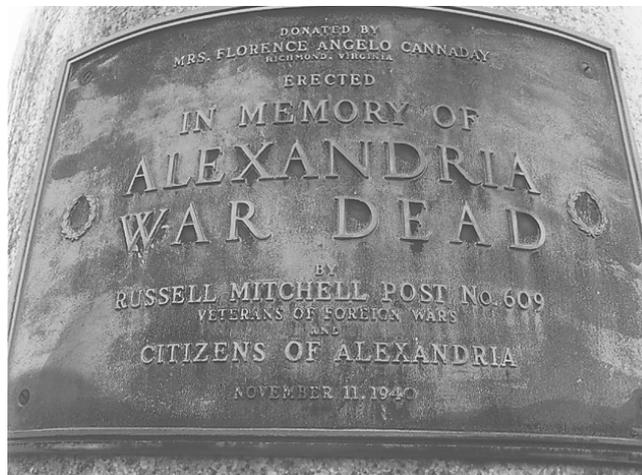
On Monday, Nov. 11, 1940, a crowd of 3,000 gathered for the dedication. Speakers, whose words were not recorded, undoubtedly said the sacrifices of the dead would be remembered forever. But time has affected the stones representing those promises. Decay has set in. Joints are opening. Mortar and caulking have fallen aside, preparing the way for further damage. Those who participated in the long-ago ceremonies would be taken aback at what is visible today.

Fannie F. Meeks of Alexandria, an officer of Gold Star Mothers, unveiled the memorial. Doubtless she was recalling memories

of her son, David L., killed in the last few days of World War I. Prayers offered by Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. A. Rankin of St. Mary's Church, Pastor Norman Roberts of Methodist Protestant Church and Rabbi Benjamin N. Goldberg of Agudas Achim Congregation sounded over the crowd and blended with the civic wordings of Mayor William T. Wilkins. With a final glance, the throng departed filled with good intentions of remembering the dead.

The plaque recounting those who mounted the memorial name three parties: Mrs. Florence Angelo Cannaday of Richmond; Russell Mitchell Post No. 609, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Citizens of Alexandria.

Cannaday was the primary donor, to the tune of \$4,000; today that sum would amount to about \$75,000. Her stated purpose was to honor the memory of her deceased husband, Alfred Frederick Cannaday. A long-time executive of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad, he was



The Alexandria war memorial in front of the railroad station.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL MCMORROW/GAZETTE

Joints are opening on the memorial.

COMMENTARY

well known in Alexandria. Building the memorial on RF&P property and official presence of the railroad's president at the dedication, therefore, prompt no surprise.

Post No. 609's involvement role was straight forward, but inherited. Years earlier, the idea of a memorial originated in a local American Legion Post, but no action resulted. Interest percolated in Post No. 609's Ladies Auxiliary until concrete planning was undertaken by the Post itself in the late 1930s. Post No. 609 was principal organizer and, with its social club, a \$1,000 donor.

As to the Citizens of Alexandria, a public subscription failed. In the end, the City Council appropriated \$500.

Some aspects of the war memorial's beginnings are lost in time, leaving only intriguing questions. How is it that a discarded piece of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial atop Shuter's Hill became the vertical shaft of the War Memorial? Was there a behind-the-scenes role played by David E. Bayliss, Jr., the prominent local architect who designed the war memorial but who also was active in Masonic affairs in the City of Alexandria? Even generous cooperation by Mark A. Tabbert, Librarian/Director of Collections at the Masonic Memorial could not answer those questions. Above all, ownership of the

war memorial and the land on which it sits is far from clear.

The city's Office of the Arts was contacted for information and led to an interview with its director, Diane Ruggiero. "You could not have arrived at a better time," she said. "We have just awarded a contract for a firm to conduct 'condition assessments' of about two dozen items of public art and public memorials. The war memorial is on the list." She added that the report is expected during the summer. It will include the history of each item, technical details of its present condition and recommendations for repair and restoration. Her office will be prioritizing work and developing a proposed budget. Ruggiero emphasized that the report and all that follows will be available to the public and citizen comments will be invited.

Nov. 11, 2015, will be the 75th anniversary of the memorial. Post No. 609 is considering a re-dedication ceremony. The city's Office of the Arts is studying the physical condition of the memorial. Restoration seems to be within reach. There is no better time than this year's Memorial Day to begin renewing the promise of not forgetting.

Who Is Responsible for the Memorial?

Newspaper articles from 1940 declare that the plot on which the war memorial stands was provided by the then-owner of the station: Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. The terms used were "donated" and "given." Nearly 25 years later, another article referred to a "lease" for "a period of 99 years." The recipient of property rights in either case was Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 609. When asked, current Post Commander William Jones advised that most of the unit's files had been lost over the years; he had no paper saying Post No. 609 was owner or lessee of the small parcel of land.

A search of land records in Alexandria Courthouse uncovered no recording of a document conveying fee title or lengthy lease of the plot. City of Alexandria's "GIS" database indicates

the city owns the site on which the memorial stands. Whether it also asserts ownership of the memorial remains an open question.

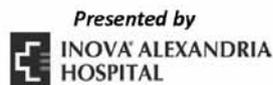
Those deciding the company's historical importance deserved to be preserved founded the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Historical Society in 2005. The society collects corporate records and memorabilia of the railroad. Recently, a search request was submitted for any mention of the memorial and Post 609 in its collections. As this article went to press, nothing yet had been uncovered.

The best hope of determining ownership and responsibility for the memorial lies with the professional researchers currently under contract with the city to evaluate the condition of various public works of art and monuments. The Memorial is on the list.



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OPINION

Still Remembering on Memorial Day

The sacrifices of those who died in war.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013 in Pul-E-Alam, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his helicopter crashed. Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

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

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

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward. Last year, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine recently signed a letter along with other senators detailing the delays veterans face: "After a decade of war, and despite the VA's efforts to modernize, more than 600,000 veterans are still stuck in the VA's disability claims backlog. While the average wait time for first time disability claims currently ranges between 316 and 327 days, veterans in certain parts of the country are waiting even longer. Solving this problem is critical for veterans of all generations."

OTHER VIRGINIA DEATHS in Afghanistan since last Memorial Day: Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt.

David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

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

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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

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

Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

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

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

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

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

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

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered



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Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

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

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

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

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

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

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

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

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

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

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

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Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

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

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

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Observing Memorial Day

Public invited to May 27 ceremony at Alexandria National Cemetery.

BY WILLIAM ARAMONY
COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION POST 24

Memorial Day is about remembering those who died for our values to make our way of American life possible. This honoring of the memories of the fallen and the values for which they died is not limited to one day. It is a continuum in time, people and contributions.

In 1919, immediately after World War I, the founders of The American Legion saw four common values or pillars, as to why Americans so often answer their nation's call. In 2013, 84-years later, the American Legion, including Alexandria Post 24, continue to serve these values in honorable and tangible ways. The continuum of Post 24 Legionnaires includes a 90-year old WW II veteran and a 20-year old service member.

The chair of the National Cemetery Administration Advisory Committee, John A. Kelly, is our Memorial Day speaker at the Alexandria National Cemetery on Monday, May 27. He is a Post 24 member and my friend for 40 years. At the National Cemetery Administration and at Post 24, he serves the same values that he served in the Army. Other Post 24 members are parts of this continuum being the



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spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of veterans.

Our first Post 24 Commander served in 1920. My term ends this year. Long after I am gone, veterans whom I know today will still serve their comrades, but also those veterans who came before them, through

service to the American Legion pillars of veterans and veterans' rehabilitation, national security, Americanism and Children and Youth.

This continuum of time and people honoring the men and women who died for our values varies and changes over time. This generation, including members of Post 24, continues to step up to serve. And we continue to lose American heroes every day in Afghanistan and missions around the world. The loss to their families, friends, fellow service members and country is permanent. However, the American values that the Fallen and the living serve are also permanent. Memorial Day we remember the Fallen. We also remember the values for which they died.

You are invited to a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 27, at the Alexandria National Cemetery beginning at 11 a.m. A reception open to all will follow at Post 24, 400 Cameron St. Take the ramp at the base of the flag pole to enter. And pause to read the plaque honoring Alexandrians who gave their lives in service.

Remembering

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

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

— MARY KIMM.

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MILITARY NOTES

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Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Brendon S. Sheiry** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Sheiry is the son of John and Laurie Sheiry of Alexandria and a 2011 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School, Arlington.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Nozogahl Bekai**,

son of Marie C. Bekai of Alexandria, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Michael G. Posey**, son of Beth and Michael R. Posey of Alexandria, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. Posey is a 2011 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School of Arlington.

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Storyteller Vera Oye' Yaa-Anna and members of her troupe gather on stage at the "Arts Uniting People" opening night reception with some of the artists whose work was on exhibit along with Michael Gilmore, center, executive director of the Alexandria Community Services Board. Auntie Oye', second from the left, told a story, sang and danced with drummer Yerone Sanders, master ancestral drummer Joseph Ngwa and dancers Diane Freeman and Thomas Lee at the May 9 event at the Lee Center. This was the third annual "Art Uniting People," a celebration of creativity and mental health. The art work will remain on exhibit at the Lee Center for six months and then will be moved to the Beatley Library, where last year's exhibit is still on display.

A Joyous Occasion

To the Editor:

Artists, their families and friends, and members of the community who attended the opening reception of "Art Uniting People" at the Lee Center not only got to see some powerful, moving, sad, jarring and funny works of art including photography, paintings, sketches and sculpture, they also got a chance to learn what it takes to be happy with Liberian-born storyteller Vera Oye' Yaa-Anna who told her tale of the king of the historic city of Timbuktu who was always unhappy no matter what his loyal subjects and servants tried to do. With the help of dancers Diane Freeman and Thomas Lee and drummers Yerone Sanders and Joseph Ngwa, the audience was soon clapping, dancing in their seats, down the aisles and on stage and chanting "I am Happy." A few tried drumming including an intrigued four-year-old.

This was the third annual celebration of creativity and mental health, a free and fun event for everyone who attends. None of it would have happened though, if it weren't for a large group of volunteers from several organizations across the city and the generosity of local businesses.

A special thanks must go to Carrie Fesperman, staff support for the Anti-Stigma Hope Campaign of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, Cheryl Anne Colton of the City of Alexandria Office of the Arts, Jackie Person, head of the City of Alexandria Therapeutic Recreation Program, Jennifer Cohen Cordero, CSB staff and spreader of the word, and Michael Gilmore, executive director of the Alexandria Community Services Board, the master of ceremonies.

There would have been no food or drink without Tiffeney Sanchez, co chair of the Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, and the event would never have

come off so seamlessly without the meticulous attention to detail of her co-chair Susan Drachler, who organized volunteers, made sure everything was perfect on stage and even manned the lights. Thanks also to the volunteers from Friends who took care of the food tables, handed out programs and welcomed guests.

Once again Alexandria Cupcake donated their sweet treats. Other business donors who helped make the exhibit possible included Alexandria Picture Framing, Art & Frame, Artifacts, Inc., Carriage House Picture Framing, Erickson & Ripper Gallery, Kelly's Fine Art Gallery & Frame Shop and Principle Gallery.

Partners and hosts of the event included the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, the Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, the Alexandria Community Services Board, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, SCAN and the Department of Community and Human Services.

For those who missed a great event, the art will remain on exhibit at the Lee Center outside the auditorium for six months and then be transferred to the Beatley Library. Last year's exhibit is currently on display in the main area of the Beatley library. Stop and take the time to look the next time you are there.

Mary Anne Weber

Help Keep The Lights On

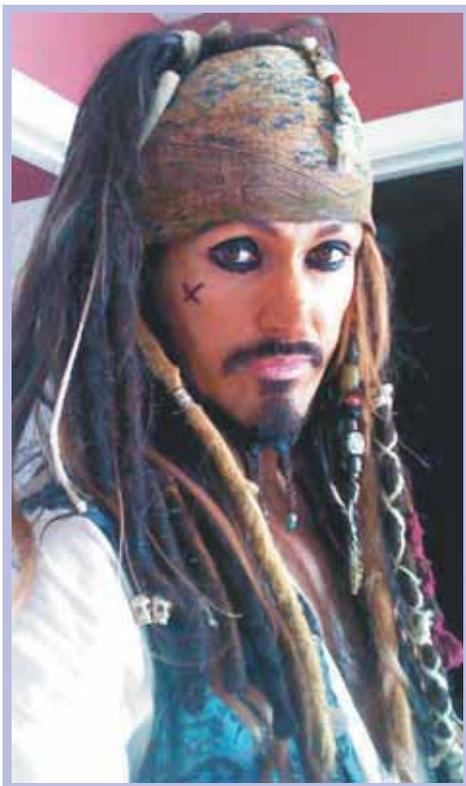
To the Editor:

I thought you would be interested in an update about the ongoing saga of the Christmas tree lights on King Street. They were all turned off April 15 and the short-run effort to keep them on through this spring did not work. Now The trees have been trimmed on King Street. It was a long over

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Jolee Rubin 703-548-0697



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Rachel Carter 703-851-4207



Wilton Ridge \$729,900
6041 Redwood Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310
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NEW HOME

1205 Cedar Dale Ln
 \$1,395,000
Brand New - Near Old Town!
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9443 Mount Vernon Cir
 \$989,000
Williamsburg Classic!
 Custom home by master builder Gene Cullinane captures the ambiance of Colonial Williamsburg and Old Town Alex. Spacious 4149 sq ft home in prime location in area's premier waterfront community. Special features include: imposing entry, high ceilings, hdwd flrs, elegant trim detail. 4BRs, 3.5BAs & oversize 2 car garage. Gorgeous grounds enhanced by distinctive courtyard entry. Rare opportunity to own a Cullinane original.

NEW PRICE

4605 Dolphin Ln
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Spacious Creekside Home!
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JUST LISTED

9322 Mount Vernon Cir
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Mt. Vernon on the Potomac Opportunity!
 Rare opportunity to attain ownership in area's premier waterfront community for under \$800K! Three level Colonial was expanded within the past few years to include self-contained first floor suite-ideal for in-laws, home office or main level master. Other features include 3 finished levels, family room with fireplace, 2 car garage. Access noted community amenities!

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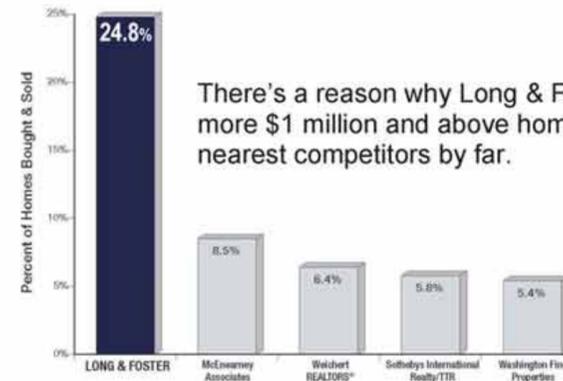
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4004 Belle Rive Terrace
 \$1,299,000
Master Piece-Near River!
 Must see-one of area's most spectacular properties! Top quality renovation resulting in almost 8,000 sq ft of updated elegance. Special features include: grand room sizes, high ceilings, custom trim detail, refinished hardwood floors, updated gourmet kitchen and updated baths, 5BR, 4.5BA. Multi-tiered decks with hot tub capitalize on privacy of grounds. Prime location on quiet cul-de-sac near river in prestigious Belle Rive.

NEW HOME

8313 Mount Vernon Hwy
 \$699,000
Brand New Home at Used Home Price!
 Be the first to call this property home. Special features include: high ceilings, open floor plan, gourmet eat-in kitchen with gas cooktop, custom cabinets and granite, family room with fireplace open to kitchen. Stunning master suite with huge walk-in closet and luxury bath. Thermal windows & upgraded insulation. 2 car garage. No detail has been overlooked.

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Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams
 703.587.7841

\$ 589,000
 Old Town
"A REAL TREAT"

Open two story living room. The open stair case leads to suspended bridge that connects the two bedrooms. The kitchen has been totally remodeled with new stainless steel appliances, granite counters and new cabinets. The bricked floor dining room leads to a private enclosed patio.

Klanci Vanderhyde
 703.919.4460

\$ 650,000
 Alexandria
"THE PALISADES"

Private wooded lot affording close-in country living in beautiful 4BR/3BA home with 2-car garage. Gorgeous kitchen with granite and premium floors.

Adjacent family room has gas fireplace and French doors to deck with hot tub and patio. Large rec room. Wood floors. Spacious sunny rooms. Whirlpool tub in master bath.

Randy Bender
 703.906.1749

\$ 184,500
 Alex. / Belle View
"RARELY AVAILABLE J UNIT"

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Daniel Lusk & Michael McCormick
 202.412.8885

Alex. / Porto Vecchio
"SUNRISES & RIVER VIEWS"

#422 - \$599,000, renovated 2BR/2BA with designer upgrades, 1,447sf plus solarium **#106 - \$650,000**, 2BR/2.5BA Walls of windows. Renovated with elegant appointments, custom kitchen / bath. Huge terrace. **#324 - \$582,000**, 2BR/2.5BA Million dollar river view but needs personal touch and renovation to make it yours.

Pat Tierney
 703.850.5630
Mary Taylor
 703.785.5619

\$ 2,095,000
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"CLASSIC"

This renovated 6BR/5.5BA brick Colonial has banquet sized entertaining areas as well as private quarters. Chef's kitchen with Wolf, Subzero appliances opens to a great room with tray ceiling, built-ins and fireplace. A man cave with digital 100 projection theatre. French doors across back of home open to a large brick patio. Improvements include garage parking, thermal-pane windows, slate roof, marble baths and more!

Suzanne Backus
 703.338.3594

\$345,000
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"JUST LISTED"

Super cute and renovated 1 level 2BR/2FBA condo, approx. 1,100 sq ft, with closets, built-ins and cabinetry galore. New granite, SSA in kitchen.

Huge walk-in closet in master bedroom. Fireplace, large laundry room, storage area and lovely fenced-in patio. 2 parking spaces / one reserved. Walk to shopping and restaurants. Close to DC and Shirlington.

Marcy Covarrubias
 703.772.6569

\$ 332,000
 Alex. / ParkFairfax
"FANTASTIC"

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OPINION

Commission Praises Foundation

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Ronald M. Bradley Foundation recently received an “Excellence in Aging Award for an Organization” for its commitment to the City of Alexandria’s holiday Meals-on-Wheels program.

“We are thrilled the city has chosen to recognize Mr. Bradley,” said Janet Barnett, executive director of Senior Services of Alexandria. “He has made such a wonderful difference in the lives of our seniors with the holiday meal program.”

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA Since 2008, the Foundation has generously donated to SSA in order to complement the city-funded Meals-on-Wheels program by providing special meals on holidays to seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop or who have difficulty preparing meals on their own.

“We are happy to work with Senior Services of Alexandria and its volunteers to help make the holidays special for these seniors,” said Mr. Bradley as he received his award.

SSA, working with the City of Alexandria’s Division on Aging and Adult Services, delivers meals to Alexandria’s seniors 365 days year. Holidays can be an especially lonely time for a senior who has no family or friends in the area. One Meals-on-Wheels recipient recently told the volunteer delivering his meal that the meals he receives on the holidays are “very special and truly the best.”

Through the years, the Ronald M. Bradley Foundation has also provided funding to other organiza-



Ronald M. Bradley, center, receives the Commission on Aging Outstanding Organizational Award from Jane King, Chair of the Commission (left) and Councilwoman Del Pepper.

tions with efforts directed to improve the lives of seniors everywhere including: the Alzheimer’s Association, the American Heart Association, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Foundation for Fighting Blindness and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

This award was just one presented at the “2013 Excellence in Aging Awards” held on May 14 at City Hall that recognized community leaders and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to elevating the quality of life of older Alexandrians. Other awards included the Annie B. Rose Lifetime Achievement Award to John Freeman; the Lois Van Valkenburgh Excellence in Aging Award for an Individual to Dr. Dan Kulund; Public Service Award to Shane Cochran; and Senior Taxi Drivers Awards to Kwabena Anim and Daniel Woldemichael.

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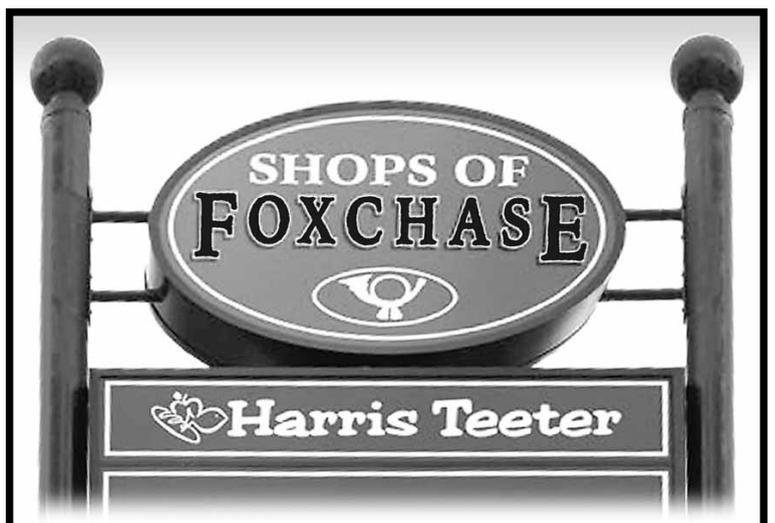
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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Subdivision
217 FAIRFAX ST S	6	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$4,656,000	Detached	0.23	OLD TOWN
711 PRINCE ST	6	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$3,485,000	Detached	0.31	OLD TOWN
213 WOODLAND TER	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,759,000	Detached	0.43	JEFFERSON PARK
911 VICAR LN	6	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,600,000	Detached	0.80	CHAPEL HILL
314 QUEEN ST	3	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,450,000	Townhouse	0.04	OLD TOWN
611 CAMERON ST	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,400,000	Semi-Detached	0.14	OLD TOWN
301 CHARLES ALEXANDER CT	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,350,000	Detached	0.39	COLONIAL PARK
726 TIMBER BRANCH DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,350,000	Detached	0.80	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
909 CRESTWOOD DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,247,361	Detached	0.18	BRADDOCKS HEIGHTS
2422 TAYLOR AVE	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,040,000	Detached	0.13	JEFFERSON PARK
214 FAIRFAX ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,032,500	Townhouse	0.04	OLD TOWN
1338 KEY DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,025,000	Detached	0.46	BALLANTRAE
3310 HOLLY ST	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$985,000	Detached	0.18	MOUNT IDA
432 MONTICELLO BLVD	5	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Detached	0.20	MONTICELLO PARK
706 GRAND VIEW DR	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$935,000	Detached	0.16	BEVERLEY HILLS
716 DAY LN	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$910,000	Townhouse	0.03	POTOMAC GREENS
413 PRINCESS ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$900,000	Townhouse	0.06	CHATHAM SQUARE
4009 ELLICOTT ST	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$875,000	Detached	0.22	MARLBORO ESTATES
815 QUAKER LN	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$841,500	Detached	0.74	CHAPEL HILL
723 BRADDOCK RD W	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$799,000	Detached	0.22	JEFFERSON PARK
716 COLUMBUS ST N	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Townhouse	0.03	OLD TOWN
801 GRANDVIEW DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$779,000	Detached	0.16	BEVERLEY HILLS
8 CUSTIS AVE W	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$773,500	Detached	0.13	ROSECREST
2509 KING ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$770,000	Detached	0.14	ADAMS ESTATE
804 COLUMBUS ST N	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Townhouse	0.05	OLD TOWN
108 LINDEN ST E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.11	ROSEMONT
330 HELMUTH LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Townhouse	0.04	CAMERON STATION
719 ROYAL ST S	2	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Townhouse	0.05	YATES GARDENS
407 FONTAINE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$742,000	Detached	0.15	JEFFERSON PARK
1705 CRESTWOOD DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.13	DYES OAKCREST
15 WYATT AVE W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$723,000	Detached	0.11	DEL RAY
935 POWHAITAN ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$723,000	Townhouse	0.03	OLD TOWN GATEWAY
1864 POTOMAC GREENS DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$712,000	Townhouse	0.02	POTOMAC GREENS
2408 TERRETT AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.14	DEL RAY
315 PAYNE ST N	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Semi-Detached	0.08	METES AND BOUNDS
5266 COLONEL JOHNSON LN	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.04	CAMERON STATION
5267 POCOSIN LN	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$666,000	Townhouse	0.04	CAMERON STATION
122 PEYTON ST N	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Townhouse	0.04	OLD TOWN
1117 ROAN LN	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.21	QUAKER LANE AREA
11 HOWELL AVE	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$656,000	Detached	0.13	ROSECREST
802 RUSSELL RD	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Detached	0.09	MOUNT VERNON PARK
311 PRINCETON BLVD	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Detached	0.20	COLLEGE PARK
406 SKYHILL RD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$639,000	Detached	0.21	CLOVER
105 HOWELL AVE W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Detached	0.13	DEL RAY
118 GLEBE RD E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Detached	0.15	WILMAR PARK
309 HOLLAND LN #315	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		THE ROYALTON
2201 RUSSELL RD	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$630,500	Detached	0.15	ROSECREST
2429 RIDGE ROAD DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Detached	0.18	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 12

due procedure to maintain the tree canopy over the city.

As far as we know now the budget has been created and the lights will not be on again until Thanksgiving this year.

Two weeks ago council, led by Councilwoman Del Pepper, very cognizant of what next year can look like if everything goes the same way, placed a sum of about \$13,500 in contingency to match funds the city communities, associations, or businesses raise to keep them on in 2014. That is \$4,500 per month cost — \$2,250 per month for us to raise. That means that if we can come up with half of that \$13,500 contingency (\$6,750) sometime before the end of the year or in early 2014 we will enjoy the spring in the lights and enjoy longer enhanced shopping, and the businesses could stay open longer with the added attractive lights on to take advantage of a better, friendly, and more safe shopping street for us and tourists. There will be longer hours and more romantic nights. It will be better for sales better for sales taxable income.

The city will match our funds. I also heard whispering from another member of council: why not keep them on through November the same way.

The results then, could be that the lights will not be turned off next year March 31 but stay on at least through June 2014. Please be in touch if you would like to help. Contact us at 703-683-0333, Gold Works USA, or councilwoman Del Pepper for more information.

Take note: If you are an association and like to dine in town or a citizen who enjoys walking under a fresh canopy and new lights please step up because we need you to help. Businesses all love the lights. Everyone loves the lights. Please help to keep them on, Make a donation towards this project and keep them on in 2014. Just get in touch with me if you are interested to help or to donate.

David Martin

Educational Crisis

To the Editor:

Reporter Michael Lee Pope's two articles, "Historic Tax Hikes" and "Uncertainty Haunts Groundbreaking," are inextricably linked. In the former Mr. Pope writes: "One of the leading drivers of the need for capital spending is the public school system." In the latter he states: "when the new \$45 million Jefferson-Houston School facility opens its doors, it may not be under the control of city leaders." Jefferson-Houston School, my family's failing neighborhood school, becomes the responsibility of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2014.

The new school building is not only poorly considered, it is poorly timed. Alexandria City Public School promotes an oversized building in the face of declining enrollment. Jefferson-Houston School is Alexandria's only preK-8 School, an invention of Dr. Morton Sherman. My guess is that the present School Board has yet to seriously

analyze the plans or understand the core problem. "I will be uneasy donning that stupid hat and smiling for the cameras as we put the shovels in the ground," said School Board member Bill Campbell. "I don't think that we are where we need to be yet in terms of surety of what this building needs to look like from a design perspective and what its use is going to be." Mr. Campbell should be uneasy. Our tax dollars are not being wisely spent.

Bricks and mortar, historically old or literally new, should not provide cover for poor academic performance. Only one in five or 20 percent of Jefferson-Houston School's fifth-graders passed the math SOLs. More insulting, the scores plummeted 60 points in just the last two years. How does a new building correct academic failure? Did the new T.C. Williams building solve the high school's academic problems?

Jefferson-Houston was conditionally accredited in 2006-2007, fully accredited in 2008-2009. Superintendent Rebecca Perry outperformed her successor. Alexandria is in the throes of an educational crisis. The city's children deserve better as do taxpayers.

The assumption that one can dress something up, use a little "spit and polish" and it will sell is just that; all surface without depth. Superficial looks does not equate to academics.

Charlotte Landis
Alexandria

Bookstores Abound

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on two recent items in the Gazette Packet: a letter in the May 9 issue ("A City's Priorities" from Carl A. Posey), and the item in the May 16 "Business Matters" column headlined "Books Without Bookstores."

I agree strongly with Mr. Posey's point that Alexandria's library system needs to receive high priority in Alexandria's budgets, but I take issue with his statement that "Alexandria is a community where no bookseller can survive." The "Books Without Bookstores" item stated that Alexandria is "bereft of a place to buy books." I disagree.

Book Bank Used Books, which I opened in May 2001, continues to thrive at 1510 King St., with a constantly evolving stock of 25,000 books ranging from recent publications to books out of print for decades. I invite Mr. Posey and all Alexandria booklovers to join us at our ongoing 12th anniversary sale.

Book Bank is not the only surviving bookstore in Alexandria. Across the street from Book Bank our friends at Hooray for Books sell new books, primarily for children. I also note Pauline Books and Media on King Street, and our fellow used booksellers at Already Read Used Books on Duke Street just outside Old Town.

The independent bookseller Olsson's closed all of its locations, not just the one in Old Town. In recent years the Books-a-Million chain has closed many locations while opening others. For those who need



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Recognized for Creativity

George Mason Elementary School Principal Kevin West recognized 12 schoolchildren who submitted creative works to the 2012-13 National PTA Reflections Program on Friday, April 5. This year's theme was "The Magic of a Moment." The children submitted entries in visual arts, photography and literature. From left are Kirin Mackey, Bailey Williams, Annik Fus, Rachel Simmons, Carl, David Anthony, Tilda Davies, George Mason Principal Kevin West, Eva Joia, Sophia Powell, Amelia and Lila Arnold. Absent from the photo is Flora Thompson who submitted an entry in the Literature category. For this year's contest, Annik Fus was a George Mason and City Level Winner in the Visual Arts category while Sophia Powell was a George Mason and City Level Winner in the Photography category. Eva Joia was a George Mason Winner also an Honorable Mention in the Literature Category.

a chain bookstore, the Barnes & Noble in Potomac Yard is still open. Yet the "Books Without Bookstores" item translates the loss of Olsson's and Books-a-Million into the notion that Alexandria is particularly lacking in bookselling locations.

The ever-increasing high commercial rents in Alexandria make it difficult for an independent bookstore of any kind to thrive. The same can be said of any small independent business operating at a low profit margin. Alexandria, however, has a better record of retaining bookstores than neighboring Arlington or other high-rent suburban locations such as Bethesda.

Thriving libraries and bookstores are both vital to Alexandria, and I hope that the city continues to support both.

Donald B. Alexander
Alexandria

'Lights Out' District?

To the Editor:

Keeping the streetlights on in Alexandria starts with city hall's new Call-Click-Connect system, where like Dorothy going to Oz, you click three times and land in a place that asks you to "call the power company." The city stays out of the loop and in the happy zone. You're on your own road to discovery, dude.

Arriving to the Historic District by Metro, you may begin your journey to the water by traversing the western end of King Street's "lights out" district, where night-shuttered businesses and few restaurants create a picture of gothic gloom. It is here, like Pepper and Martin, whose shop is fronted by an unlit streetlamp, you might feel the need to squint.

This transylvanian pathway refines the

meaning of our award as one of America's "10 Most Walkable Cities" ... casting it into the wonderful category of children's games like blind man's bluff or pin the tail on the donkey. Even that long-sitting councilwoman Pepper's solution takes on a child-like aura ... becoming an innovative game of spot the festive twinkling patio lights hidden high in the fully leafed-out treetops.

On May 11, 27 of the streetlights on King between Harvard and Union Streets were out. This is roughly 30 percent of the streetlights that should be brightening up sidewalks, restaurants, and shops that run the length of our main shop n' dine street. And one had to admit that King after sunset did have the eerie feeling of the twilight zone — except at City Hall's vibrant Market Square. In the Square a spontaneous crowd had formed around an impromptu band, which I could see from 200 feet away because of the clear-sided, yet historic-looking, dazzling plaza lamps. Tourists checked their visitors guides, people on the sidewalk deciphered the bus schedule, and everyone stepped along merrily without tripping on the bricks. Here it was ... the answer, gracing City Hall alone. The dark pilgrimage from the Metro was over, and we were no longer asked to dither in the dark.

The city has a contract with Dominion Virginia Power that should afford them leverage to ensure their residents and visitors are well served. It also makes them the legal agents for enacting the contractual agreement — not residents. One of Dominion's board members lives in the Historic District.

Keeping the streetlights on is our city's responsibility ... brightly lit streets lower crime. And right now, many of Alexandria's "best of" awards are believable only about as long as it takes to change a light bulb.

Kathryn Papp

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Achievement

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Jeffries said. "Obviously, we have our first African American president. But that's just the tip of the iceberg. There are so many more brilliant, young, talented, progressive, diligent African American leaders in our community that really need to be in elected office."

Leonard N. Smith, senior minister of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Arlington, which was a sponsor for the awards reception, said he believed events such as the Top 10 Under 40 awards help inspire others to tap into their own leadership potential. "This helps to inspire and encourage young leaders to get involved," Smith said. "There are others who are standing on the sidelines, waiting, wondering what they need to do to become one of the dynamic 10."

The entire list of VLI's "Top 10 Under 40" included:

- ◆ John Chapman of Alexandria, an educator and Alexandria City Council member;
- ◆ Howard A. Foard, III of Fairfax County, an Army veteran and community leader;
- ◆ Erica Jeffries of Fairfax County, an Army veteran and senior executive;
- ◆ Monte Johnson of Loudoun County, a corporate executive and candidate for VA House District 10;
- ◆ Cydney Neville of the Town of Dumfries, an entrepreneur and community leader;
- ◆ Ryane LeCesne of Alexandria, a program director and philanthropist;
- ◆ Rahman Parker of Fairfax County, founder of a health nonprofit and professor;
- ◆ Joshua Porter of Prince William County, an entrepreneur and public servant;
- ◆ Terron Sims, II of Arlington, an Iraq war veteran and author;
- ◆ Dana Taylor of Arlington, an entrepreneur and organizational leader.

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Open House. 7-8:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 905 Wythe St. Learn about committees and how to get involved in the Alexandria Chapter of the NAAP. Free. Visit www.naacpalexandriava.org or 703-684-6190.

SATURDAY/MAY 25

Pools Open. The City's Old Town, 1609 Cameron St., and Warwick, 3301 Landover St., pools open, on a limited basis, Saturday, May 25. The Old Town Pool includes a 25-yard pool with a diving well. A separate training pool is available for children up to 42 inches in height. Easily accessible for disabled, the training pool has a water depth range of 1-3 feet. A parking lot, picnic area and a tot playground are adjacent to the pool. The Warwick Pool includes a 25-yard pool with diving well and a separate wading pool for children up to 42 inches in height. A bathhouse is available. Picnic areas are located inside the pool complex as well as next-door, where a modern playground featuring a tot playground is also available. For a complete list of City pools, operating hours, fees and more information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/pools.

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Walking Tour. Saturdays in May, 9 a.m., take a three-hour walking tour of Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Meets at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St., and ends at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$25/person; \$20/volunteers and friends group members of the four sites. Tickets at www.historicalalexandria.org or 703-746-4242.

Ceramics Exhibition. Through Sunday, June 2 at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Come to an exhibition of non-functional ceramic artwork. Free. For more information, go to www.torpedofactory.org/target.

Theater Performance. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., presents "Ghost-Writer." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Sunday, June 2. Tickets are \$45-\$55; \$25/student. Visit www.metrostage.org or 703-548-9044 for tickets.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 16, see artwork by Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Danny Conant at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free. Hours are Thursdays from noon-9 p.m., all other days from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

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Art Exhibit. Through Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at River Farm Gardens, East Blvd. Come see "Elegance of Spring."

Distillery Open. George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill open through Oct. 1. \$17/adult, \$8/child, 5 and under are free.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington Street. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. See how Robert E. Lee's hometown was transformed literally overnight from a prosperous commercial port into a supply, hospital, and transportation center for the Union Army, and find out why Alexandria became a destination for African Americans seeking freedom. Explore the experiences of Alexandrians and others who lived here during this tumultuous time,



Civil War Fort Day at Fort Ward

Learn about soldier life in the Defenses of Washington when Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site presents "Civil War Fort Day" on Saturday, June 8. From 10 a.m.-4 p.m., a variety of living history interpreters will portray aspects of military and civilian life in the Washington area during the Civil War. A suggested donation of \$2 per person and \$5 for families is requested. The program is weather dependent.

Reenactors from several Union living history groups will set up camps, and demonstrate aspects of army life in the defense system such as drilling, firing demonstrations, camp cooking, medical care, leisure-time activities, and the role of civilians in Washington's camps and forts. The event will feature units such as the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Co. H; Brady's Sharpshooters; the 1st U.S. Artillery (Fort Washington Guard); the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; and the 23rd U.S. Colored Troops, a regiment that was raised at Camp Casey, a major recruiting and training base that was located in Arlington during the Civil War. A telegraph operator will interpret the importance of communication in the defense system, and a regimental clerk will be stationed in the fort's reconstructed Officers' Hut. Artillerymen will be on duty in the fort's fully restored bastion, and an ordnance sergeant will show examples of projectiles and equipment used by artillerymen of the period. Special soldier-led tours of the camps and fort will be offered at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Children can make their own corps badges to wear for the day.

Fort Ward is the best preserved of the extensive system of Union forts known as the Civil War Defenses of Washington. The Museum features exhibits and programs throughout the year. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

through their own words, as well as in period photographs and collections items. Open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Admission \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone figure drawing skills. Drop-in with your supplies to draw our live models. Fee: \$8-12. View the calendar at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 23

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the gardens with a master gardener docent who will tell stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in our 1784 historic house. \$28. Call 703-914-7987 to register.

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children

ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Little One-Ders. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

World Short Story Discussion. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1704.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children age 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Italian Inspiration. 7-9 p.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Enjoy Italian dessert while gaining new insights and inspirations for working with children. \$25/person or \$20 for those who attended other meetings. RSVP to kathryn@artatthecenter.org. Visit www.artatthecenter.org for more.

Bow Wow Luau. 5-8 p.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. The dog-friendly event will include a costume contest for dogs and their companions, drinks, door prizes and more. Proceeds benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria and the homeless animals in their care at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. Free, but leis will be sold. Visit www.alexandrianimals.org for

more.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear Jazz Visions. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

FRIDAY/MAY 24

Fundraiser. Thirteen-year-old Pasquale Procaccino is hosting a fundraiser at Royal Restaurant, 734 N. St. Asaph St., to raise funds for the outreach program Game On, which helps improve tennis courts and tennis instruction for underprivileged peers. 703-548-1616.

Performance. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Kier performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

SATURDAY/MAY 25

Tour. 1 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 109 S. Alfred St. Learn about three major fires, the techniques used to fight them and the five volunteer companies of the early city. \$6/adult; \$4/youth ages 10-17. Reservations required, 703-746-4994.

Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Stop by the Del Ray Artisans yard sale. Profits support Del Ray Artisans. Free. For information on volunteering, contact Lesley@Volunteers@TheDelRayArtisans.org. Visit

www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/YardSale.

Sunset Viewing at Mount Vernon. 6-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Families can enjoy evening tours of the mansion, dancing, games, wagon rides and more. Food, wine and beer will be available for purchase. \$18/adult; \$12/child; free for children under 5. This is a separate ticket from daytime estate admission. Visit mountvernon.org for tickets and information.

Bill Jenkins' World of Music. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Hear music and then try out the instruments. All ages. Free. 703-746-1704.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Free Meditation Workshop. 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn breathing technique and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

Story Walk. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 6-12 can take a walk and then draw what you see. Free. 703-746-1702.

Music. 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Washington Korean Chromanharp Choir will perform. Free. All ages. 703-746-1702.

Performance. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Kier performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to Chester, a reading therapy dog. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Ebook Workshop. 1 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Bring your eBook reader and library card and get all questions answered. Free. 703-971-0010.

Virginia Grand Military Band. 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. "Salute to Memorial Day Concert," with works by Sousa, Shostakovich and Fillmore. Adults \$15. - band directors, students and children free. Visit www.vgmb.com, email manager@vgmb.com or call 703-426-4777.

Book Signing. 3-5 p.m. at Re*Reads Books, 8742 Cooper Road. Dmitry Potoskiy will sign copies of his his memoir "Journal of a Russian Businessman." Visit www.rereads-usedbooks.com for more.

SATURDAYS THROUGH JUNE 29

Walking Tour Devoted to Dogs. 10 a.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. All dogs on a leash can enjoy a 1.25 mile walk around the estate, and learn about canine life at Mount Vernon. \$5/for the tour plus the general admission for owners. Dogs are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

Sunset Viewing at Mount Vernon. 6-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Families can enjoy evening tours of the mansion, dancing, games, wagon rides and more. Food, wine and beer will be available for purchase. \$18/adult; \$12/child; free for children under 5. This is a separate ticket from daytime estate admission. Visit mountvernon.org.

MONDAY/MAY 27

Annual Jazz Festival. 1-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St. Hear music by the United States Navy Band, Al Williams, Daniel Ori, Emy Tseng and more. Free. 703-746-5592.

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Remembrance. 11 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Rec Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Join citizens of Alexandria and the "Friends of Rocky Versace" as they remember Alexandria's fallen military heroes at the Capt. Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. The ceremony will include reading the names of the 67 men on the Memorial, a wreath-laying, sounding of "Taps" and singing "God Bless America."

TUESDAY/MAY 28

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1705.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

Martha's Family Movie. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. All ages can watch a film based on a children's classic book. Free. Registration required. 703-768-6700.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 29

Adoption Information Session. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at UMFS, 5400 Shawnee Rd, Suite 101. Agency representatives will be on hand to answer questions and explain the requirements to foster or adopt. Free. Visit www.umfs.org or call 703-941-9008.

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

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Lego Family Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Families can enjoy building together and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

PBS Documentary Screening. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Join for screenings of POV

documentaries. Free. 703-746-1702.
Documentary. 5 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Watch "Girl Rising." Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

THURSDAY/MAY 30

Psychic Show. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Come see Sylvia Browne present her one woman show about her work in the field of parapsychology, give readings and hold a Q&A on her field and work. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Tour. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Leaves from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Travel to Richmond to an herb farm for lunch and a class on lavender followed by an afternoon tour of the gilded age of Maymont Estate and gardens. \$119 per person. Register on-line at www.greenspring.org or call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173.

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more.

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ENTERTAINMENT



“Supreme Action” by The Art Monkeys. Pride Party at Studio 4, Old Town

The artists of Studio 4, Old Town, in Alexandria, are creating a topical show of 2D and 3D artworks reflecting on the themes of pride and equality. The artists believe that art is a vehicle for social change and are devoted to making the community a better place. They have committed to donating a portion of all proceeds raised via art sales to Fairfax Pride. An evening that includes live entertainment is in the works for the exhibit's mid-month “Pride Party” reception, taking place Saturday, June 15, 6-9 p.m. at Studio 4, Old Town. It is free and open to the public. The exhibition will be on display through June 30 at Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 101. Gallery Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/events/150301198479526.

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Free. 703-746-1703.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Sharing Your Story. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn how to tell a story through blogs and other social networking tools, such as twitter, Pinterest and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear The Mike Tony Echols Project. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

THURSDAYSATURDAY/MAY31-JUNE1

Fundraiser. 7 p.m. Silent Auction at West Potomac High School Spring Choral Show to support the All Night Graduation Celebration. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Visit www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/index.html.

MAY 30 THROUGH JULY 14

Art Exhibit. See “Hair Apparent” in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Comedy. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Jody Kerns performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

21st Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival. 1:30-6 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Enjoy vendors, entertainment, food and more. Free admission. Visit www.alexandriarmenianfestival.com/ for more.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Meet local artists and hear live music. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/artmarket for more.

Closing Benefit. 7-10 p.m. see “Artworks for Good” at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

T.C. Williams Alumni Baseball Game. 2 p.m. at Eugene Simpson Field, 420 East Monroe Ave. All former players from T.C. Williams, Hammond, G.W. and Parker Gray High Schools are invited to play in the game and reconnect with old friends. \$20. Buffet dinner, courtesy of the T.C. Williams Baseball Boosters, will be served at the field immediately following the game. \$20. For more information contact Jeff Beck at jbeck55@msn.com.

Music Performance. Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra perform at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Wine on the Water. 6-8 p.m. at Alexandria Seaport Foundation Workshop, 2 Duke St. Sponsored by Grape + Bean, with proceeds benefiting the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Taste wine while

watching boats sail by and bidding on silent auction items. \$60/person and at the door. Visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/373238 for tickets.

Kitten Shower and Adoption

Event. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at King Street Cats, 25 Dove St. Suggested gifts: KMR powder or canned, Pro-plan dry or wet food, Wellness wet food, Gerber baby food (chicken only), puppy pads, paper towels, and Fresh Step clay or pine litter. Refreshments will be served. Visit www.kingstreetcats.org.

JUNE 1-29

Art Exhibit. Eight painters, including Alexandria artist Christine Gray, have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards. Their works will be on display at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Free. Gallery hours are from noon-6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 30

Art Exhibit. The artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. see

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“Hair Apparent” in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. It is a multimedia exhibit featuring sculpture, photography, performance and assemblage. Free.

Hymn Festival. 5 p.m. at Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. The choirs of Christ Church, St. Mary’s Arlington, Grace Church Alexandria, St. George’s Arlington, St. Luke’s Alexandria, St. Paul’s Alexandria, and Church of the Redeemer Bethesda, will combine for a memorable hymn festival. The service will feature a variety of hymns sung by both the congregation and the combined choirs. A reception will follow in the churchyard. Visit www.historicchristchurch.org.

The Whole Hog. 11 a.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Enjoy an all-you-can eat Southern-style barbeque menu. \$20. Reservations at 703-548-1785.

Book Discussion. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Deborah Parker will discuss her book and work “Hardcore Leadership: 11 Master Lessons from My Airborne Ranger Uncle’s ‘Final Jump.’” Free. 703-746-1751.

JUNE 3 THROUGH 13

Art Class. At Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Artists ages 4-6 explore clay, paint, collage, building, drawing and printing in a playful studio setting. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Celia Wexler will discuss “Out of the News: Former

Journalist Discusses a Profession in Crisis.” Free. 703-746-1751.

THURSDAY/JUNE 6

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the gardens with a master gardener docent who will tell stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in our 1784 historic house. \$28. Call 703-914-7987 to register.

SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Program. Mount Calvary Baptist Church, located at 2221 Emmett Drive. Come to a community/health day program. Rain date June 29. www.mountcalvarybaptist.com.

Mrs. Madison’s Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy live music, special dessert collation and a cash bar. \$45/advance; \$50/door if available. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242.

Civil War Fort Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Watch reenactors set up camp, lead drills and more. Tours will be at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. \$2/person or \$5/family. Visit www.fortward.org or 703-746-4848.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 8-30

Art Exhibit. See the exhibit “Food: Friend or Foe,” which examines the complex relationship we have with food. Showcases 19 works by artists from all over the country. Free. Located at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Sunday Film Fest. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Watch “Calendar Girls.” Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

MONDAY/JUNE 10

Meet the Artists. 10 a.m.-noon at River Farm. Meet the artists of “The Elegance of Spring.” For more information, call 703-768-5700 or visit www.ahs.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Potowmack chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will discuss “Celebrating the Natural Communities of VA,” including plant roots and their fungal partners. Free. 703-642-5173.

Reception. 6-8 p.m. enjoy a juror talk with April Wood and see the exhibit “Food: Friend or Foe,” which examines the complex relationship we have with food. Showcases 19 works by artists from all over the country. Free. Located at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 14

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see HEM perform. \$25. Visit www.hemmusic.com.

Opening Reception. 6-9 p.m. eight painters, including Alexandria Christine Gray, have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards. Their works will be on



Summer Classes

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display at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Free.

a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4 for more.

Book Signing and Discussion. 4 p.m. at The Gallery at Convergence. Mike Stavlund will sign and discuss his book “The Reshaping of Faith in a Year of Grief.” Free.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

Carlyle House Tours. Noon-4 p.m. Free tours on Father’s Day for all fathers and grandfathers at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$5/adults; \$3/children ages 5-12. Contact carlyle@nvrpa.org or call 703-549-2997.

SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Workshop. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Adults and children work together to choose a “legend” in their family, write their story, and make it into a handmade storybook to take home.

Pride Party Reception. 6-9 p.m. the artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11

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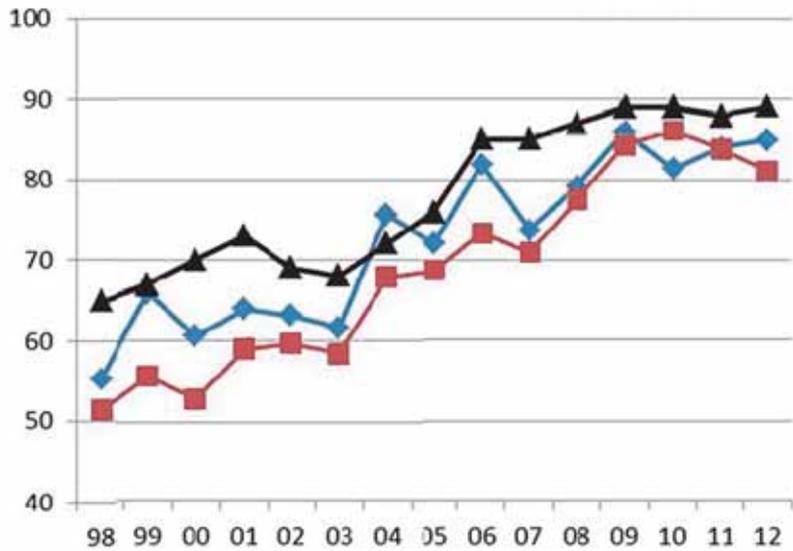


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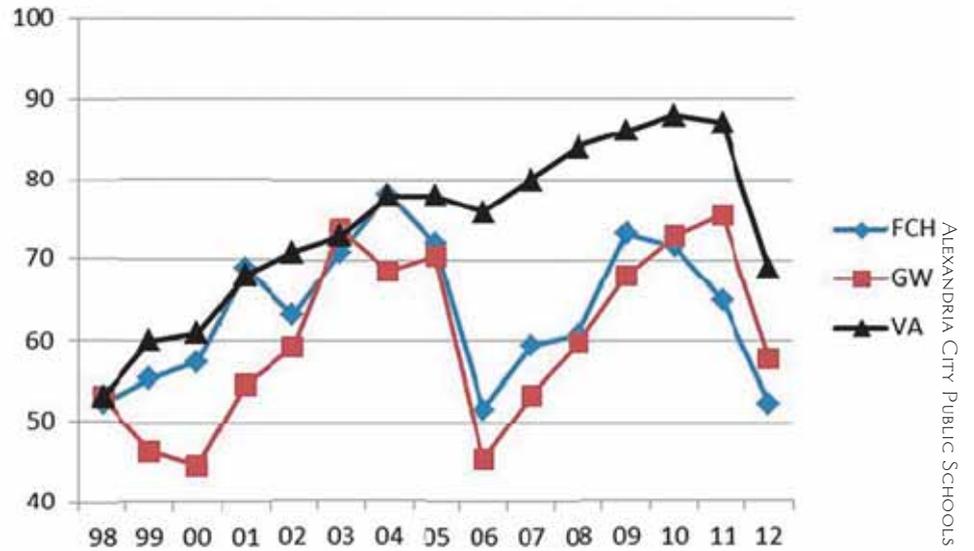
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Special Panel to Consider Middle Schools Reorganization

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gether to examine the middle school reorganization of 2009. That's when the city's two existing middle school facilities were split into five separate schools — two at George Washington Middle School and three at Hammond Middle School. Stakeholders will include staff, parents, students and a School Board member.

"It's an open call," said Sherman. "I would not turn anyone away who wanted to be involved in it."

EVER SINCE the two buildings were split into five schools, opinions have been divided about whether or not the split was a good idea. School Board members say feed-

back from George Washington seems positive, imploring school officials to keep the new organization. But comments from Hammond seem to indicate that having multiple administrative structures in the same building presents an inconsistent approach to grading and discipline.

"Those are things we need to address this fall," said Kelly Carmichael Booz.

Sherman said he would find a way to create more consistency within the separate schools that are housed in the same buildings in the short term. Meanwhile, he will be putting together a structure for how the committee would work and how it might create a set of criteria to evaluate. In a memorandum outlining the creation of the

committee, Sherman said members would review student achievement, student efficacy, school structure, teaming, progress monitoring, advisory models, career plans and academic plans.

"I don't want this to be seen as putting something into a black hole," warned School Board member Justin Keating.

TEST SCORES show that performance at the middle schools is below the statewide average. Charts given to School Board members show Standards of Learning outcomes in reading have improved at Hammond, although they have fallen at George Washington. Meanwhile math scores have plummeted at Hammond and George Washing-

ton. "These scores are diving," said School Board member Pat Hennig. "Obviously, there's a problem."

Since the reorganization, three of five middle schools have been accredited with warning and two of the five principals have announced they are leaving — one is stepping down after his first year on the job and another is retiring. School Board member Bill Campbell says that means now is the time to take a look at moving back to two middle schools.

"We have a not seen sustained positive achievement gains since the split," Campbell said. "I believe that the best opportunity for consistent achievement at the middle-school level is single schools with strong leaders."

Potomac Yard Metro Delayed

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a haul route for the construction of the Metro station. Because the road is owned and operated by the National Park Service, it serves as a scenic part of the city's landscape as well as a direct route to the historic Mount Vernon Estate. That means the road already has restrictions as to what kind of vehicles are allowed to use it. City officials say use of the parkway for a haul route is one of the issues currently under consideration.

"That goes against the intent and purpose of the parkway," said Poul Hertel, who was part of a stakeholders group examining the proposed station. "This is not a playground for the city of Alexandria to futz around just because it's cheaper and more convenient for them to do so."

THE DELAY comes at a time when new questions are being raised about the financing of the project, According to a recent report by the Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, the city will exceed its debt ceiling by borrowing the \$194 million needed to finance the new Potomac Yard Metro. Even when the project is taken off the books, the city still has a massive amount of uncertainty about everything from the waterfront plan and the Beaugard redevelopment to federal demands on the sewer system and regional plans for transit corridors.

"There's always some degree of uncertainty when dealing with anything in the future," said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks last month. "The real issue with the debt isn't the amount of the debt, it's the fiscal impact of the debt service."

In a strongly worded section of the committee's annual report outlining recommendations for the future, mem-

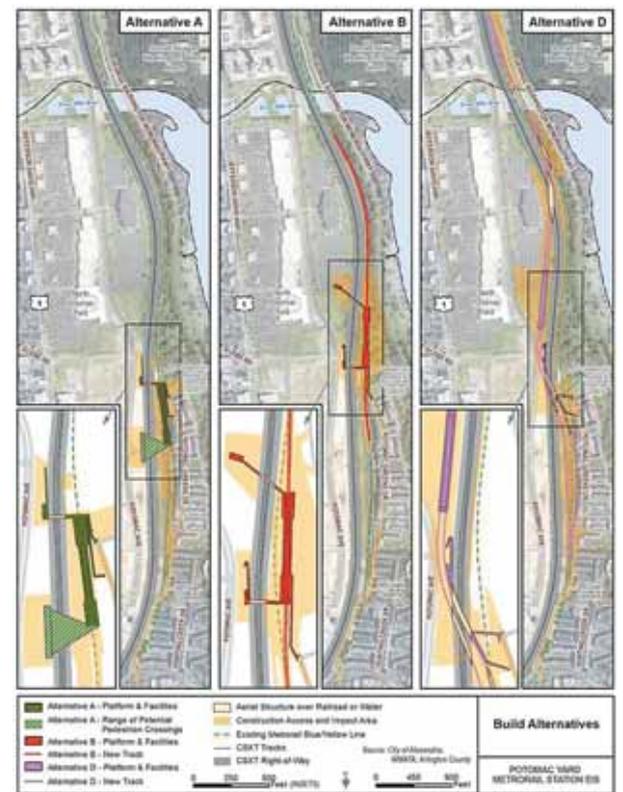
bers of the committee caution that additional borrowing would "adversely impact" the city's bond rating and "significantly deteriorate the city's performance relative to its debt policy guidelines." Debt ratios have gradually inched upwards in recent years, leading to a situation in which Alexandria leaders are facing a future with an unprecedented level of debt.

"This trend is evident regardless of whether the Potomac Yard Metrorail is included in the calculation, meaning that the city's debt ratios ... are worsening," the report concludes. "For the FY2014 budget, BFAAC observes that some of the metrics are now hitting the limits without the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station included."

THREE LOCATIONS are currently under consideration as part of the Environmental Impact Statement in addition to a no-build scenario. Alternative A is the southernmost location, estimated to cost \$194 million. It would be located adjacent to the Potomac Greens neighborhood. Alternative B is a short distance north, behind the Target. Its estimated cost is \$249 million. Alternative C was an underground station that has been rejected as logistically impossible. Alternative D is a \$459 million above-ground design similar to the ones now under construction in Tysons Corner.

"What we are looking at now is public hearings in the fall — going to the council making their preferred alternative in the late fall," said Marks. "We anticipate that there will be some delay in the schedule, but the overall schedule should largely remain on track — no pun intended."

The draft Environmental Impact Study will outline everything from economic issues and transportation needs to noise and vibrations at the station. Each of the three alternatives will be examined, as will a "no-build" scenario in which no



Metrorail station is constructed. After members of the City Council select a preference, the National Park Service and the Federal Transit Administration will each issue a record of decision outlining where they would like the Metro station to be located.

"We have developers and property owners who are waiting to see what the final outcome is," said Mayor Bill Euille. "If council approves it, you will see action on the part of the developers and property owners to move forward."

TC Baseball Secures First Regional Berth Since 2009

Titans beat Lee in Patriot District tournament quarterfinals.

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The T.C. Williams baseball team on May 15 earned its first regional berth since 2009 by beating Lee 9-2 during the Patriot District quarterfinals at Simpson Field.

TC starting pitcher Alec Grosser allowed one hit in six innings. Scouts with radar guns were on hand to watch the senior right-hander, who earned the program's biggest win in recent years. Grosser allowed two earned runs, hit one batter, walked three and struck out 10.

"It feels great," said Grosser, who was in the eighth grade the last time TC qualified for regionals. "I'm happy we get at least two more baseball games. ... I've never seen these guys go to regions, so it's exciting."

The only hit Grosser allowed was a two-run home run by Lee outfielder Mickey Stebick with two outs in the top of the third inning.

"I'm happy I pitched well through six," Grosser said, "but I'm still [mad] about that one hit ..."

Grosser is signed with George Mason University. There is a possibility the 6-foot-

4 hurler will be selected in the Major League Baseball draft June 6-8. Grosser said he will wait until after the draft to make a decision about his future.

"He pitched great," TC head coach Jim Blair said. "When he has that kind of stat line, it's hard to say otherwise. Personally, I felt like he didn't have his best stuff, per se, not to take anything away. With that being said, he was still tough to hit tonight for the Lee lineup, for sure."

Grosser threw 97 pitches, 61 for strikes. He threw a first-pitch strike to 15 of 22 batters he faced.

Junior right-hander Noah Ray pitched a scoreless seventh inning for the Titans.

Offensively, TC managed just two hits, but the Titans capitalized on a plethora of Lee miscues. TC scored four runs in the second inning without the benefit of a hit, instead piecing together two walks, one hit-by-pitch and a sacrifice fly to go with multiple Lee errors.

The Titans' first hit came in the bottom of the third, when sophomore first baseman Brandon Beck delivered an RBI double to left, giving TC a 7-2 lead.

Ray belted a solo home run over the center-field fence in the fifth inning for the Ti-

tans' other hit.

Ray called the experiencing of clinching the program's first region berth since 2009 "crazy."

"We're usually just underdogs," he said. "It feels good. We've got to prove something."

T.C. Williams lost to Lake Braddock 8-1 in the district semifinals on May 17, giving the Titans the district's No. 4 seed. TC will travel to face Oakton, the Concorde District's top seed, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 24.

Blair said qualifying for regionals for the first time since 2009 is "huge" for the Titans.

"For a lot of them, they've been working at it now since September," Blair said, "so to be rewarded for the work that they've put in, I think it gives them ... an opportunity to see that when you do work hard in this game that you'll get the positive results that you want. And ... even though we're young, we can still come out and play baseball. We can still compete with the top teams."



T.C. Williams pitcher Alec Grosser allowed one hit in six innings during the Titans' victory against Lee on May 15.

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TC Freshman Girls Capture Bronze at Stotesbury

Boys' junior 8 finish sixth, capping strong performance.

The T.C. Williams crew team traveled to Philadelphia this past weekend to compete in the Stotesbury Cup Regatta, a two-day event that is the largest high school rowing competition in the world, and one that saw the Titan rowers turn in their best performance in years.

As they have this entire season, the T.C. girls' freshman 8 once again led the way for the Titans. First, the frosh 8 posted the third-fastest time in their qualifying time trial on Friday morning to advance to the semi-final round of competition later at same day. Then, the girls won their semifinal race to advance to the finals on Saturday afternoon.

In the finals, the freshman 8 – who captured the Virginia state championship on May 4 – raced down the course with a time of 5:20.26 to take third place and capture the bronze medal. When they rowed up to the grandstand to collect their award minutes after crossing the finish line, they were greeted by a crowd of T.C. athletes, parents and supporters who sang a song familiar to anyone who has ever walked the halls

of T.C. Williams High School: "Everywhere we go, people want to know, who we are, so we tell them — we are the Titans! The Mighty, Mighty Titans!"

Members of the girls' freshman 8 include coxswain Maggie Chamberlain and rowers Natasha Magallon, Harper Jensen, Amelia Bender, Giulia Pastore, Hannah Posson, Abby Prall, Sarah Scroggs and LeeAnn Richards. The freshman girls are guided by coach Patrick Marquardt.

The bronze medal performance by the freshman 8 highlighted an excellent all-around performance by the T.C. Williams crew team at Stotesbury. This year's competition featured more than 5,000 athletes from 193 high schools in 142 cities. Against this large and elite field, T.C. Williams more than held its own. Of the seven boats the Titans entered at Stotesbury, six made it through the time trials to advance to the semifinal round of competition.

The Titan boats that advanced, in addition to the Freshman Girls, included the boys' lightweight 8, which posted the sixth



Standing in front of the sculpture of Olympic rower John Kelly that overlooks the finish line, members of the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 wear the bronze medals they won at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia on May 18. Members of the frosh 8 include (from left): coxswain Maggie Chamberlain and rowers Natasha Magallon, Harper Jensen, Amelia Bender, Giulia Pastore, Hannah Posson, Abby Prall, Sarah Scroggs and LeeAnn Richards. The freshman girls are guided by coach Patrick Marquardt, shown at left.

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racing down the course in a time of 4:31.37 to capture second place and make it to the finals. They ended the day finishing in sixth place overall — out of the medal hunt, but good enough to qualify them as one of the top junior 8 boats in the country.

T.C. Williams boys' junior 8 include coxswain Spenser Gilliland and rowers Ben Blakeslee, Sam Zickar, Greg Montenegro, Carter Weitekamp, Nate Conrad, Connor Quatannens, Rodrigo

Robles and Tyler Souza. The junior 8 is guided by T.C. Williams boys' head crew coach Pete Stramese.

Next up for the T.C. Williams crew team is the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship, which will be held this Friday and Saturday on Cooper River in Camden, NJ.

For the complete schedule and more information about T.C. Williams crew, visit www.tcwcrew.org.

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