

## TC Hosts Titan Expo

Pies were flying, along with rubbers chickens and baseballs, as the games got underway at the annual T.C. Williams Titan Expo on Sunday afternoon, May 4, at the high school. Games, rides, car bashing, Bingo, live entertainment and a used book sale were just a few activities going on during this year's festival. Proceeds from the event support the Larry Trice PTSA/SCA Scholarships for vocational student graduates from TC.



Cosmetology student Brenda Flores polishes Gloria Nzita's nail as friends Valeria Rosales and Badreya Ali watch.



Casey Marsh tries her arm at the Chicken Pitch game. The game was sponsored by members of Building Brighter Futures.

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Maria Lozano, Amel Omar, Noorsabah Safi and Susan Baez of the TC Multi-culture Club set up a hoops game at the fair.



Ira Quint takes a selfie of his newly acquired face painting at the annual school fair.



Titan Ambassadors Ravan Adams, Reel Mustafa and Trinh Lu perform as part of the "Human Slot Machine."

## Pleas for Services Increase Taxes

Council ups tax rate to fund services for seniors and schoolchildren.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Manager Rashad Young presented back in February.

Seniors will be able to keep their tax relief, and Engine 204 will remain at the city's Powhatan Park headquarters. But homeowners will see their tax bills going up once again. That's because members of the Alexandria City Council voted to increase the tax rate last week, adding \$2 million to the budget proposal City

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— Councilman Tim Lovain

where we are just not going to be able to do everything." Since 2001, the average

residential property tax bill in the City

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## Animal Instinct

Democrats in 8<sup>th</sup> district primary divided on approach to animal rights.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Candidates in the Democratic primary for Congress have a wide range of views on animal rights, an issue that has become one of the

legacies of retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). During his years in office, Moran has worked to require detailed labeling of fur garments and ban the sale of "animal crush videos." He's also supported efforts to improve animal care standards on farms and worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to enforcement of humane slaughter requirements. Now that he's stepping down, though, advocates for animal rights may be losing one of their key supporters.

"To a certain degree, I imagine that most candidates running for office want to be their own per-

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## Food Trucks All Day

The more city officials reveal about their proposed food truck regulations, the less detractors like them. The latest kerfuffle happened Tuesday night, when the Alexandria Planning Commission considered changes to the city code regarding food trucks. Part of the docket item explained that food trucks in Old Town would have three designated spaces on the Royal Street side of Market Square, where they would be allowed to vend for four-hour durations at any time during 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"We have worked very hard to create an old and historic district that has its own unique visual appeal. Food trucks detract from that," said **Yvonne Weight Callahan**, president of the Old Town Civic Association. "To permit them to vend 13 hours a day just makes a very bad situation even worse." Last month, city officials moved forward with a series of recommendations on food truck regulations without first receiving a report from a task force created to investigate the issue. Members of the task force now say they feel snubbed by the city, especially after reading more about the proposal as city leaders continue to reveal more about when and where food trucks would be allowed. Callahan said many people believed food trucks would be limited to lunchtime hours until this week, as city officials continue to add detail to their proposals. Advocates for food trucks say they should be allowed to vend when and where customers want them.

"The hallmark of our industry is our ability to meet customers when and where they want us," said **Che Ruddell-Tabisola**, executive director of the DMV Food Truck Association. "This is about Alexandria residents and workers have choices and competition for their dollar. Why would anybody seek to restrict that?"

## Racist Tone?

Should children whose parents entered the country illegally be punished when trying to finance a college education? That's a question that's now at the center of a political firestorm in Virginia.

Last week, Attorney General **Mark Herring** overturned a longstanding policy that students who entered the country illegally were barred from receiving in-state tuition, even if they were children when they immigrated. Now, Herring says, students can qualify for the reduced tuition under a special immigration status created by the Obama administration for certain young people brought to the country as children.

"The irony is rich and not lost on me that one who campaigned on depoliticizing the office has hyper-politicized the office," responded state Sen. **Thomas Garrett** (R-22).

Supporters of the attorney general's move say the opposition is based on something other than a respect for the office.

"Increasingly, there's sort of a hostile basically racist tone against immigrants coming from certain sectors of the Republican Party," said **Jon Liss**, director of Alexandria-based Tenants and Workers United.

## Extradited to Virginia

**Charles Severance** is back in Virginia after being returned to the commonwealth this week. He was extradited Monday from West Virginia, where he was released to the U.S. Marshal's Service on a warrant signed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe and taken to the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center in Leesburg.

But his fate remains unclear.

Alexandria police officials say they want to question the 53-year-old Severance, a former Alexandria resident who waged three unsuccessful campaigns for mayor and Congress, in three unsolved murders — **Nancy Dunning** in 2003, **Ron Kirby** in 2013 and **Ruthanne Lodato** earlier this year. Prosecutors in Loudoun County say he broke the law there by being in possession of a firearm there, which is illegal because he's a convicted felon.

Alexandria Police have not named Severance a suspect in any of three fatal shootings, which occurred between 2003 and this February. Severance's lawyer says the firearms warrant is a sham, and a pretext to hold him related to unsolved Alexandria killings despite a lack of evidence.

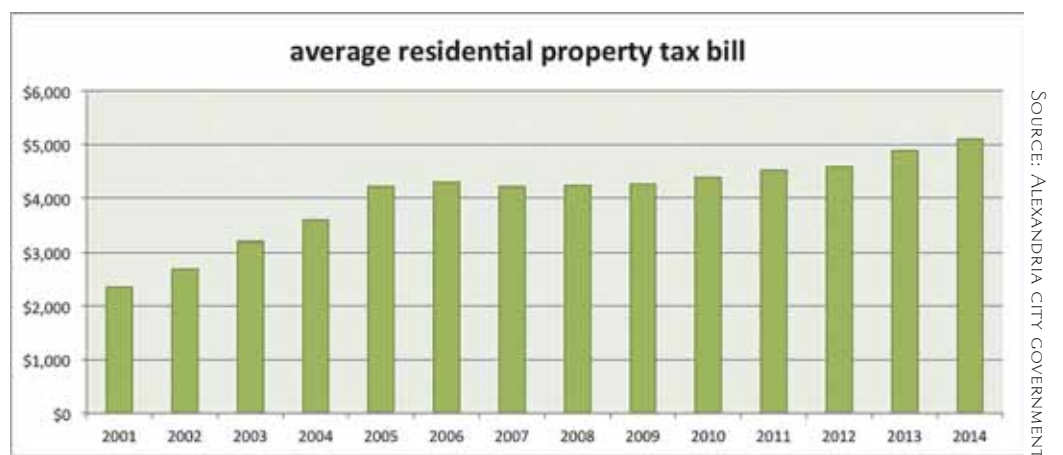
## Gag Rule

Alexandria once had its own gag rule. While introducing Pulitzer-prize winning historian **Alan Taylor**, Alexandria Society President **Bill Dickinson** said the city once prohibited speakers at the Lyceum from addressing politics, sex or slavery.

"I'm going to hit two out of three today," responded Taylor. "I hope that's OK."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



## Saving Services, Raising Taxes

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increased by \$2,700. Most of that happened in the go-go years of the real-estate bubble between 2001 and 2005, when average residential property tax bills increased 80 percent. The global economic crisis temporarily slowed that trend, but in recent years elected officials return to asking homeowners for more money. In the last five years, the average residential property tax bill increased 16 percent. This year, the average bill will increase \$215.

"I would have liked to have seen more money for the schools and nonprofits and I wish we didn't need to lay off so many city workers and I wish we didn't have to raise taxes," said Councilman Tim Lovain. "I wish we could have done all those things and still somehow miraculously it would have been balanced, but that's not the way it works."

**LAST WEEK**, City Council members approved a \$636.8 million operating budget. That's a 2 percent increase over last year, when elected officials approved a historic tax-rate increase — the largest in living memory. They also voted for a 10-year capital improvement plan to spend \$1.46 billion over the next decade to build new schools and expand transit investments. After initially giving the city manager guidance that they did not want to add to the tax rate this year, council members ended up increasing it from \$1.038 to \$1.043 for every \$100 of assessed value.

"The only way we are going to get out of this tailspin is to see a strong economy," said Mayor Bill Euille. "We have done just about all the tricks we can do with the tools in our toolbox."

The city manager's proposal added \$5 million to transfer to Alexandria City Public Schools, although School Board members were pushing for an additional \$2.4 million on top of that. City Council members ended up splitting the difference, adding \$1.2 million to the city manager's proposal, half of what the School Board members were asking for. The \$191.8

million transfer represents a 3.3 percent increase over last year. Now members of the School Board need to figure out a way to cut about \$1 million out of the budget they already approved.

"I think we will look at departments such as IT and curriculum and professional development and travel," said School Board member Bill Campbell. "We should be looking for things to cut that will reduce the impact on children."

**THIS YEAR**, several of the council members clashed repeatedly during a series of budget work sessions, sometimes raising their voices and pounding on the table. One heated work session featured an extended clash between Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg and Councilman Smedberg, who suggested the vice mayor was employing rhetoric when she suggested that the city was considering balancing the budget "on the backs of the seniors."

"It was really painful at times," said Councilwoman Del Pepper after voting for the budget last week. "But I think all in all we did just about as good a job as was possible."

But even at the last minute, there were still signs of division. Councilman John Chapman voted

against raising fees for some services offered by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Then Silberberg voted against extending the hours of parking meters.

"I just want to reiterate that I feel extending the parking meter hours is not in the best interest of our businesses or our residents or our visitors," she said.

"If you're going to vote against the revenues from this, then in your add/delete you should have proposed not recognizing that revenue," responded Wilson. "You spent the revenue from this and now you are voting against the resolution." "I believe we also had a six-to-one vote a second ago," Silberberg shot back. "Did you want to correct Mr. Chapman as well?"

"Same argument applies," said Wilson. "Yes."

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— Councilman Paul Smedberg



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Students from T.C. Williams International Academy enjoy a day on the Potomac River April 25 as part of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's inaugural program on community stewardship. Related story and photos, page 14.



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Matthew Landes, a senior landscape architect at Wetland Studies and Solutions, talks with students from T.C. Williams International Academy about the importance of community stewardship along the Potomac River.

# Protecting the Potomac ASF program teaches community stewardship.

More than 300 students from T.C. Williams International Academy and Minnie Howard STEM Academy spent the morning of April 25 at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation participating in a hands-on program to celebrate community stewardship. Through interactive, educational activities, students were introduced to the importance of community

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"That was the most well organized, productive, thought-provoking and wonderful field trip I have ever been a part of," said Leigh Arcsott, a biology teacher who participated in the program.

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"As the teachers and students returned to school, the atmosphere was full of joy," said International Academy social studies

teacher Andrew Sigal. "Everyone was eager to share their experiences with one another, and they are already asking if they can do it again next year."

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Lana Manitta and Megan Askew

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## LIVING LEGENDS

# Donnie Wintermute: An Agent of Change

**Her commitment to help others reaches across the community.**

BY BARBARA HOLLEB

**D**onnan Chancellor Wintermute (known to most as Donnie) takes great pleasure in transforming lives, whether in her professional services as vice president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage or in her many volunteer activities fueled by her sustained commitment to giving from the heart. Over the years, her philanthropic achievements have had a major impact on the quality of life in Alexandria for children, the elderly and the sick, as well as for the arts, education and community services.

In helping low-income children and families, Wintermute has served on the board of directors of The Campagna Center (1988–2000) which offers educational and social development programs for children, teens and adults. She chaired the Center's Circle of 1000 (2002–2005) and, in 1995, she was honored by earning The Campagna Center Award, which is the highest honor bestowed by the organization.

As founder and chair of the Campagna Center's Business Leadership Council (2000 and 2001), she put her mission into action by increasing corporate awareness and financial support for the needs of Alexandria's less fortunate.

Believing that the elderly should be revered and receive the best possible care, Wintermute has contributed to the community in many outstanding ways. She was president of the board of directors of Senior Services of Alexandria (1985–86). She currently serves on Goodwin House Foundation Board of Trustees (2011–present) and as the vice chairman of Inova Alexandria Hospital Board of Trustees (2010–present). In addition, she has made lasting gifts with great impact on INOVA Alexandria Hospital by generously donating the Rehabilitation Gymnasium in 2012. She also donated a patient room in 2005, in her mother's memory.

Wintermute is passionate about giving back to the community in many ways. She has served on the board of governors of Saint Stephen's and Saint Agnes School (1989–1992), the board of trustees of the College of William and Mary Foundation (2009–present), and the board of trustees of Hampden-Sydney College (2000–2012), from which her son graduated.

In her work with foundations, Wintermute frequently finds herself on the "asking" end, doing "lots of fundraising." While others may find this uncomfortable, Wintermute doesn't mind making the ask when her heart is behind the gesture.

Along with serving as vice president of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (2005–



**Donnie Wintermute is passionate about giving back to the community.**

present), Wintermute was the 2013 honorary chair for the Historic Alexandria Homes Tour, sponsored by Twig, the Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital. This year's fundraising proceeds will support their pledge of \$1 million for the Twig Surgical Center, a 24 private patient room unit for post-surgical care.

Wintermute currently serves on the board of trustees of the Christ Church Foundation. Her work helps restore, support and maintain the building and grounds of the historic church in Alexandria.

Beyond her local efforts at Christ Church, Wintermute has gone on four missions to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, for 10-day trips to Our Little Roses. This long-term Christ Church mission, which has been operating for more than 20 years, supports a home for 56 young girls, ranging in age from 18 months to 18 years. All have been abandoned, abused, and lived in extreme poverty. As part of the mission team, Wintermute has brought joy and happiness to these girls. Showering them with lots of love, warm hugs, and friendly smiles, the team also brings clothing, health supplies and books.

Born and raised in Alexandria, Wintermute has lived in the Rosemont, Clover, Old Town and Vicar Lane neighborhoods. A graduate of Saint Agnes Episcopal School, Wintermute earned her BA in political science from the College of William and Mary. While at William and Mary, she was the women's tennis singles champion and was captain of the varsity tennis team for three years. Following graduate

study in Urban and Regional Planning at George Washington University, she was a city planner for the City of Alexandria before entering the real estate field.

Wintermute has had a distinguished 35-year career in real estate and was the president of Wintermute, Jackson and Donatelli (WJD Associates). She sold her 100-agent firm in 1996 to Pardoe and Graham, which

is now Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, where she is vice president. Selected from 14,000 Realtors, Wintermute was named the Realtor of the Year in 1996, which is the highest honor conferred by the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors. Additionally, Wintermute was honored in 1997 as the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year.

Wintermute's son Peter is a Realtor who works with his mother at Wintermute and Associates at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

He and his wife, Jenny, have a 1-year-old son, Carson, and 5-year-old daughter, Kinsley.

## Living Legends: The 2014 Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Alexandria Toyota, Club Managers Association of America, Dominion, Goodwin House, Inc., Gregg & Monica Murphy on behalf of Senior Services of Alexandria, Linda Hafer and Nina Tisara.

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



## 7th Annual Meet the Legends Reception

**At a reception in March, the 2014 Living Legends pose with Mayor Bill Euille. They are: first row (from left) Char McCargo Bah, Rose Berler, Donnie Wintermute, Bill Euille, Shirley N. Tyler, Tricia Rodgers, Ramona K. Hatten; second row (from left) Tony Gee, Gregg Murphy, Mike Anderson, Lee Fifer, Connie West and Rick Glassco.**



## News

# Words with Frenemies

Pulitzer-prize winning historian outlines research at Lyceum.

The handwritten words of a former Virginia slave splashed across the screen at the Lyceum Tuesday night, part of a presentation by Pulitzer-prize winning historian Alan Taylor's War of 1812 Bicentennial Lecture. Taylor was explaining the research behind his new book, "The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832." The former slave was writing the man who was once his master, a man who later presented the letter to a claims commission after the War of 1812.

"You treated me very ill," wrote the slave, who was now living in Nova Scotia. "For this reason, I take the liberty of informing you that I am doing just as well as you if not better."

Taylor, a historian specializing in early American history, described the document as "the most extraordinary letter" he has ever come across in his research. Because the British had liberated so many slaves



Historian Alan Taylor speaks at the Lyceum.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

during the war, the American government set up a claims commission to reimburse slaveowners after the war. If not for the commission, Taylor noted, these kinds of "in-your-face" letters would not have survived.

"He showed more greed than pride in saving the letter," said Taylor. "But we are fortunate that he did."

The War of 1812 Bicentennial Lecture was one of several events planned this year to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the British invasion of Washington, D.C.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

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# OPINION

## Connect With a Child

To the Editor:

As we read recent news stories on children suffering through neglect, a local coach charged with sexual abuse, and families struggling to find services and shelter, we couldn't help but wonder—was there someone in each child's life who could have been a positive connection and made a difference?

The truth of what we work for and promote at SCAN is that the simple, everyday interactions with kids do make a difference in their health, safety and happiness. That's why we launched our new community education campaign, Kids Need Connections, during National Child Abuse Awareness Month in April.

As teen advocate Josh Shipp says, "Every kid is one caring adult away from becoming a success story." We couldn't agree more. We know positive adult-child connections are critical to keep children safe. We know that when a child feels loved and supported by multiple adults, they learn to value themselves and feel empowered to succeed.

So as the buzz dies down from April, we're challenging community members: How will you be a connection for a child?

We encourage you to take on this responsibility. That is how prevention works and families thrive. Here's what you can do:

- ❖ Schedule special time to catch up with your own child or a child in your community. Take a walk, toss a ball or eat a meal together.
- ❖ Take notice when a child or family is struggling. Smile and praise the child or parent—acknowledge that parenting is a tough but rewarding job.
- ❖ Create opportunities in your community for families to build new connections in safe, supportive environments.
- ❖ Connect with kids by volunteering.

We have additional ideas on our website. Visit [www.scanva.org/kidsneedconnections](http://www.scanva.org/kidsneedconnections) to learn more, or consider joining us for SCAN's upcoming Volunteer Orientation on May 22.

Thanks to every community member who made April such a success. Now the real work begins.

**Sonia Quinonez**  
Executive Director  
SCAN of Northern Virginia

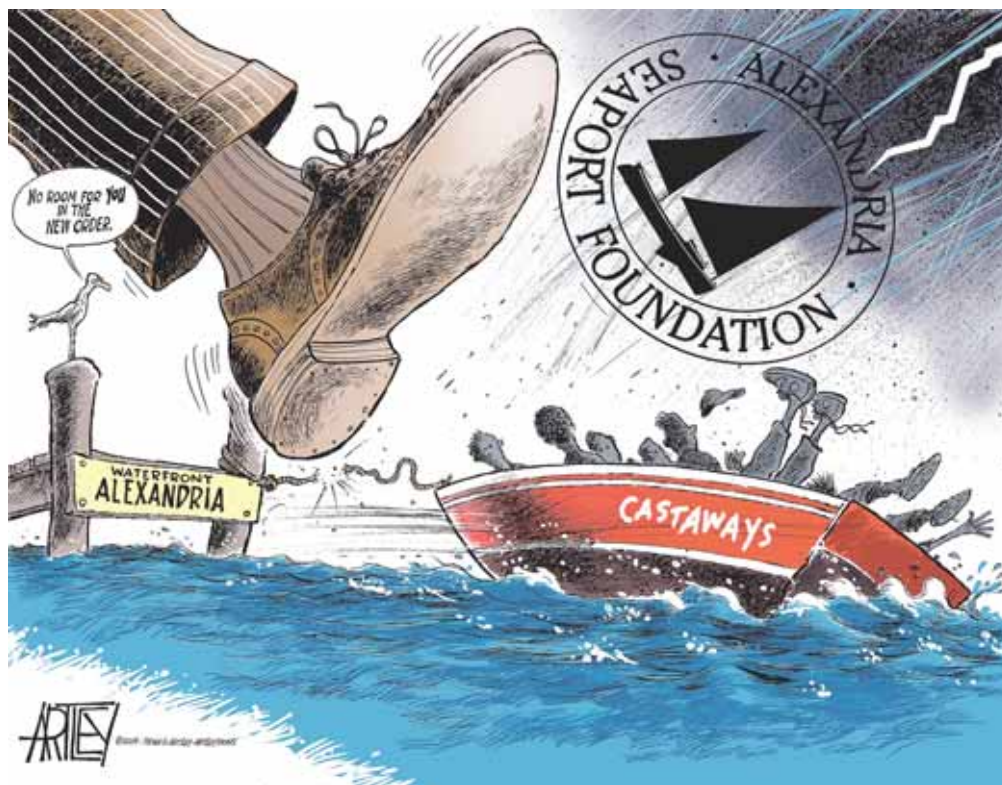
## J-H: Still on Wrong Course

To the Editor:

The following letter is in response to Ann Liddle's letter, "How Did This Get Approved?" in last week's Gazette Packet.

On behalf of those families who live in and around Jefferson-Houston School we thank you for your apology. The new building is a "monstrosity," school enrollment continues to decline, and rumor has it that Jefferson-Houston's reading and math scores have fallen again.

Yet Board Chairman Karen Graf, Board member Stephanie Kapsis and others voted "to stay the course."



STEVE ARTLEY/GAZETTE PACKET

City Council is Alexandria's taxing authority and still council votes more taxpayer money for the school system to spend. Dare I say Jefferson Houston School, present and future, insults? Superintendent Crawley embraces PreK-8 hoping beyond hope grades 6-8 will stabilize the school's continually declining population. This addresses student achievement how?

Civic association presidents past and present are weary, their well-articulated objections repeatedly ignored. ACPs personnel responsible for this debacle mostly have departed: Byess, Sherman, Finn, and Holmes. What has their departure, Dr. Crawley's arrival changed?

Jefferson-Houston School has only 330 students enrolled. In September the new school will open at one-third capacity. Cynically I ask: when exactly does redistricting begin? IB and SFA curriculum end?

**Charley Conway**  
Alexandria

## Design Underwent Several Reviews

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter written by Ann Liddle in the Alexandria Gazette Packet about the new Jefferson-Houston school building. The school does fall under the Parker Gray BAR and I am one of the board members. The architectural design team held many public hearings about the design where community input was solicited and taken

into account in the final design. The design of the school when through countless iterations with the city staff and we as a board reviewed it three times officially. All of this information is public knowledge and the city staff reports can be found on Alexandria's website. You can also watch video of each of the hearings where the design for the school was

presented. Many residents came to these public hearings and spoke both for and against the design and we took all of this into consideration. I encourage everyone to look through

the public record and see the evolution of the design and then form an opinion.

I also encourage Ms. Liddle to look through the recent changes to the BAR regulations as she will find that in the past year the Parker Gray BAR has greatly reduced the burden on citizens when it comes to review requirements for alterations to their properties.

**Purvi Irwin**  
Alexandria

## Continue Moran's Reform Legacy

To the Editor:

There are many candidates vying to carry the mantle of retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran in the 8th congressional district. Of these, I believe only one will show the true leadership needed to continue to advance Representative Moran's legacy of opposition to the federal government's war against marijuana consumers and that candidate is state

Senator Adam Ebbin.

This is an issue of particular importance in Virginia's 8th District. In Arlington County, African Americans are only an estimated 8.2% of the population, but constitute about 50% of all marijuana arrests in the county. This despite using marijuana at similar rates to their Caucasian counterparts. Statewide, enforcement of our overly punitive marijuana

laws comes with a price tag of over 67 million dollars a year to taxpayers. The cost of enforcement in Alexandria City and Arlington County alone cost several million dollars a year.

It is time for a new approach to marijuana that respects individual civil liberties, creates a new tax and job generating industry, and accepts the reality that marijuana is no more harmful than alcohol and should be regulated as such. State Senator Adam Ebbin would bring with him the necessary knowledge, leadership skills, and tenacity required to

continue to roll back our failed federal war on marijuana and help move the country to

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wards a new, common sense policy.

**Erik Altieri**  
Alexandria

## More Debt, More Spending

To the Editor:

It seems that everywhere I look in Alexandria these days I see one massive development after the next. As someone recently pointed out, the city will not be satisfied until every building in the entire community reflects a floor area ratio (FAR) of 3. Of course the standard justification for all these developments is that an increased tax base is critical to the citizenry as it will keep our property taxes down. That assertion of course is laughable, as the council continues to raise our property taxes and user fees significantly while frittering away our money for questionable projects.

A number of the city's projects have cost us "big bucks." T.C. Williams High School cost us \$114 million; the new Police Station cost us \$80 million; the current redo of Jefferson-Houston elemen-

tary school is going to cost us at least \$45 million and believe me it is a monstrosity to behold. Obviously cramming 800 kids into this new complex will make them a lot smarter. TC Williams and the Police Station together were programmed to come in \$50 million less than what actually occurred. This is not novel in Alexandria as both the Beatley Library and the Charles Houston Recreation Center each cost us about \$10 million dollars in overruns. Even the renovations to Firehouse 204 came in double its original projection of \$2.3 million. There has never been a major development in Alexandria that has met its projected costs and schedule.

The other night at Agenda Alexandria our former Mayor Kerry Donley advocated very vociferously that massive development in Potomac Yard was absolutely essential to increasing the tax base in order to provide more revenues to keep up with the ever-increasing city expenditures. Whoa! The city has a half a billion dollar debt which requires about \$60-plus million is debt service every year and now they want to take on another \$200-500 million burden with a new metro stop in the yards. All three alternatives for the

metro stop were addressed but at no time did the moderators even consider a "no build option" despite the fact that I submitted that question to the emcee on a written card as oral questions are never allowed in that forum. Needless to say my question was never addressed. By the way, we are currently building a Bus Rapid Transit System on Route 1 with undefined capital costs at this time and of course associated yearly operating costs. So what we will have are Metro Buses, Dash Buses and the new Bus Rapid Transit System essentially in place. So why do we need a metro stop? The bottom line is we don't need to spend all those extra bucks on building a metro stop; it's transit overkill at best and only benefits the developers, not you and I as citizens.

We are also facing major infrastructure repairs to our archaic combined sewer system in Old Town. This much-needed project could cost us between \$200-400 million or more. We have no choice in this matter as we are under a Chesapeake Bay Act that mandates the city stop dumping raw sewerage into the Potomac by the year 2035. These are funds we

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## Positive Approaches to Difficult Conversations

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA



**Anderson**

For many people, there comes a time when we need to become more involved in finding ways to address major obstacles confronted by the older members of our families. A health crisis, dementia, or even a lack of financial resources may trigger the need for some difficult conversations with siblings and parents about the best way to deal with a tough situation. Expert advice and planning can make a real difference.

The May Speaker Series program will be tackling this issue on Wednesday, May 14 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road starting at 9:30 a.m. Expert panelists will be discussing how "Positive Approaches to Difficult Conversations" can help those who are facing topics with loved ones such as

giving up the car keys, accepting in-home care, downsizing, and when moving into an assisted living community may be the right

move. Attendees will receive a planning packet to help organize records, and get important legal documents in place.

Local experts will be on hand from AARP, Alexandria's Division of Aging & Adult Services, Meditation/Works, Inc., and Synergy HomeCare to talk about these issues and provide strategies for positive conversations. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions and talk to the experts after the formal presentations. Light refreshments will be served and there is ample parking. To register for the free event go to [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414, ext 10.



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# When DNA Isn't Helpful

BY HARRY M. COVERT

**W**ord arrived Sunday past. I could hardly contain myself that finally progress could be reported. An alleged triple murder suspect was returning to Virginia.

At the least, "the" information came from various people always in the know. I must admit this old news dog could barely contain himself.

The news? It was that Charles Severance, alleged primary suspect in three Alexandria murders, would finally be extradited from West Virginia. Not to Alexandria, mind you, but to Loudoun County and it would be "Monday and no later than Tuesday."

## COVERT MATTERS

With this information, "working the case" became the immediate order of business. Family members of the victims, the neighborhoods still jumpy and the general citizenry could relax and be assured that justice, Alexandria-style, was imminent.

Despite being armed with the latest facts, it was business as usual from the modern, \$60 million new Wheeler Avenue police headquarters with all of the new technology available to help solve crimes. The popular abbreviation DNA apparently was "don't know anything." Instead of bragging about a coming success to closing three major murder cases, the word remained, "nothing has changed."

Just a reminder: Ruthanne Lodato was fatally shot on Feb. 6; Ronald Kirby, fatally shot on Nov. 12; and Nancy Dunning fatally shot on Dec. 5, 2003.

The reality is this, despite no forthcoming information from investigators, Severance was returned to Leesburg Monday afternoon, not by sheriff's deputies but by the U.S. Marshals Service. The latter are the ones who nabbed him in Wheeling, W.Va. Thank you feds.

Early on Monday, Ohio Valley (West Virginia) jail people said they knew nothing of an impending transfer of Severance. Loudoun County sheriff's office said they had no information. Ditto Alexandria.

Fortunately, the marshals know what they're doing and picked up him at 2 p.m. Monday.

Alexandria police have reluctantly admitted Severance was a triple murder suspect after his appearances in the Wheeling courts. Of course the shameful line from Alexandria is, as always, they don't discuss ongoing investigations. Well, to be frank, every other agency does, particularly when help is needed. The APD has held on to pertinent facts in the Lodato-Kirby-Dunning cases to the point where even police officers, sheriff's deputies and federal agents talk among themselves and with judicial officials.

Severance is facing larceny and felony gun charges in Loudoun County. When will Alexandria's official involvement be made public? Not any time soon apparently.

Inside information is also running ram-



pant that city police officers are resigning in droves, including two deputy chiefs who've retired for North Carolina jurisdictions' chief positions. Of course, the current chief, the long-serving Earl

Cook, may be feeling the heat, too, although no one wants to talk on the record. He is eligible for a nice retirement after decades of service.

There is more to successful police work than just smiling faces at promotions and public awards ceremonies. Publicity runs high in Alexandria for longtime service, advertisements for employment opportunities for new police officers and honors. It is never a good thing for public awareness of city-wide crime. The first thing old timers teach newcomers is keep quiet or careers will be short. They will often, when frustrated, make comments.

Will city detectives descend upon the Loudoun County anytime soon? If they have the evidence, say some. Magistrates are on duty 24 hours daily at chambers in the Truesdale Detention Center. They will certainly listen to the evidence and can instantly issue a warrant or three. Sheriff's deputies are ready and able to transport Severance to "guest" quarters on Mill Road. They even have use of video conferencing.

At least, legal holds on Mr. Severance will guarantee his return to Alexandria to face murder charges. Three murders could well be considered capital crimes.

One wag, getting a bit outdone by the delay in releasing the latest information, was somewhat critical when criminal investigation detectives were described as "cops in disguise." That's not nice and not appropriate for Alexandria's investigators. Their hands have been tied to date.

If Severance is the man, police and prosecutors should say so. If Severance is not, admit that too; they should stop acting as if the public and the media are simply being annoying or aggravating.

## UNSOLVED UPDATE

❖ Ruthanne Lodato, 81 days, murdered Feb. 6;

❖ Ronald Kirby, 177 days, murdered Nov. 12;

❖ Nancy Dunning, 3,807 days, murdered Dec. 5, 2003.

## Write

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absolutely have to come up with.

In addition, we have a council who threatened eminent domain on the Boat Club in order to seize their parking lot. To close the deal the city is willing to give away \$7.5 million of our dollars (\$5 million to the Boat Club and \$2.5 million to the Open Space fund) in order to put an "ice rink" in the middle of the newly created Fitzgerald Square.

So wrapping all this up, we have a city: a half billion dollars in debt, with a \$60-plus million in annual debt service fee; who over the years gave away about \$70 million in development over runs; while still facing a sewer problem of \$200-400 million proportions; still wanting to build a \$200-500 metro stop in Potomac Yard; while giving away \$7.5 million to build an ice rink at the foot of King Street. Additionally, we must not forget that our budget for the schools and city government salaries have gone through the roof in the last 15 years.

You just couldn't make all this up. The bottom line in all this is that I live in utter fear that the city's continual mismanagement of our funds will lead of significantly higher taxes and ultimately to bankruptcy.

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## The Original Brand: Old Town Alexandria

To the Editor:

Despite the huge differences between Old Town Alexandria and Portland, Oregon there are those who seem to believe that all progressive urban ideas should be adopted wholesale from a Western Town whose unofficial motto is "Keep Portland Weird." It is home to food trucks that genially camp together around town, has an annual nude bike ride, leads the world in microbreweries, and is where the city government is proud to collect ... zero sales tax!

All the above characteristics are critical parts of the Portland brand. They are why we like to go there. They are promoted and protected and make a playground for those who thrive on a hands-off and hipster life

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### MONDAY/MAY 12

**Beauregard Design Advisory Committee Meeting.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Discussion of the Seminary Overlook Development Special Use Permit application (DSUP2013-0026). Agenda and materials available on the committee website. Open to the public. Contact Amy Friedlander at 703-746-3858 or [amy.friedlander@alexandriava.gov](mailto:amy.friedlander@alexandriava.gov).

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

**Leadership Workshop.** 9-11 a.m. at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. "View From the Top: 6 Steps to Increase Your Company's Thought Leadership" presented by Kim Guarino, Evolve Marketing. Call 703-778-1292 or visit [www.alexandriasbdc.org](http://www.alexandriasbdc.org).

style. It remains low-cost and geographically isolated, sprawling in a wooded river valley. With only 4,000 people per square mile (Alexandria has 10,000/sq. mi.), its tapestry of public transit is fabulous.

Old Town Alexandria's brand is rooted in a much longer history of political, civil, and economic activism. The vital residential community, whose energy-knowledge-money maintains the Old and Historic District, embodies the highest level of concern and commitment to sustaining its unique brand. In business terms, these residents are its competitive advantage. They instill Old Town's unofficial motto, "Keep Old Town Authentic," with vibrancy.

Branding in a time of uncertainty and transition, as is occurring in the City of Alexandria today, requires that the unique features of the town be intensified, not diluted. Old Town's goal must be to remain so very authentic that it is impossible for anyone to replicate or replace it. Just as General Mills keeps Cheerios donut shaped, and Disney protected its family-oriented brand by pulling out of National Harbor, ahead of the installation of gambling and outlets. Old Town will retain its revolutionary and historic progressivism by adapting ideas to fit the unique framework of its urban architecture and living history. Unlike the tourism-based economy of Williamsburg or the proud "weirdness" of Portland, Old Town will benefit from intensifying its ambience, so that when visitors ask if the houses and streets are real (as they do), we can say "yes."

Today, driven by waterfront redevelopment and massive infill projects, Old Town might slip into a Disney-like version of a Federal period town, defined by the architectural, urban habits, and shops of everywhere USA. Change that is rendered as "fake, phony, imitation, sham" will be a disaster for our small economic base.

Old Town has practiced maximum mobility, interesting eateries, eccentricity, neighborhood diversity, and social activism ... for centuries! What is important now is for Old Town Alexandria and its city officials to intensify, not dilute, its unique brand as a highly original, progressive, out-spoken, historic and residential community.

**Kathryn Papp**  
Alexandria

**Speaker Series.** 9:30 a.m.-noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road. Representatives from AARP, Alexandria's Division of Aging & Adult Services; Meditation/Works, Inc. and Synergy HomeCare discuss strategies for talking about everything from giving up car keys, to accepting in-home care, to when assisted living may be the right move. Free, open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. To register visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414, ext 10.

**Candidate Event.** 7 p.m. at Guarapo, 2039 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Meet and greet with the 8th District Democratic candidates hosted by the Democratic Asian Americans and the Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia. Voters eligible to participate in the Democratic primary on June 10 are welcome. Visit <http://sbe.virginia.gov> to learn more about the election. Free, open to the public, light snacks will be served. Drinks and dinner can be purchased. RSVP is requested at <http://ht.ly/wwwPv>.



# News



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Parkfairfax Letter carrier Dwayne Chittum, right, is joined by Beth Campbell of ALIVE! during last year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive. This year's food drive collection will take place on Saturday, May 10.

## Got Food?

Stamp Out Hunger food drive set for May 10.

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The 2014 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers and the U.S. Postal Service, will take place Saturday, May 10 throughout the City of Alexandria.

This year, Alexandria postal workers will be delivering paper grocery bags to many homes in Alexandria zip codes. These bags are designed to be filled by postal customers then left at their mail room and mail boxes to be picked up by their letter carrier during their regular Saturday delivery.

Brian McCormick, coordinator for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in Alexandria, hopes that providing these bags will help triple the amount of food collected for local food banks such as ALIVE!, Koinonia, Rising Hope UMC and United Community Min-

istries.

Stamp Out Hunger is the nation's largest single-day food drive. Now in its 22nd year, more than 1.3 billion pounds of food has been collected over the drive's history.

To participate in this year's drive, place bags of non-perishable food items by your mail box before your mail is delivered May 10. Donations can also be dropped off at local post office branches throughout the city.

Donations of non-perishable food, including pet food, will be distributed by the letter carriers to local shelters and food banks. Examples of non-perishable items include: Peanut butter, canned soup, canned meats and fish, canned vegetables, fruits and juices, boxed goods (such as cereal), pasta and rice.

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**Jackie Davis, educational specialist with the National Parks Service, met T.C. Williams International Academy students at Dyke Marsh, Belle Haven Marina.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENDA BOOTH

**T.C. Williams International Academy students removed several invasive plants within Dyke Marsh, including honeysuckle and English ivy.**

## Learning about Nature for Community Stewardship Day

**TC students took part in various Earth Week activities throughout the area.**

Approximately 370 students from the new International Academy at T.C. Williams High School took part in Earth Week on Friday, April 25. International Academy students broke into groups across the area to participate in Earth Week activities along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Students were instructed in the planting of native trees, aquatic plant restoration, litter clean-up, boat building, wetland management, water quality testing and boat building.

TC partnered with the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, the City

of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Friends of Dyke Marsh, the National Park Service, Earth Sangha, Alexandria City Public Schools and INOVA hospital in the endeavor. In addition, there were many volunteers with the school and affiliated organizations as well as teachers that came out to guide the students in conservation activities. The International Academy at TC is a two-year program designed to help recent immigrants to the U.S. in the area. This was the school's first Community Stewardship Day field trip.

— VERONICA BRUNO



**Volunteer Fred Huntington led another group of students at Windmill Park in Old Town, Alexandria where he described the condition of the native wetlands and shorelines.**



**Sarah Gamble, a park ranger with the National Park Service, walked T.C. Williams International Academy students to the focus areas in Dyke Marsh.**



**Ned Stone, a volunteer with Friends of Dyke Marsh described the differences between native and invasive plants in the area and how to spot them within the marsh for removal and re-planting.**



**Alexandria Seaport Foundation educator Sam Weeks instructed the students on the math, mechanics and the various parts that go into building a traditional wooden boat.**



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# ME & MY MOM

A gallery of photos submitted for Mother's Day.



Amanda Chandler of Alexandria with daughter Claire on the beach in Rehoboth on July 4, 2012.



Amy Friedrich Serr, formerly of Alexandria, with her four children in March: clockwise from bottom is Amy, her sons Noah, Enoch and Elijah, and her daughter Desire.



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## Profiles of Courage

Officer Walker W. Campbell, 1919

Walker W. Campbell was born on January 28, 1869, and grew up in Charlottesville. He became an Alexandria police officer on December 1, 1910.

On February 14, 1919, Officer Campbell was working with Officer C.A. Padgett when they heard a disturbance. A man drank from a whiskey flask and threw the empty flask into the street. Both officers approached the man and placed him in custody.



The prisoner, James Lawrence, pulled a pistol from his pocket. As Officer Padgett attempted to restrain him, Lawrence fired the gun, shooting Officer Campbell in the abdomen. Officer Campbell died of his injuries at Alexandria Hospital on February 16, 1919.

Lawrence, age 24, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to nine months in jail.

Officer Campbell, age 50, was survived by his wife Annie, and his two sons, William and Clarence. His widow would be the first in Alexandria to receive worker compensation benefits. He is buried at St. Paul's Cemetery in Alexandria.

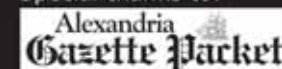
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# Despite Advances, Many Virginians Remain Uninsured

**Affordable Care Act expands coverage, but more than 800,000 still have no health insurance.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Since the federal marketplace for health insurance became available through the Affordable Care Act, more than 216,000 Virginia residents have selected a plan. But that's only a small fraction of the 1,030,000 Virginians who currently don't have health insurance.

So what is the state of the uninsured in Virginia?

That's difficult to answer, partly because some key statistics are not yet known and the politics of the Affordable Care Act are still unfolding. About 400,000 of those who do not have health insurance are awaiting the conclusion of the budget showdown currently underway in Richmond, where Republicans and Democrats are split about the wisdom of accepting federal money to expand Medicaid, a program that offers health insurance to those who live in poverty or with disabilities. State officials say 470,000 of those without health insurance are eligible for the marketplace, although it's unclear how many of the 216,000 who have signed up for a marketplace plan already had insurance and were just looking for a better deal.

The most recent data from the Department of Health and Human Services suggests that 87 percent of enrollees were uninsured before signing up. But federal officials only collect information about existing coverage when the recipients qualify for a subsidy or tax credit. As a result, some say the states that run their own exchanges have better information because they ask for the information in a variety of ways, creating a balanced range of responses. By that measure, the percentage of people who sign up for marketplace health insurance had no previous insurance about 70 percent to 75 percent of the time.

"That is still way over half of them being previously uninsured, which is a good thing by my lights," said Len Nichols, director at the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University. "Of course, the number that would be covered who were previously uninsured would more than double that if Virginia would expand Medicaid."

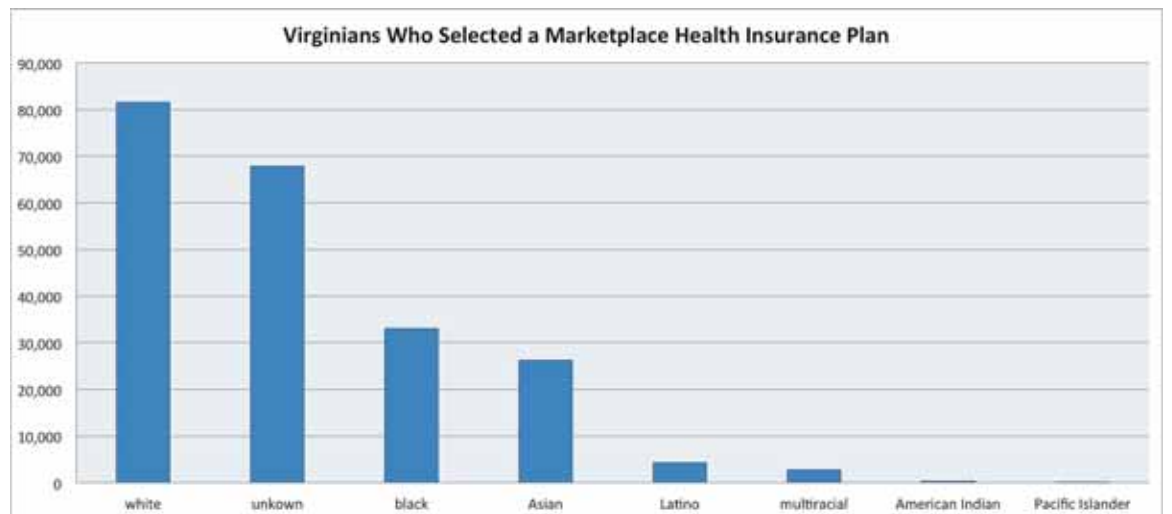
**ESTIMATES FROM** the Census Bureau show that parts of North-

ern Virginia have some of the highest concentration of adults and children without health insurance. Manassas Park City, for example, has the highest concentration of uninsured adults in Virginia, 28 percent. Manassas Park City also has the third highest rate of uninsured children in Virginia, 11 percent. Meanwhile, information compiled by the Urban Institute shows that Fairfax County has 136,000 residents who lack health insurance.

"If you look at the rate of people without health insurance in Fairfax County, it doesn't look that high," said Deborah Oswalt, executive director of the Virginia Health Care Foundation. "But if you look at the raw number of people without health insurance, that's a lot of people."

Supporters of the Affordable Care Act say the law has already started making progress for the uninsured in Virginia. For ex-

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**"What is happening to the uninsured in Virginia really sits in the House of Delegates. Will they agree with the Senate and the governor and accept large infusions of federal money to expand Medicaid coverage for the commonwealth or not?"**

— Len Nichols,  
director at the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University



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## ONGOING

**Art Exhibit.** Through June 2, Courtney S. Hengerer's acrylic paintings on wood panels are on display for the exhibit "Playground" in Studio 21 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Opening reception to meet the artist Thursday, May 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**Art Exhibit.** Through June 22, "Words and Letters" in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. This multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Opening reception Sunday, May 11, 4-6 p.m. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Student Art Exhibit.** Twenty T.C. Williams High School students selected as this year's National Art Honor Society inductees exhibit artwork through May 11 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

**Art Exhibit.** "Sound of Butterfly," a solo exhibition of new work by Soomin Ham, a photographer and multimedia artist. Through May 11 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Studio 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. except Thursdays, 1-9 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Photography Exhibit.** "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan in sets of three standalone images. On display in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria, May 13-June 22. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursday, 2-8 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.

**Art Exhibit.** See "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore through May 18 in the Crossroads Gallery, located in Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free.

**Theatre One-Man Shows.** Through May 25, two shows will be performed in repertory at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. The Thousandth Night by Carol Wolf and starring Marcus Kyd, and Underneath the Lintel by Glen Berger starring Paul Morella will be performed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 or 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25) at 800-494-8497 or [www.boxofficetickets.com](http://www.boxofficetickets.com). Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org) for more.

**Children's Theater.** Arts on the Horizon presents "Sunny and Licorice" at The Lab at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Show is 30 minutes and best for ages 2-5. Performances are 10:30 a.m. May 30, June 4-6 and June 11-13; and 10 and 11:30 a.m. May 31, June 7 and June 14. \$8 tickets, purchase online or at the door. At each show the group will collect non-perishable food and canned good for Community Lodgings. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-and-licorice](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-and-licorice) or call 703-967-0437.

**Historic Attic and Alley Tours.** 9 a.m.-noon through May 31 at the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. or at the Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The curious are invited to visit rarely seen spaces at four of Alexandria's historic sites on this

special three-hour walking tour of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden and Carlyle House Historic Park. \$35. Visit [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/GadsbysTavern](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/GadsbysTavern).

**All Alexandria Reads.** Spring events mark Alexandria's annual one book, one community campaign. Adults are invited to ready the recently republished "When Washington Was in Vogue," a once-lost novel by Edward Christopher Williams which depicts the vibrant social life of Washington D.C.'s upper class African Americans during the Harlem Renaissance and jazz age. Younger readers are invited to read the picture book, "Harlem's Little Blackbird," by Renée Watson or the chapter book, "Bud, Not Buddy," by Christopher Paul Curtis. More than 50 related activities are planned through May; for full list of programs visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Spy Program at Mount Vernon.** 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 1. Learn about spying during the Revolutionary War, including concealment codes, invisible ink and double agents. Self-guided programs with map provided. Free with admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/spy](http://www.mountvernon.org/spy).

**Art Exhibit.** Through June 8 at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Meditations on the Boundless, an exhibit of acrylic paintings on yupo paper by Arlington artist Kimberly DiNatale. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Art Exhibit.** "Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., suite 100. The exhibit will showcase portraits from the Living Legends of Alexandria project with selected works from the Del Ray Artisans. Show runs through June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's one-artist show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes of Ireland, Maine and Louisiana and birds, people and dogs. Through June 30 at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 703-683-1342.

**Historical Exhibit.** Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sit-in as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

**Doggy Happy Hours.** 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit [www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html](http://www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html).

**New Exhibit.** Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus



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## QuinTango Honored for Artistic Excellence

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Held at the National Center for Latino Performing Arts, the event will honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the artistic community in the Washington metropolitan area.

QuinTango, a chamber tango quintet comprised of two violins, bass, cello and piano, has initiated thousands of new fans to the music of tango by engaging audiences with their sizzling fusion of traditional South American tango repertoire and classical chamber music style.

Under the leadership of long-time Alexandria resident and violinist Joan Singer, QuinTango has grown from a local music group to an internationally recognized touring ensemble who have performed at The White House, Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center Plaza, theaters in Uruguay, Argentina, Mexico, France, Costa Rica and throughout the United States. This summer QuinTango will tour Costa Rica, bringing 25 fans with them, in-

cluding six Alexandrians.

An active member of Alexandria's arts community and Arts Forum, QuinTango has created innovative arts education programs for the city's youth since 2009. With support from the Alexandria Arts Commission and RunningBrooke Foundation, the group has worked with students at Ramsay Elementary School, Mount Vernon Community School, John Adams Elementary School and Charles Houston and Mount Vernon Recreation Centers. This year QuinTango taught workshops on Tango and Soccer to students at Tucker Elementary School and coached young string students in All-City Sinfonia on the art of playing tango music.

QuinTango's award-winning artistry can be heard at the Music at Twilight concert at 7:30 p.m. on June 12 at John Carlyle Park. The concert finale will feature the Tucker Tango Team and All City StringTango orchestra performing with QuinTango. The concert is free and sponsored by Alexandria Parks and Recreation. Tickets for the May 13 GALA Hispanic Theater's Noche de Estrella are available at [www.galatheatre.org](http://www.galatheatre.org).

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specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Alexandria Cars & Coffee** invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every

month. 8:30-11 a.m.

**Songwriter's Showcase.** Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit [www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com) for tickets.

**George Washington's Mount Vernon** has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon

request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Learn more at [PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://PresPassport.Monticello.org).

**Art Exhibit.** See "Sit Down and Take a Stand: Samuel W. Tucker and the 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In" at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The exhibit focuses on the life of famed civil rights attorney Samuel Wilber Tucker, and highlights the role of Robert Strange, who was a runner between the library and Tucker's office, keeping Tucker abreast of developments. The exhibit runs through August. Free. 703-746-4356.



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**This year's Del Ray House & Garden Tour includes the garden at the YMCA on Monroe Avenue, "a work in progress."**



### 2014 Del Ray House & Garden Tour

Save the date for Saturday, May 10 and the 2014 Del Ray House & Garden Tour. This year's tour highlights 10 houses plus two featured gardens, a "work-in-progress" and a hospitality tent at the Del Ray United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$25 at the Del Ray Variety Store or Farmers Market. For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit [www.delraycitizens.org](http://www.delraycitizens.org). Proceeds benefit the Alexandria Scholarship Fund and community projects funded by the Del Ray Citizens Association.

## CALENDAR

### CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Summer Aquatics Classes.** For youth and adults, including swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Swim Team Fundamentals and 2013 Gold Division Champions Wahoos Youth Swim Team. Register online at [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation) or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-

74605414 or [claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov](mailto:claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov).  
**Pre-School Studio.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. June 9-19, Mondays-Thursdays children ages 4-6 attend for explorations of clay, collage, drawing and painting as well as creativity, problem solving, collaboration and fun. Call 703-201-1250 or visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org).  
**History Camp.** The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is now

registering for a camp for children ages 5-7. The camp runs Tuesday, July 29-Thursday, July 31, 9 a.m.-noon at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clio's Kids Mini-Camp engages children in American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games and visits to nearby historic places. Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org).

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**Martial Arts Camps.** Potomac Kempo teaches Shaolin Kempo, a blend of Japanese Karate and Chinese Kung Fu. Potomac Kempo's locations will host a camp "virtual tour" of China July 14-18 at the new Huntington location, 5914 N. Kings Hwy.; and Japan, July 21-25 at the Foxchase location, 4617 Duke St. For children age 5-12. Campers will learn about art, cuisine, history and language. Morning and afternoon sessions or all-day option. Visit [www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp](http://www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp) or call 703-206-8064.

**Metro Club After-School Program.** Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels

are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

**Theater Camp.** Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. To register, visit [www.mvctt.org](http://www.mvctt.org).

## THURSDAY/MAY 8

**Spanish Wine Tasting.** 6-8 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. Tasting led by Spanish wine expert Fletcher Henderson. The event is free for USPH Wine Club Members and \$10 for non-members. The \$10 event fee will be applied to the purchase of any of the wines offered. Tapas will be served. Purchase tickets at <https://usph.webconnex.com/may8winetasting>.

## THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 8-9

**Student Dance, Film and Theater Festival.** 7 p.m. at the West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac Academy Dance and Professional Television Production students are teaming up with West Potomac High School's Beyond the Page Theatre Company to produce

"Kaleidoscope: Many Colors, One Festival." All dances, films and plays included in Kaleidoscope reflect the psychology and use of colors. \$5 in advance, \$7 at door. Contact [nemantelli@fcps.edu](mailto:nemantelli@fcps.edu) or 703-718-2636 for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 9

**Farm to Table Dinner.** 6:30-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Reception, tour and four-course dinner with products cultivated and produced on the Estate. Wine pairings included. Tickets are \$175 including tax and gratuity. Call 703-780-2000 or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 9-10

**School Musical.** 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams, Main Campus, 3330 King St., in the main auditorium. "A Chorus Line," a PG-13 show not suitable for young children. \$5 for ACPS students, staff and senior citizens; \$10 adults. Call 703-824-6800.

## SATURDAY/MAY 10

**Spring Fair and Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Community yard sale and 40 vendors offering jewelry, Pampered Chef, handbags, fabric creations, crafts, gourmet coffee and teas, infused oils, sports memorabilia, vintage leather, skin care and wellness products, children's stuffed animals, clothing, books, crocheted baby blankets, Tupperware, baked goods and more.

**Park Re-opening.** 10 a.m.-noon at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Fairfax County Park

Authority re-opens the park after a year-long wetland restoration. Guided, behind-the-scenes walking tours begin at 11:15. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/restorationproject.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/restorationproject.htm) or call 703-324-8662.

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket) for more.

**House and Garden Tour.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Del Ray, begins at A Show of Hands, 2301 Mount Vernon Ave. Biennial event serves as a fundraiser for neighborhood projects and the Alexandria Scholarship Fund. \$20 in advance, \$25 day-of. Visit [www.delraycitizens.org](http://www.delraycitizens.org) or come to the Del Ray Farmers Market April 26 and May 3. Volunteers welcome. Contact [docentvolunteers@comcast.net](mailto:docentvolunteers@comcast.net).

**Book Signing.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Costco, 7940 Richmond Hwy. Jessie Biele and Michael K. Bohn, authors of "Mount Vernon Revisited," a pictorial history of the Mount Vernon community. Visit [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com).  
**Mothers Day Fashion Show and Dinner.** 4-7 p.m. at the Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. Live entertainment by Al Muntzie and the Renaissance Gospel Singers. Tickets range from \$7 for seniors to \$25 for couples, discounts for advance tickets. Contact Sharlene Jones at 571-332-1006 or Judy Garnett at 703-919-5143.

## SUNDAY/MAY 11

**Mother's Day Tea at Carlyle**

**House.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle\\_house\\_historic\\_park](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park) for more.

**Civil War Sunday.** 1-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with exhibits and artifacts. Free. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or call 703-746-4399.

**Mother's Day Museum Tours.** 1-5 p.m., at Old Town historic sites: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.; Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St.; or the Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. In honor of Mother's Day, mothers enjoy free admission. Visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/spring](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/spring).

**Mother's Day Open House.** 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Tour the firehouse for free. A photographer will take portraits of families next to historic equipment. Children will receive a fire hat. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse](http://www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse) or 703-746-4994 for more.

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## MONDAY/MAY 12

**Barbeque and Bluegrass Bash.** 6-8:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Market & Cafe, 7 King St. Celebrating 10th anniversary of ACT for Alexandria to benefit its programs; \$50 in advance, \$65 at the door. Visit



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## 'Coppelia'

Metropolitan School of the Arts will premiere their first spring ballet, "Coppelia," performed by the Metropolitan Youth Ballet on Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Theater in Alexandria. "Coppelia" is the story of Swanhilda, a young girl who appears magically to bring a doll to life. The show is geared toward young audiences who may also enjoy a "meet and greet" with the characters after the show. Tickets are \$7.50 at [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).



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[www.actforalexandria.org](http://www.actforalexandria.org).  
**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Birchmere is proud to present Kina Grannis in concert. \$20.00 Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**History Seminar.** 7:30 p.m. the Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Author and education E. Ethelbert Miller presents "Langston Hughes and the Harlem Renaissance." Free. Contact Kimberly Nathaniel at 703-746-1770.

### TUESDAY/MAY 13

**Art Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Decorative arts specialist Oscar Fitzgerald will lead a discussion of the art deco movement in the United States. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1751.

**Singers Master Class.** 7-9 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. Master class with Alex Fletcher, who will provide feedback to singers on the verge of careers including Q&A, presented by the Singers' Theater of Washington. Free. Visit [www.singerstheatre.com](http://www.singerstheatre.com).

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Meet author John Muller who will discuss his book: "Frederick Douglass in Washington, D.C.: The Lion of Anacostia." Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1751.

### THURSDAY/MAY 15

**Genealogy Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005

Duke St. Guest speaker Char McCargo Bah will demonstrate techniques for researching African-American genealogy. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1751.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Paul Storm to open for John Hodgman. Visit [www.paulandstorm.com](http://www.paulandstorm.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 15-17

**School Musical.** 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School's Loft, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. The school's 8th grade students fill roles on- and off-stage in the "Wizard of Oz". \$5 at the door, \$1 for children. Visit [www.burgundyfarm.org](http://www.burgundyfarm.org).

### FRIDAY/MAY 16

**Alexandria Library Closed.** All branches closed for staff training. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Wine Tasting.** 6-9 p.m., at Mount Vernon Estate. Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with exclusive evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by "George and Martha Washington," and live jazz. \$38. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/winefestival](http://www.mountvernon.org/winefestival), or call 703-780-2000.

**Family Fun Night.** 7-10 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring a pool float. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball and floating obstacle course. Swimming skill assessments for youth, a lifeguard skill demonstration and proper lifejacket

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**Plant Sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Space #13, Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Perennials, natives and more. Grown in the gardens of Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and in VCE Demonstration Gardens in Arlington and Alexandria. Visit [www.ext.vt.edu](http://www.ext.vt.edu).

**Ballet Performance.** 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Theater, 101 Callahan Drive. "Coppelia," will be performed by the Metropolitan Youth Ballet. The show is geared toward young audiences who can enjoy a 'meet and greet' with the characters after. Tickets \$7.50, visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

**Firefighting in Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour.** 1-3 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about firefighters and firefighting during the Union occupation. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, [www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse](http://www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse) or 703-746-4994.

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**Live Music.** 8 p.m., at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. In partnership with the National Gallery of Art, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will close its 70th season with pieces known to inspire renowned artist Edgar Degas, featuring selections by Beethoven, Mozart, Gounod and Verdi plus special guests Anita Johnson and Matt Harding. \$5 youth (18 and under); \$10 students; \$20+ adults. Visit, [www.AlexSym.org](http://www.AlexSym.org), or call 703-845-6156.

## SUNDAY/MAY 18

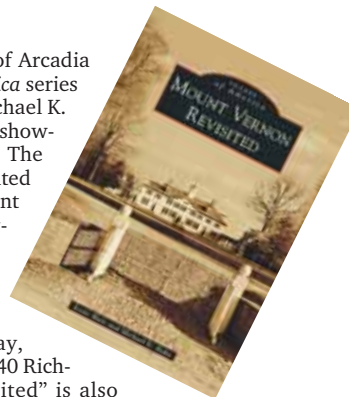
**Tea Tasting.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Explore and taste teas served during the roaring 20s and time of Prohibition. Presented by certified Tea Specialist and Chef Laurie Bell. Call 703-746-1728 to register.

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**Live Music.** 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 North Quaker Lane. Folk-pop trio Brother Sun performs. \$20, \$18 for advance sales and members. Call 703-380-3151 or visit [www.focusmusic.org/concerts\\_alexandria.php](http://www.focusmusic.org/concerts_alexandria.php).

## MONDAY/MAY 19

**History Lecture.** 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Roman Honor versus Modern Morality. Learn how Roman honor and modern morality differ through an examination of historical texts, societal myths and archaeological findings. Free. Visit <http://nvfaa.org>.

## MONDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 19-25

**Film Festival.** Venues in Alexandria

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## TUESDAY/MAY 20

**Live Music.** 7:30 in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Blackmore's Night. \$39.50 Visit [www.blackmoresnight.com](http://www.blackmoresnight.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Historical Show.** 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Alexandria Historical Society presents a show with "Rosie the Riveter," portrayed by actress Mary Ann Jung. Free. Visit

[www.alexandriahistorical.org](http://www.alexandriahistorical.org).

## FRIDAY/MAY 23

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jenn Grinels will open for 10,000 Maniacs. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 23-24

**Choir Performances.** 8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. The Singers' Theater of Washington present Verdi's "I Lombardi," the Lombards on the First Crusade. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. Visit [www.singerstheatre.com](http://www.singerstheatre.com) or contact [singerstheater@gmail.com](mailto:singerstheater@gmail.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 24

**Military Band Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Works included "Victory at Sea," "Hymn to the Fallen" and "America the Beautiful." Adults \$15, students and children free. Call 703-426-4777 or visit [www.vgmb.com](http://www.vgmb.com).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Vertical Current to open for Eric Roberson. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 24-25

**Sunset Celebration.** 6-8:30 p.m. both days, at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. Evening tours of the mansion, with wine and desserts available for purchase on the lawn. Music, dancing, games and wagon rides. \$18 adults, \$12 children, free

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## SUNDAY/MAY 25

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Revelations to open for Eric Roberson. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Amelia White to open for Brandy Clark. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

## THURSDAY/MAY 29

**Live Music.** 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Bayanist Volodymyr Marunych and domrist Natalia Marunych perform Eastern European and Russian folk music with the Washington Balalaika's Great Russian Folk Orchestra. \$10. Visit <http://nvfaa.org>.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 30-31

**Choir Performances.** 8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. The Singers' Theater of Washington present Verdi's "I Lombardi," the Lombards on the First Crusade. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. Visit [www.singerstheatre.com](http://www.singerstheatre.com) or contact [singerstheater@gmail.com](mailto:singerstheater@gmail.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 31

**Firefighting in Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour.** 1-3 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about firefighters and firefighting during the Union occupation. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, [www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse](http://www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse) or 703-746-4994.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 1

**Photography Exhibit Opening Reception.** 2-4 p.m. in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan, on display May 13-June 22.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray's own Rock of Ages Music presents ROAMfest '14. \$15.50. Call 703-838-2130, or email [roam.rockofagesmusic@gmail.com](mailto:roam.rockofagesmusic@gmail.com). Visit <http://roamrockandroll.com> or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 5-7

**Spring Choir Show.** 7 p.m. in the Springbank Auditorium, West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac Choirs present their annual spring show with an exciting evening of great Grammy, Oscar and Tony award-winning music. Tickets will be available at the door and sold online. Call 703-718-2687.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 6

**Food Truck Rodeo.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Southern Towers, 4901 Seminary Road. Savory food, fashioned-focused trucks and businesses from Alexandria's West End. Visit [www.alexandriawebs.com](http://www.alexandriawebs.com).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Dale Watson performs. \$29.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

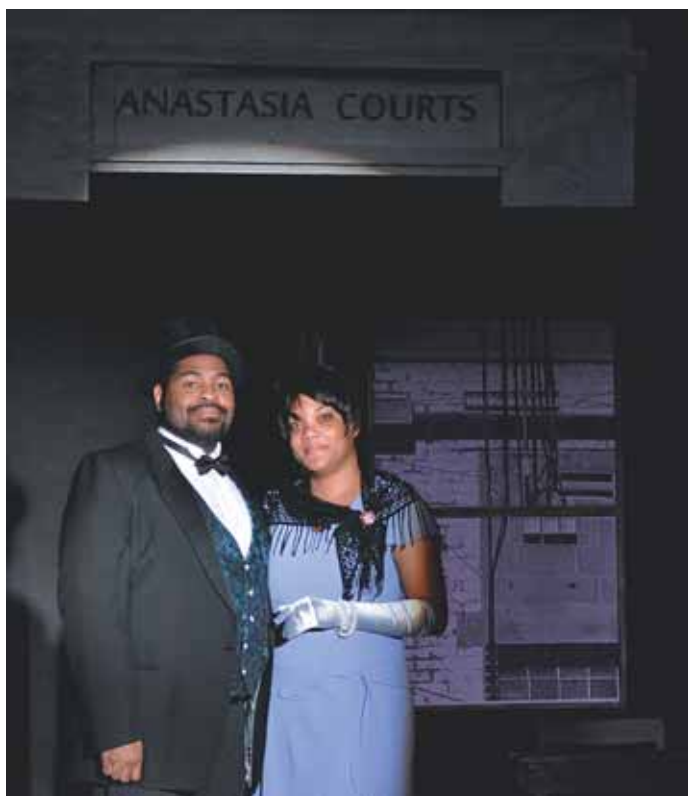


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Malcolm Lee (Guy) and Lolita-Marie (Angel) star in "Blues for an Alabama Sky."

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## MOTHER'S DAY

# Going into Business with Mom

**Mother-daughter Realtor teams say working together can work.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**llison Goodhart has a vivid childhood memory: pulling a wagon filled with pumpkins and her younger sister around her family's Del Ray neighborhood in Alexandria, helping to promote her parents' real estate business. Today Allison Goodhart works alongside her mother as part of Old Town Alexandria-based Goodhart Group of McEneaney Associates Inc., Realtors.

While mother-daughter business relationships can be difficult to navigate, especially in a competitive business like real estate, several local mother-daughter teams have figured out how to navigate the tricky waters. In light of Mother's Day this Sunday, they share their insights about what makes their relationships work, humorous stories about their roads to success and advice for others.

"During the fall, I would go up to the door and offer pumpkins with one of my parents' cards while my parents stood across the street and watched," said Allison Goodhart, who is now 28 and has held her Realtor's license since the age of 19.

After graduating from Dickinson College, Allison Goodhart went to work for her parents because they needed assistance. "This wasn't planned," said Sue Goodhart. "My husband and I had been in business for 22 years. We just really needed help the year that Allison graduated from college."



**Marsha Schuman, Betsy Schuman Dodek and Rebecca Dodek make up the Potomac, Md., based Schuman team of Washington Fine Properties. "My 5-and-a-half-year-old daughter loves to say she is also a member of The Schuman Team," says Dodek.**



**Mother-daughter real estate team Betsy and Susan Leavitt of the Old-Town Alexandria based McEneaney Associates' Leavitt Team have been in business together for 14 years. They strive to prevent business transactions from jeopardizing their relationship.**

Allison Goodhart started at the bottom of her parents' business, however. "One good thing is that I started in an admin position," she said. "Having worked my way up gives me more credibility with the clients."

The Goodhart family, which also includes another daughter Amanda, 24, describes themselves as close-knit, one of the keys to their successful business relationship. "We did everything with our kids," said Sue Goodhart. "We just really enjoyed our children and wanted to be with them. We're just a very close family."

They do, however, face challenges in business. "One thing that parents need to do is establish that there is a partnership. She is in on all of our decisions," Sue Goodhart said. "I have to remember that I can't make comments about the dress she's wearing that a boss or coworker wouldn't make. I can't say, 'Did you brush your hair this morning?'" "We have different styles," said Allison Goodhart. "We're often blunt with each other in a way that if it wasn't my mom I probably wouldn't be."

Sue Goodhart and her husband Marty decided that they wanted to grow their business and thought that Allison was the ideal choice. "I can say that Allison is phenomenal. She's got a great sense of how to run a business. She's very organized and on top of things," said Sue Goodhart. "From my point of view, the hardest part is stepping back and allowing my daughter to shine and not dominate the business."

**MOTHERHOOD WAS** actually one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Schuman real estate team. Marsha Schuman and her daughter Betsy Schuman Dodek began working as a real estate team in 1995. Then, four and half years later, Dodek decided to pursue a career in commercial real estate, which would allow her to meld both her sales experience and law degree.

Ten years later, Dodek decided to accept an invitation from her mother, who was now

working for Washington Fine Properties, to join her in the residential real estate business.

"After having a child, I wanted to figure out how to be a great mom and take my career to the next level at the same time," said Dodek whose daughter was 2 when she and Schuman formed Washington Fine Properties' Schuman Team, which is based in Potomac, Md. "I wasn't sure that commercial real estate would have afforded me the kind of flexibility that residential real estate does. My mother gave me an opportunity to be the kind of mother she was to me: a full-time mother while also being a career woman. I don't have to miss any of my daughter's milestones."

"I get to hear about all the daily nuances that take place with my daughter and her husband and my granddaughter," said Schuman. "It's wonderful to be able to see my daughter spend time with her daughter the way I did with my kids. It makes me so proud."

Schuman also credits her daughter for modernizing her business. "Betsy has taken me kicking and screaming into the age of technology. Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest have now become part of my vocabulary."

Schuman and Dodek keep both their business and personal relationships healthy with mutual respect. "I try not to pull rank," said Schuman. "We look at each other as professionals. Betsy calls me 'Marsha' rather than Mom. It makes our relationship at work much more professional."

"We try to start each day fresh," added Dodek. "There are days that don't work as smoothly as the next, but we have made it a point to focus on each new day and each new task. We are very busy, so we just don't have time to not get along."

Their relationship works so well that they're often mistaken for sisters, much to the duo's amusement. "Every once in a while when we are meeting with new clients, they think we are sisters, not mother and daughter, and Marsha glows," said Dodek. "And, my 5-and-a-half-year-old



**From left: Sue, Amanda and Allison Goodhart describe themselves as close-knit. Sue and Allison, who are part of The Goodhart Group, say a strong relationship is one of the keys to their success in business.**

daughter loves to say she is also a member of the Schuman Team."

**BETSY AND SUSAN LEAVITT** of the McEneaney Associates Leavitt Team in Old Town Alexandria have been a real estate team for 14 years. Their partnership was formed due to Susan Leavitt's unhappiness at work. She had received a master's degree in international relations at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and spent 14 years working on Wall Street, but something was missing.

"I thought about switching my career to the public sector. Well, after realizing that the bureaucracy was more than I wanted to deal with, my mom suggested real estate," said Susan Leavitt. "She had been an agent for over 20 years at this point and was one of McEneaney Associates, Inc.'s first agents."

The Leavitts said it takes work to keep their business relationship from damaging their personal relationship. "Just like a marriage, remember that one transaction is not worth jeopardizing the relationship," said Betsy Leavitt, explaining that in representing clients' best interests, they're often "on different sides of the table, which can get heated, but we seem to be able to resolve those ... cases."

They also try to capitalize on each other's strengths. "Mine is energy," said Susan Leavitt. "I take buyers around in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. Betsy knows the market inside out and is familiar with all the builders, the neighborhoods, the histories of the area, so her expertise and knowledge is invaluable." Susan Leavitt says the greatest lesson she's learned during their 14-year partnership is the complexity of the real estate business. "It is very complicated to do correctly," she said. "You must act as a consultant for the client, outlining choices and the probability of certain outcomes of making those choices. Our job is to educate clients so that they feel comfortable and in control of their real estate transition, whether it is buying or selling."



# Addressing Hearing Loss

**“What?” May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**O**n any given workday, you might find Arlington resident Erin Weiner sitting in a family-friendly restaurant causally coloring or playing games with a young child. At first glance, she might be mistaken for any young mother entertaining her offspring while they wait for a meal. In actuality, Weiner, who is a speech-language pathologist, is employing what she describes as an innovative approach to therapy that involves working with a child in his or her natural environment.

“Real-time therapeutic sessions help children develop skills that they can effectively apply to day-to-day life,” said Weiner, of Erin’s Place for Therapy in North Potomac, Md.

Hearing loss affects more than 36 million Americans. During the month of May, Better Hearing & Speech Month, Weiner and other speech and hearing professionals are working to raise awareness about communication disorders and the treatments that are available.

“Most people don’t realize how the loss of hearing is interfering with their lives,” said Michael V. Massa, AuD., of Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology, with offices in Springfield and Mount Vernon. “Hearing loss is usually gradual and a spouse or family member will notice it first.”

Massa says that while hearing loss is most common in people aged 50 and older, it can affect patients from newborns to the elderly. Recognizing the warning signs and finding the proper treatment can be life-altering. “People come back and say ‘if I had known how much this would have helped, I would have come to see you much earlier,’” said Massa.

**EARLY DETECTION IS CRITICAL.** “Hearing loss can affect one’s ability to communicate with and engage others in the community,” said Jeffrey Edge, rehabilitation services manager for the Fairfax County Health Department. “The earlier you detect a hearing loss, the sooner you can take steps to hopefully decrease the impact of the loss on communication. Early detection of hearing loss is most important with infants and children as hearing is critical to developing speech and language skills and learning.”

Edge points to research from the National Insti-

## Details

❖ Erin’s Place for Therapy — <http://erinsplacefortherapy.com>

❖ Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology offers free hearing screenings during May. Visit [www.massaandassociates.com](http://www.massaandassociates.com).

❖ The Fairfax County Health Department’s Speech and Hearing Clinic provides hearing and speech screenings and evaluations for children and adults living in Fairfax County. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/speech/speechservices.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/speech/speechservices.htm).

❖ National Institute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders — [www.nidcd.nih.gov/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/Pages/default.aspx)

❖ American Speech-Language-Hearing Association — [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)



**Dr. Michael Massa examines Vivian Graeves in his Mount Vernon office.**

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tute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, which shows that speech and language development begins in the first six months of life and children who get treatment early develop better language skills than those who don’t. There are certain signs that tell parents their children might be experiencing hearing loss. “Is the child responding to their name when the child isn’t looking at you?” asks Weiner. “Are they speaking as much as their peers? Are they saying ‘What?’ a lot? Do they seem to be reading your lips? If a fire truck with its sirens on goes by does the child look up? Are they having problems speaking at the right volume?”

Weiner, who provides oral, motor articulation, language therapy and auditory processing treatments, said problems with audio processing can often be difficult to diagnose. “You have to determine if the issue is auditory processing or hearing loss. This can be difficult to distinguish. With auditory processing, someone might keep saying ‘What?’ and they probably heard you, but the message is not getting to their brain.”

Hearing loss in newborns can be hereditary or congenital, said Massa, but it is often caught early because of state laws that require newborn hearing screenings. “At birth we can tell if a child’s hearing is normal or not and this is critical because they have to develop speech,” said Massa.

**MASSA SAID THAT** the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled within the past 30 years. “Some of that is due to the fact that we have so many baby boomers,” he said. “Inner ear hearing loss is the most common type of loss.”

Sudden hearing loss is another common hearing disorder that usually occurs in one ear. “With sudden hearing loss, time is of the essence,” said Massa. “The person needs to be seen right away. Studies show that they have a better chance of recovering if treatment begins right away.” When it comes to treatment, advancements in hearing devices now include the latest digital and Bluetooth technology, which can connect patients to their electronic devices, such as a television, a computer, a smart phone or cellular telephone phone, as well as induction loop systems found in theaters. “Hearing devices have gotten really good with digital technology. How well a person is going to do with a hearing device is dependent on the type of hearing loss,” said Massa, who has been practicing for more than 30 years. “Fortunately most people can be helped by hearing devices. It is extremely important for those people to be seen by a doctor of audiology.”

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# Democrats in Primary Divided on Approach to Animal Rights

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son,” said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. “But I think you could probably put animal rights supporters who make that a priority issue in the same wing of the party as environmentalists, and so this is not the kind of issue candidates can ignore.”

When asked about his position on animal rights, former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer said he was a fan of the 1975 book “Animal Liberation” by Australian philosopher Peter Singer, which argues against discrimination based on species. Since launching his campaign for Congress, Beyer has called on supporters to join a petition started by U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to withdraw its plan to weaken Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves.

“I continue to be strongly concerned about animal testing, especially as you move up the chain with dogs and cats and rabbits. It’s just not right to put them through pain and torture just for human testing,” said Beyer. “And I’ve already promised Jim Moran that if I win, I will join the animal rights caucus.”

**WHEN ASKED ABOUT** animal rights, several candidates were not so sure whether they would join the caucus or not. Former Urban League of Northern Virginia president Lavern Chatman said she would ask for Moran about advice as to which caucuses she would join other than the Congressional Black Caucus. Alexandria Planning Commissioner Derek Hyra said he had no plans to join the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus.

“I probably would set my sights on other issues,” said Hyra. “I would absolutely support a caucus like that. I don’t know if I would necessarily be the best candidate to join that caucus.”

Several candidates said they were proud that Moran had developed such a strong portfolio on the issue, and they hoped to



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/CONNECTION

**All 10 candidates for the Democratic primary to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) gather at George Mason School of Public Policy in Arlington this week.**

continue his work although they didn’t have any plans to pursue specific legislation. Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), for example, said she admires Moran’s recent efforts to limit the use of exotic circus animals. But she said

on Jim’s legislation to make sure that chickens, when they are processed, are not boiled alive, which is not just a animal rights issue but is also a health issue.”

## TWO OF THE CANDIDATES

pledged that if elected they would go after puppy mills, commercial dog breeding operations, that have been strongly criticized by animal rights supporters. That could be significant in the next Congress, when legislators might

consider proposed regulations allowing puppy mills to sell dogs over the Internet.

“I’d like to shut the puppy mills down, frankly,” said Hope. “A bill that’s passed in a couple of states is devocalization of cats and dogs. I’d like to ban that practice outright.”

During last year’s campaign, Mark Levine said he wrote an op-ed criticizing attorney general candidate Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) for his stand against regulating or ban-

ning puppy mills. If elected, he said, he would crack down on the industry.

“I wrote an article that said if you hate puppies, here’s your your candidate,” said Levine. “They put them in cages, like, one on top of another, which is awful.”

**LAST WEEKEND**, animal rights supporters rallied at the Capitol against breed-specific legislation targeting. For example, Prince George’s County bans residents from owning pit bulls. Many animal rights advocates say breed specific laws are difficult to enforce and that no evidence exists to prove that they make communities any safer. When asked about breed-specific legislation, only one candidate — former Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth — said he opposed efforts to target pit bulls.

“Some of the nicest dogs I’ve ever met have been pit bulls,” said Shuttleworth. “If a pit bull becomes less nice, it’s probably because of the environment, and there’s no reason we should be prejudiced against any animal breed.”

One candidate said he supports breed-specific legislation.

“I think pit bulls are cruel,” said businessman Satish Korpe. “They are a danger to society many times if they are not controlled.”

**“To a certain degree, I imagine that most candidates running for office want to be their own person. But I think you could probably put animal rights supporters who make that a priority issue in the same wing of the party as environmentalists, and so this is not the kind of issue candidates can ignore.”**

— Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics

she had no specific agenda on animal rights at this point in the campaign. Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille said he supports Moran’s efforts, although it’s not an issue he’s focused on. State Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) said he wants to continue Moran’s existing legislative agenda on animal rights.

“I’ve talked with Jim about the need to preserve the gray wolf and his work on labeling fur,” said Ebbin. “But one of the things that we’ve got to do is follow through

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### THURSDAY/MAY 8

**Federal Contracting Workshop.** 9-11 a.m. at 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400. “Federal Contracting: Set Yourself Up for Success - Practical Tips for New Federal Contractors” presented by John Renner, Renner and Company. Call 703-778-1292 or visit [www.alexandriasbdc.org](http://www.alexandriasbdc.org).

**Public Hearing.** 6 p.m. in Room 1101 of City Hall, 301 King St. Public hearing on the Alexandria Transit Company development program and budget. The proposed program includes no significant changes in current service or fare structure, but does include consideration of a new

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**8th Congressional District Candidate Reception.** 6-8 p.m. at the Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Area Chambers of Commerce and the Northern Virginia Technology Council host this networking reception with the 8th Congressional District Candidates from both major parties. Refreshments provided. To register visit [www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com).

**Waterfront Community Meeting.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lee Center,

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**Business Speaker Series.** 8:30-10 a.m. at the SpringHill Suites, 6065 Richmond Highway. SFDC’s Business Roundtable Speaker Series Session 5: Get Real with Real Estate, & Have I

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# Focus on Uninsured

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ample, people can no longer be denied coverage because they have a preexisting condition. And the mandate that employers offer health insurance to their workers have removed people from the rolls of the uninsured. Plus allowing adult children to stay on their parents' plans until the age of 26 has already helped many people keep insurance they would have lost. By some estimates, without the Affordable Care Act about 1.3 million Virginians would lack health insurance.

"It's an excellent first step," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "It takes time for people to fully understand what's out there and what's available. We're talking about people who are struggling with medical expenses and jobs and don't have lots of time."

**ALTHOUGH THE NEW** statistics show some progress in Virginians without insurance selecting a plan through the federal marketplace, most of the attention in recent weeks has focused on the political fight over expanding Medicaid. For the first two years, the federal government would pick up 100 percent of the cost for that program. After 2020, though, Virginia would be on the hook for providing 10 percent of the cost of the program.

"That's \$240 million in today's dollars, but by 2020 that's going to be about \$400 million because of Medicaid inflation," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). "It took me 15 years to get money for roads, and every time we had a surplus almost all of it got eaten up by Medicaid. So there's a lot of us that don't want to obligate Virginia to something we can't afford in the future."

Supporters of expanding Medicaid say Virginia can't afford turning down the deal, in part because money from taxpayers will be taken regardless of whether it's spent in the commonwealth or not. That means Virginia taxpayers will be funding Medicaid expansion in New York and California while low-income people in Virginia continue to suffer. By one estimate, that means about \$2 billion would be collected here in Virginia and diverted to help expand Medicaid in other states.

"What is happening to the uninsured in Virginia really sits in the House of Delegates," said Nichols. "Will they agree with the Senate and the governor and accept large infusions of federal money to expand Medicaid coverage for the commonwealth or not? At the moment, the choice and fate of the uninsured is up to them. At some point, again, it will be up to the voters."



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**Virginia Paving Environmental Manager Chris Monahan reads out the winning ticket for the prize at the annual Alexandria Earth Day Festival at Ben Brenman Park. With Monahan are Brendan Morris and Diego Ruiz.**



**The Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellent Award was presented to Susan Miranda and Kelley Organek of the UpCycle Creative Reuse Center.**



**Nikita, a student at Samuel Tucker, models her upcycled outfit at the fashion show.**

## Earth Day in Alexandria

**E**arth Day is a joint effort of the City of Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission, Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. The annual festival opened up last month in Ben Brenman Park at 10 a.m. with greetings and a showcase of Alexandria City Public Schools students displaying and performing their ideas on upcycling in the performing arts, literature and fashion. A little after noon, the mayor and City Council members and the family of Ellen Pickering took the stage and together with the chair of the Environmental Policy Commission chair gave the Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellent Award to Susan Miranda and Kelley Organek of the UpCycle

Creative Reuse Center.

Event sponsors included: Virginia Paving Company, COVANTA, Alexandria Renew Enterprises, Clark Construction, Alexandria Toyota Scion, American Disposal Services, Case Design, Deeper Missions, Fred, Harry Braswell Inc., Renewal by Andersen, Landmark Honda and A to Z Renovations. In-Kind Support came through with American Advertising Distributors of Northern Virginia, Bates Trucking Trash Removal and DASH.

**Mikaela, a student at Patrick Henry, made a new dress from dresses in her closet that she had outgrown. She also dresses her monkey in an upcycled outfit.**



**Francis Hammond Middle School 1 student, Dena Ahmed created a flowing skirt out of trash bags.**



**Ramsay Elementary School students, Christine, Crystal, Aiman and Nancy wait by the side of the runway to be called up for the up-cycled fashion show on Saturday afternoon.**



**The mayor and members of council are joined by Susan Miranda and Kelley Organek and a few of the Daisy Scouts from Troop 2148 for the ceremonial tree planting in Ben Brenman Park.**



# SSSA Girls' Lax Wins Private/Public Battle of State Champs

**Madison learns from matchup with national power Saints.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**or the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' lacrosse team, it was a chance to learn from a recent mistake. For the Madison Warhawks, it was a chance to learn from an unparalleled level of competition.

Each team benefitted from Monday's private/public match-up of defending state champions. The Saints, however, did so while pulling out a victory.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, a private school powerhouse in Alexandria, improved to 23-1 with a 13-8 victory on its home field. Madison, a public school program in Vienna, trailed by two after Kierra Sweeney's goal with 14:42 remaining in the second half, but the Saints responded with five consecutive goals and handed the Warhawks (10-1) their first loss of the season.

SSSA scored six of the game's first seven goals, but Madison closed the first half with a 3-0 run, cutting the Saints' lead to 6-4 at halftime. During the break, the Saints made it clear they wanted to avoid a letdown similar to what they experienced against Roland Park Country School (Baltimore) on April 26, when they suffered their lone defeat of the season, 12-11.

"A few weeks ago, we played at Rowland Park and it was kind of the same situation," Saints junior Ellie Majure said. "We walked into halftime kind of with our faces drawn and we were kind of like, 'We're up by a



**St. Stephen's & St. Agnes junior Ellie Majure scored four goals against Madison on May 5.**

few goals,' and it did not end well for us. [Today], we went into halftime, we were like, 'This cannot happen again, you need to get pumped up,' and everybody got their adrenaline going and got real excited."

St. Stephen's, the defending VISAA state champion, responded, scoring the first two goals of the second half before pulling away late. Majure led the way with four goals and added an assist. Olivia Mikkelsen, Darby Philbrick and Ellie Carson each scored two goals for the Saints, and Avery Donahoe, Abby Bailey and Sophie Davidson each had one. Donahoe and Philbrick see each had two assists.

SSSA head coach Kathy Jenkins, who has



**Darby Philbrick had two goals and two assists for St. Stephen's & St. Agnes during a win over Madison on May 5.**

amassed more than 600 victories in 39 years with the program, praised the Warhawks, who have won two of the last three VHSL state championships.

"I went to the state finals to watch last year and I was really impressed with their stick skills and how fast they move the ball," Jenkins said. "They're not [a] typical public school [program, where] one girl tries to run it. They move the ball down the field. As you could see, all those passes, kids were breaking. ... I think it's exciting to see the public schools are getting closer to the private. It was a great game. It's too bad more people didn't have an opportunity to see it."

Madison entered Monday's contest with

a 10-0 record, with nine wins coming by at least eight goals. The Warhawks' only test came on April 16, when Madison edged Westfield 16-15.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, ranked No. 2 in the nation by laxpower.com, provided Madison with its toughest test to date. The Warhawks stayed close early in the second half, but eventually fell short against their only private-school opponent of the season.

"I am very proud of my team," Madison head coach Amanda Counts said. "It was a good, hard-fought game. We appreciate the competition. It was fun."

Counts expressed her competitive nature, as well. "I hate to lose," she said. "I would have really liked to have been the team to beat the Saints. Hopefully there will be other opportunities in the future."

Madison junior Kierra Sweeney finished with three goals and three assists. Sweeney is committed to Dartmouth, where she would play with Davidson and Carson of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

"I think we were really excited to play because they are an extremely, extremely good team," Sweeney said. "I think we played really well and I think it was definitely a learning experience because they are such an elite team, where we can really learn from their motions and their stick skills and the way they play. I'm really proud of the way my team played. I thought we really rose to the challenge and did our best."

Katie Kerrigan, who will play for Ohio State next season, finished with three goals and an assist. Alex Condon and Rachel Brennan each had one goal for the Warhawks.

The Saints faced Holy Child on Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's deadline. Madison will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9.

# TC Freshman Girls Win Second Straight State Title



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**Coxswain Elizabeth Roda holds the Ted Phoenix Trophy that the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 were awarded for successfully defending their title at the Virginia Championship Regatta for Lower Boats on May 3. Those pictured include (from left): Coach Patrick Marquardt, Emily De-Bodene, Sierra Arnold, Caroline Hill, Lily Warden, Katie Murphy, Reed Kenny, Olivia Anthony and Anissa Ashraf.**

**Titan rowers also bring home two silver medals, one bronze.**

**T**he T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 successfully defended their state title on the Occoquan Reservoir this past Saturday, winning the Virginia Championship Regatta for Lower Boats for the second year in a row and reclaiming the Ted Phoenix Trophy that is presented annually to the Commonwealth's fastest freshman girls' boat.

The frosh 8's victory came on a beautiful day that masked the fact that the race was almost called off. Just 24 hours earlier, logs and debris littered the course, washed onto the Occoquan from storms that flooded the region earlier in the week. Race organizers and other volunteers worked past sunset on Friday to clean things up. By Saturday

morning, the water was still muddy brown, but the course was clear of debris.

The race start two hours later than scheduled. The delay, however, didn't faze the Titan freshman 8. The girls won their morning heat in convincing fashion with a six-second victory over West Springfield. In the afternoon final, they mounted a picture-perfect sprint to match the picture-perfect weather. Finding themselves in second place 500 meters from the finish line, the frosh 8 raced past National Cathedral and then held off Madison to win the gold medal and ensure that the championship trophy remains in Alexandria for another year.

Members of the T.C. girls' freshman 8 include: coxswain Elizabeth Roda and rowers Anissa Ashraf, Olivia Anthony, Reed Kenny, Katie Murphy, Lily Warden, Caroline Hill, Sierra Arnold and Emily De-Bodene. The frosh 8 are guided by T.C. crew head girls' coach Patrick Marquardt, who guided

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Charles O'Malley, right, stands along the sidelines of Fannon Field with Derek Radoski (BI '89) at the April 12 Bishop Ireton alumni football game to raise money for the Sean O'Malley scholarship fund.



Marty Marinoff, center, donned his original football jersey for the Bishop Ireton alumni football game. A graduate of the BI class of '68, Marinoff was the oldest player to take to the field for the full contact game. With him are Brian Michael (BI '89) and James Paino, a BI assistant coach and cousin of Sean O'Malley.

## Glory Days BI alumni football games raises \$25,000 for Sean O'Malley scholarship fund.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The helmets, pads and jerseys of years gone by were dusted off as 72 Bishop Ireton alumni suited up for a full contact football game April 12 to raise money for the Sean O'Malley Scholarship Fund.

More than 500 people turned out at Fannon Field on the BI campus to watch players from as far back as the class of '68 take to the field for a game that also helped celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

"These guys played a full 60 minutes of football," said Ryan Fannon, BI's Director of Advancement. "No one was injured, everyone had a great time and the goal of raising \$25,000 for the fund was surpassed."

The game — coincidentally played on what would have been O'Malley's 43rd birthday — raised more than \$25,000 for the scholarship fund named in his memory. A graduate of the BI class of '89, O'Malley was a standout in the BI football and wres-



Kerry McConnon (BI '89) quarterbacked the Red Team during the Bishop Ireton alumni football game. The April 12 game raised more than \$25,000 for the Sean O'Malley scholarship fund.

tling programs before becoming an ALL-SEC defensive lineman and member of the ALL-SEC Academic Team at 'Ole Miss. He went on to create the world-renowned fitness company Cardio Coach.

Following his death in 2012, O'Malley's family and friends created a need-based scholarship for a football and/or wrestling

student at Bishop Ireton.

Coordinated by Cammeron Ripley from Alumni Athletics USA and Derek Radoski, BI Class of 1989, the game featured a Red and White team made up of former players dating from 1968 through 2013.

With an average age of 27, the White Team was coached by current BI head foot-

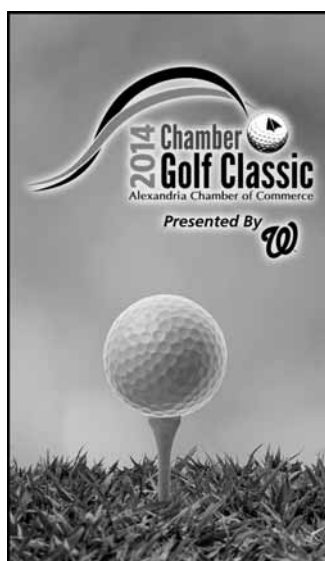
ball coach Tony Verducci. Sean O'Malley's cousin and current Ireton assistant coach James Paino led the team out on the field. A slightly older Red Team (average age 36) was coached by former BI head football coach Chip Armstrong. Sean's father, Charles O'Malley, led the Red Team out on the field.

They played modified rules football, which eliminates the kick off, to help avoid injuries.

The oldest player for the White Team was Marty Marinoff, a member of BI's first graduating class in 1968. Marinoff sported his original football jersey from the '60s as the White Team prevailed over the Red Team with a final score of 25-6.

"It was the coolest thing to see these guys put on their pads one more time," Fannon said. "Sean's father was very touched by the outpouring of support in memory of his son and for everyone, it was just a really great day."

For more on the Sean O'Malley Scholarship Fund, visit [www.bishopireton.org](http://www.bishopireton.org).



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**Michael Edward Heisley, 77**, of St. Charles died on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Delnor Hospital in Geneva, IL. He was born March 13, 1937 in Alexandria, Virginia, the son of Ernest Feagans Heisley and Emily Ford Chisolm Heisley. Mike is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Agnes Mullikin Heisley; his children, Theresa Heisley Nesbitt (Mark) of St. Charles, Barbara Ellen Heisley Rogers (Christopher) of Jupiter, FL, Michael Edward Heisley (Carol) of St. Charles, Emily Heisley Stoeckel (Kevin) of Chicago and Judith Heisley Bishop (Leland) of Washington, D.C.; his 12 grandchildren, Kielan Nesbitt, Alexander Rogers, Mary Heisley, Joseph Heisley, Annabelle Heisley, Annaka Stoeckel, Olivia Stoeckel, Britta Stoeckel, Declan Stoeckel, Emily Bishop, Liberty Bishop and Marguerite Bishop. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Elizabeth Finnegan (Daniel) of Alexandria, VA. In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his brothers, E. Stephen Heisley, Joseph A. Heisley and Leo A. Heisley. A funeral Mass for Michael will be held at 10:30 A.M., Friday, May 2, 2014 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6N491 Crane Road, St. Charles, IL 60175. Private burial will be held at a later date in Alexandria, Virginia. Visitation will be held from 2:00-8:00 P.M., Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the Malone Funeral Home, 324 East State Street, Geneva, IL 60134. To honor Mike's memory, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or contact Karen Ward (901)578-6855 or [karen.ward@stjude.org](mailto:karen.ward@stjude.org). For further information, please call 630-232-8233 or [www.malonefh.com](http://www.malonefh.com)

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### Obituary

#### Evelyn DeMay Beyer

On Saturday, November 9, 2013, Gloucester VA. Born (1922) in Masury, Ohio to Ceril and Rose Starr DeMay. She graduated from Ohio State U. in 1942. She married serviceman, George Beyer, Army Corps of Engineers in Nov. 1943. She was a Dec. 1943 graduate of the Curtis Wright Cadet Corps at Penn State U. She taught Math at Groveton High School in Fairfax County for 20 years. She was a longtime volunteer for AARP Tax-Aide and INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital Auxiliary. She was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA, serving with their funeral reception team; she attended and volunteered at the Church of St. Therese in Gloucester, VA. Preceded in death by husband, George, and children, Judith and William, she is survived by daughter Janet, grandchildren: Alan, Bryn, Scott and Andrew; and three great grandchildren. Friends are welcome to visit and reminisce with family Thursday, May 15, from 4-8 p.m. and at a memorial celebration on Friday, May 16, at 11 a.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castleweller Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315 (just south of the intersection of S. Van Dorn St. and Franconia Rd.) Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Red Cloud Indian School, c/o Rev. George Winzenburg SJ, 100 Mission Dr., Pine Ridge SD 57770-2100, or to the charity of your choice.

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### OBITUARY



**Ruth Lincoln Kaye, age 95**, of Alexandria Virginia, research historian and musician, died April 30, 2014, with family by her side.

Ruth was born to the Reverend Dr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Lincoln on December 3, 1918 in Buffalo, New York. She graduated from Daytona High School in 1935 and received a BA in English, History and a Certificate in Music from Randolph-Macon College 1939. She married the late Merwin Whitcomb Kaye in 1953 and had three children, all living: Merrie Lincoln Kaye, Arthur Lincoln Kaye and Larisa Elizabeth Kaye Hinton.

Ruth was passionate about music. She attended college on a piano scholarship and was a piano teacher from 1944 - 1957. She was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church choir for fifty years. Ruth also had an avid interest in history and genealogy. She was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants as well as other organizations including the National Genealogical Society, the Alexandria Historical Society and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She was elected 2010 Alexandria Historian of the year. Ruth was the author of numerous historical writings including over 300 local house histories, the History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Legends and Folk Tales of Old Alexandria and many local and national genealogies.

A family and friends visitation will be held in Norton Hall at St. Paul's from 5-7 pm on Friday, May 9. The funeral service will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 11 am on Saturday, May 10, with interment at the church cemetery on Wilkes Street. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The St. Paul's Foundation, 228 S Pitt St, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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## SPORTS

# State Title

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the girls to the state title last year, as well.

The frosh 8 were not the only Titan boat to visit the medal dock at Saturday's Championship Regatta.

The T.C. Williams Girls Fourth 8 finished less than a second behind Jefferson to capture the silver medal. Members of the fourth 8 include: coxswain Sadie Frymire and rowers Lila Greiner, Princess Adusei, Abby Lyles, Lucy Waskowicz, Holly Garrett, Ann-Louise Conrad, Rachel Sedehi and Zionah Stafford. The fourth 8 are guided by coaches Chris Ottie and Cathy Hott.

The T.C. girls' novice 8 came in a close second behind Washington-Lee to also win a silver medal. Members of the novice 8 include: coxswain Andi Scroggs and rowers Hope Parson, Kirsten Emblom, Cleo Lewis, Grace Vannatta, Grace Hogan, Emma Carroll, Charlotte Carey and Meredith Lemke. The novice 8 are guided by coach Cara Donley.

The girls' third 8 finished just behind the crews from Jefferson and Robinson to take the bronze medal. Members of the third 8 include: coxswain Amanda Eisenhour and rowers Cobie Johnson, Jessica Mellon, Ella Benbow, Isabel Montenegro, Lauren Kelly, Cecelia Fernandez, Fatima Chavez and Tori Cook. The third 8 are also guided by Coach Donley.

In a non-medal event, the T.C. Williams girls' fifth 8 won a blue ribbon by beating their counterparts from Jefferson in a head-to-head competition. Members of the Fifth 8 include: coxswain Camila Cardwell and rowers Paige St. John, Michaela Gleeson, Saham Ali, Megan Lunini, Brittany Boggan, Glendy Polanco and Izzy Fogg. The fifth 8 are also guided by coaches Ottie and Hott.

On the boys' side, the T.C. freshman 8 turned in a strong performance at the state championship, coming in second in their morning qualifying heat to advance to the afternoon final, where they finished fifth. Also turning in a solid performance was the T.C. boys' third 8, who finished third in their morning heat, just missing out on a trip to the final. In other contests, the T.C. boys' fourth 8 finished fourth in their event, while the boys' novice 8 came in fifth.

The T.C. Williams crew team will compete next in the Virginia Championship Regatta for Upper Boats, which will be held at Occoquan once again this Saturday, May 10. The Titans are guided by boys' head coach Pete Stramese and girls' head coach Marquardt.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Fiona Carroll**, a member of the Class of 2016 at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., will be one of 50 students conducting research with Stonehill faculty this summer through the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program. Carroll will be working with Assistant Professor of Political Science William Ewell on a project titled "A Political History of the Appropriations Process."

Radford University student **Kelsey Lawhead** was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

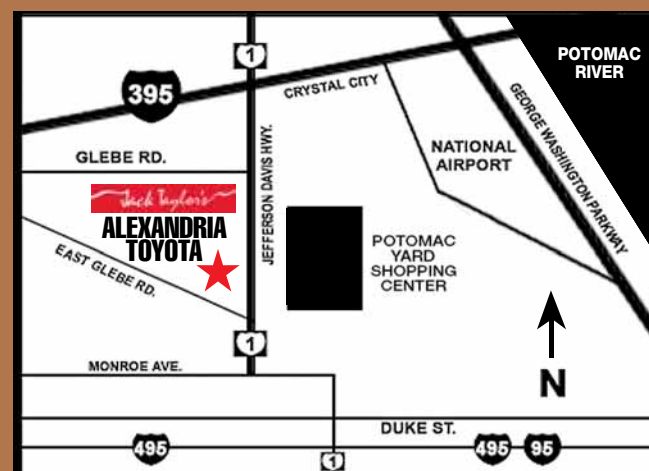


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