



Students flocked to the Alexandria Choral Society's tent to do a little Karaoke.



Christian Harris leads the Patrick Henry "Happy Steppers" Zaira Bridges, Mya Berry, Kamryn Powell and Armani James in a choreographed dance to the music of "Because I'm Happy."

5th Annual Youth Arts Festival

Visual and performing arts by Alexandria's youth were showcased at the 5th annual Youth Arts and Father's Day Festival on Saturday afternoon, June 7, at the George Washington Middle School. The annual youth festival was sponsored by ARHA, the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Alexandria City Public Schools and the Northern Virginia Urban League.

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Armani James sings her way off stage.



Amarri Parker adds the finishing touches to Bernard Johnson Jr.'s Ninja Turtle face mask.



Amani Harris sits patiently as a volunteer paints a blue butterfly on her face at the festival on Saturday afternoon.

Six Feet Over

City officials planning flood mitigation for the waterfront.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Every heavy rainstorm seems to bring a flood of news trucks, which arrive at the foot of King Street and set up television cameras. The images of flooded streets have become a regular feature for television news segments because the images are so shocking. Now city leaders are planning to raise the elevation of the waterfront to six feet, preventing flooding for most major storms.

"It's not a significant height increase," said Anthony Gammon, a civil engineer with the Department of Project Implementation. "But it

does provide a significant level of flood mitigation above what's there today."

The proposal is not without detractors, especially considering it was part of the controversial waterfront plan that more than doubles density at three sites along the waterfront compared to what's there now. Critics say raising the elevation of the waterfront will end up trapping water on the land, denying it an opportunity to drain and swamping the pumps designed to get rid of it.

"It's overkill," said John A. Kupersmith, vice president of an Alexandria-based marine and environmental engineering firm. "Its efficiency can be duplicated at a fraction of the height, and it does not protect Alexandria from storms."

CITY OFFICIALS say they do not yet know how much the flood mitigation measures will cost. In a

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Beyer Wins

Fundraising and connections help former lieutenant governor triumph.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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When asked about animals rights, former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer quotes author Peter Singer. He describes his wife as the "sine qua non" of his life. During his victory speech in the hotly contested Democratic primary to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), he quoted St. Augustine and Winston Churchill. He reads widely and has five policy proposals for every is-

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- ❖ Don Beyer: 45.76 percent
- ❖ Patrick Hope: 18.25 percent
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- ❖ Bill Euille: 8.37 percent
- ❖ Mark Levine: 6.73 percent
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sue before Congress.

"I've loved this campaign — the volunteers, the staff, all the thoughtful and challenging voters," Beyer told a throng of cheering supporters at the Alexandria

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Rape Charge Dropped

Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter won't say why he asked General District Court Judge Donald Haddock to drop the charge of rape against former Alexandria Deputy Sheriff Bryant Duane Pegues, who was fired from his job after evidence emerged that he had sex with an inmate at the city jail last month. When asked about why he asked the judge to drop the case, Porter would not say if the woman changed her story or if forensic evidence did not prove the prosecution's case.

"I won't comment on a pending case," said Porter.

Although Pegues will not be charged with rape, he is still charged with having sex with an inmate, which is a felony. After Haddock dropped the rape charge, Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne issued a statement to reassure the public that Pegues was fired because he had sex with an inmate and that he would not be rehired because the rape charge had been dropped.

"The fact remains that he betrayed his duty to this office and violated the public trust," said Lawhorne. "The dropping of the rape charge does not change his termination from this office."

Pegues is not the first sheriff's deputy to face these kinds of charges at the city jail. In 2003, sheriff's deputy Eric Mayo was charged with having sex with two inmates who were under his supervision in a work-release program at the Alexandria jail. Now Lawhorne says he's moving forward with a review of his office's policies, practices, training and procedures.

"This review will be conducted by highly experienced command staff from the Arlington Sheriff's Office and will begin after the criminal case has been adjudicated," said Lawhorne.

Takeover Unconstitutional

Late last year, members of the Alexandria City Council and School Board convened in a closed-door executive session to consider joining a lawsuit against the Opportunity Educational Institution, a statewide school division created by former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell to take over troubled schools. Jefferson-Houston is the only school in Northern Virginia where test scores have been so low for so long that it qualifies for a takeover under the law, which was passed by the General Assembly last year. So the city seemed poised to join an existing lawsuit that was then being organized by jurisdictions targeted by the takeover.

In the end, city officials decided against joining the lawsuit. If they had moved in the other direction, though, they would have been on the winning side this week.

On Tuesday, Norfolk Circuit Judge Charles Poston ruled that the law creating the Opportunity Educational Institution is unconstitutional. The state-run institution was slated to take control of six schools, although its future is now uncertain. The organization received only \$150,000 of funding, about a quarter of what McDonnell requested. And many are questioning whether or not the statewide school division has the organizational infrastructure to accomplish the task of administering failing schools. Gov. Terry McAuliffe said he is evaluating the state's next steps on the issue.

"We absolutely have to do better by the children in these schools," said McAuliffe. "Part of our effort will include continuing the bipartisan effort to reform our existing Standards of Learning system to better serve all of our students."

As far as Alexandria declining to join the lawsuit, some say that was the best course of action despite the victory in court this week.

"It allowed the School Board to focus on finding a new superintendent," said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45). "And our side won anyway."

Thanking Moran

Honesty is always the best policy, even for politicians.

As he was delivering his victory speech Tuesday night after securing the Democratic nomination to run in the seat that will be vacated by retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer took a moment to thank his predecessor.

"I want to thank you for your longtime friendship and inspiration," Beyer told Moran, "and most of all for deciding to retire from the U.S. Congress."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Fireboat Relief berthed but ready for duty.

Relief Just Moments Away

Alexandria's fireboat comes home.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
GAZETTE PACKET

In January of this year, Alexandria's then-Fire Chief, Adam K. Thiel, announced his resignation to accept high office with the new administration in Richmond. Formal announcement of his many accomplishments included "securing funding for a new fireboat." On that same day, no fireboat could be found on the local waterfront. She had been returned to the Canadian builder for re-work.

A fireboat is a complex piece of machinery. She is more than "a fire truck without wheels." Shipbuilders customarily take account of a customer's special requirements and, not infrequently, produce a one-of-a-kind vessel. The finished product is not simply delivered. She is tested through sea trials, and then monitored for signs that any of myriad parts are not working properly.

So it was with Alexandria's new fireboat. Delivered in September 2013, a number of "bugs" were detected. Capt. Rodney Masser at Fire Station 201 noted that obtaining spare parts and the services of specialized technicians in the immediate area proved difficult. The practical solution was to return the craft, still under warranty, to the builders who had both the parts and the skills "to do the job right."

Named Relief, Alexandria's fireboat returned to its berth last week and stands ready for action in service to the Port City. However, its responsibilities are broader than one might expect. Of course, the boat can pump huge amounts of water to extinguish fires aboard other vessels and in structures along the city's shoreline.

Additionally, while the old Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge was owned by the Federal government, the present structure is owned by Maryland and Virginia. When dividing operating responsibilities, Virginia agreed to "provide water service for any fire protection systems on as much of the bridge as possible." Relief presently fulfills that promise, but whether and how she will do so in the future is an open question. Susan N. Shaw, PE., Virginia Department of

Transportation, identified a current project aimed at upgrading the bridge's fire protection system.

If the firefighting water supply to Old Town and its adjacent areas were to fail, Relief has the capability to fill and pressurize the pipes that provide protection to the heart of Alexandria. This occurred a few years ago when Hurricane Isabel hit the area.

Finally, the local area includes the nation's capital and a major airport. Whether a disaster is man-made or a fit of Mother Nature, Relief is a major asset under mutual-assistance agreements aimed at saving lives and protecting property.

Several factors reveal why Alexandria, alone along Virginia's Potomac River shore, has a high-performance fireboat in the first place. It has a densely developed waterfront with many commercial and a growing number of pleasure vessels, a large population of residents and visitors, numerous historic buildings and active plans for new high-rises and other new construction projects.

Lt. Sarah Marchegianni, Arlington County Fire Department, confirmed that the county has no fireboat, and no plans to acquire one. Primary responsibility for adjacent river waters falls to the Federal government mainly due to the buffer created by the George Washington Memorial Parkway. However, the county is in the process of establishing a small boat unit that can respond to waterborne search and rescue operations.

Fairfax County has a fireboat stationed at Gunston, according to fire department spokesman Dan Schmidt. While used for search and rescue, thinly developed water frontage results in relatively little call for firefighting services, boats excluded. The Fairfax County boat has no role in providing emergency water to Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge.

A community large enough for a fireboat usually dedicates permanent staff to the vessel. Alexandria does not. Its boat's name, Relief, appears in small lettering on the cabin while bold letters declare 201. Actually, "201" is a fire engine parked at 317 Prince St. The explanation is that firefighters assigned to Fire Station 201 also crew the fireboat. Fully trained to work in any firehouse in the city, personnel at this location receive added, specialized instruction in marine operations. Training is provided in-house, only supplemented by outside experts as required.

Fireboat Video

See <http://carlyletowers.com> blog for the April 2012 edition of "Fire Chief's Corner" in which then-Chief Adam K. Thiel discusses Alexandria Fire Department marine operations.



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Former Lieutenant Governor Emerges Victorious

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Seaport Foundation Tuesday night. “But what I’ve liked best has been the opportunity to talk with great optimism about the way forward.”

Beyer raised more than a million dollars since announcing his campaign in January, far more than any of his competitors in a crowded field of candidates. At one point, 13 people were seeking the nomination. By the time the ballots were printed, the list of candidates had whittled down to 10. On election day, seven candidates were vying for the nomination. In the end, Beyer’s real competition was progressive Arlington Del. Patrick Hope (D-44), who won 18 percent of the vote.

“Patrick is the heir apparent,” said Ben Tribbett, campaign manager for the Hope campaign. “No one knows how long Don is going to be in Congress, and so the real fight among the candidates was for the candidate to set themselves up to the next generation of leadership in the district.”

THE DISTRICT is overwhelmingly Democratic. Back in 2012, for example, 68 percent of voters in the 8th Congressional District voted for incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama. That means Beyer is likely to be the candidate to emerge victorious in November. Moran stayed out of the



Retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) congratulates former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer on his victory in the Democratic primary.

race, repeatedly declining to endorse a candidate. But he made an appearance at the Beyer victory party and congratulated the former lieutenant governor on his victory.

“He’s the leader Northern Virginia needs in Congress,” said Moran, who won the seat in 1990 by ousting incumbent Republican Stan Parris. “I’ll be proud to be his constituent.”

Beyer was widely expected to win the

primary based on his deep experience in Virginia politics and his fundraising ability. He made a name for himself in Northern Virginia as a Volvo dealer before entering politics in the late 1980s. He served as lieutenant governor from 1990 to 1998, and he ran an unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign in 1997 against Republican Jim Gilmore. He later served as chairman of the American International Automobile Dealers

Association and the ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein. For many people, the real anticipation in the race was whether or not Beyer would be able to win with more than 50 percent of the vote — a feat that he narrowly missed.

“He put together what I thought was a flawless campaign,” said former Alexandria Mayor Kerry Donley, who also served as

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A midday storm depressed turnout, which was about 10 percent of registered voters.

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Hundreds of guests line up for samples at the various restaurant booths on Sunday afternoon.

Savoring the Taste of Del Ray

The West Potomac Business Association hosted the annual Taste of Del Ray on Sunday afternoon, June 8, in the parking lot behind the United Bank in Del Ray. This year's judge was Jessica Sidman, the food critic with the City Paper. The judge's awards went to Evening Star Café and its chilled corn soup, Cheesetique with macaroni and cheese ball and the Caboose Café's lentils with vegetable samosas. Pork Barrel Barbeque took first place in the People's Choice Awards with the smoked chicken chili, second place was a tie between True Health and Wholeness's pork carnitas and Los Tios's beef fajitas, newly opened Kaisen Tavern received the third place prize with the seaweed and calamari salads.

Evening Star Café executive chef Jim Jeffords and Khongor Usukhbayar serve up chilled corn pepper soup with tomato and cilantro. The chilled soup took first place in the annual Taste of Del Ray.



Scott Mitchell prepares the Kaisen seaweed salad with traditional hiyashi wakame. Kaisen Tavern, a newly opened Japanese restaurant, is located at 1909 Mt. Vernon Ave.



Del Ray Café owner Laurent Janowsky offers samples of chilled vichyssoise.



Russell Wiggins and Megan and Bill Blackburn serve up portions of the Pork Barrel's smoked white chicken chili.



Orange-scented pork carnitas were prepared by True Health & Wholeness executive chef Patti Ripko. With Patti is restaurant co-owner Nina Elliot.



Maddie Abram and Kelly Vanasche make up samples of sliced beets, orange, smoked goat cheese, greens and balsamic dressing at the Del Ray Pizzeria booth.



Kali Fioriti gets a higher view of the annual Taste of Del Ray on the shoulders of her uncle Alex Story.



The crew at Taqueria el Poblano prepares Adobo-braised turkey with chocolate-poblano mole.



Peter Beckmann helps out his sister Bridget at the Caboose Café's booth.



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Davis Named Museum Director

Audrey Davis has been appointed director of the Alexandria Black History Museum. Davis has worked at the museum for the past 21 years and has served as acting director since July 1, 2012, when the previous director, Louis Hicks, retired from city service. Davis was selected from among six finalists after a nationwide search.

In 2004, Davis was appointed by Gov. Mark R. Warner to the Board of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy in Charlottesville, and she was reappointed to that Board in 2007 by Gov. Timothy Kaine, serving until her term ended in 2010.

In 2008, she received a special merit award from former Alexandria City Manager James Hartmann for her contribution to the Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial Design Competition Committee.

In 2009, she was honored with the Salute to Women Awards Vola Lawson Award by the Alexandria Commission on Women as that year's City of Alexandria employee who had made the greatest impact to improve the role of women and girls in the city.

In 2012 she was an essential part of the Office of Historic Alexandria team that achieved accreditation of all departmental facilities, including for the first time the Alexandria Black History Museum, as a "museum system" by the American Alliance of Museums. That designation, achieved by only eight municipal agencies nationally, confirms the achievement of the highest standards and best practices recognized in the museum profession.

This year Davis also was awarded the Social Jus-



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Audrey Davis speaking at a recent program co-sponsored by the Black History Museum and Living Legends of Alexandria.

tice Award presented by Russell Temple CME Church of Alexandria, in honor of the work the museum has done during the last two years to support social causes in Alexandria.

Davis has also served as president of the Alexandria Historical Society; a founding member and current member of the Advisory Council of Virginia Africana: The Network of Museum, History and Preservation Professionals; and past president of the Virginia Association of Museums. She is also a member of the American Alliance of Museums and a member of the Association of African American Museums. Davis is also a board member for Living Legends of Alexandria.

In 2013, History Press published "African Americans of Alexandria, Virginia: Beacons of Light in the 20th Century." Davis was one of five authors of the book, which also included Char McCargo Bah, Christa Watters, Gwen Brown-Henderson and James Henson. Proceeds from the book go to support the Alexandria Black History Museum.

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Support Lights at TC

To the Editor:

I am writing today as the chair of the city's Youth Sports Advisory Board (YSAB). The YSAB is comprised of representatives of all the sports programs serving the youth in our community. In many cases, athletes who participate in ACPS athletics have come through the organizations and programs represented on our board. The programs we sponsor and coach shape our children in positive ways and sometimes save lives. We sow the early seeds of success for the players that go on to play at T.C. Williams High School.

The members of the YSAB have for many years talked about, worked toward and waited for lights on the athletic field at T.C. Williams — the premier field in Alexandria. The time has come for our community to work together to make lights at the Parker-Gray Memorial Stadium a reality, and sooner rather than later.

Several years ago, a one-time Friday night football game played at T.C. under temporary lights helped garner hundreds of signatures on a petition requesting lights be permanently installed. That was the only Friday night home game played in this town in memory.

The urban myth persists that T.C. Williams is too dangerous to have Friday night games. That is untrue and our community does not deserve that reputation. We have great kids at T.C. Williams and they deserve the chance to make those great memories of Fri-

day night games under the lights. We are the home of the hugely popular film "Remember the Titans" and yet our kids never get a taste of what it is like to play in front of a hometown sellout crowd under the lights.

It affects the sports and the athletes in ways seen and unseen. It tells them they are not good enough. We need to get past that. T.C. Williams is our only public high school and it's a great one. Parker-Gray Memorial Stadium is a beautiful, state-of-the-art field and track except for one glaring omission — there are no lights.

I hope — our whole community hopes — that steps are now being taken to remedy this situation. The School Board will examine the feasibility of adding lights at our stadium at its June 19 meeting. They will need the support of a great many people in this community to make this a reality. Please let the School Board know you support lights at T.C. Williams.

Jim Gibson

Chair, Alexandria Youth Sports Advisory Board

Engineering 101

To the Editor:

"Why would the city build a \$5M floodwall that will be repeatedly overtopped?" my engineering mind keeps saying. The cynical answer is that it cannot afford to build the 13-foot barrier that will meet FEMA 100-year floodplain protection requirements. So in its effort to eradicate nuisance flooding (up to 4 foot elevation), it decides to build a seawall to 6-foot elevation. Give it a little "headroom", so to speak. Never mind

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— Geri Baldwin



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that the records show only 6 instances in the last 6.5 years where floodwaters elevations exceeded 4.25 feet or that the FEMA statistics predict that the 6-foot seawall will be overtopped every 10 years. What's another \$5M in tax dollars when 1/5th of that expenditure will eliminate all nuisance flooding?

Well for one thing, the 6-foot seawall gives the city an opportunity to build and man a couple of colonial-style pump houses, one on the Strand and the other on Thompson's Alley. It seems that the seawall itself will trap stormwater runoff on the land side and will require about 1,800 gallons per second of pumping capacity to keep up with the runoff from the 100-year rain event. So rather than having the rainwater just flow down the streets directly into the Potomac, the city gets to be a New Orleans-on-the-Potomac. And a New Orleans it will become when we have our own mini Katrina every 10 years or so.

Planning's estimated cost for two pump stations to accommodate the undersized seawall? \$2.3M, check.

Not to worry, says the city, once the storm surge subsides those same pumps will discharge the 2.3M gallons (city estimate) of polluted water pooled behind the seawall back into the Potomac (in violation of the Clean Water Act). It fails to mention that the pump houses will be flooded and inaccessible, except by boat, or that the overtopping event itself can create a wall of water drowning anyone in its path, or the tons of polluted flotsam left trapped in the basin to clog the pumps. "Complicated question," I'm thinking, so perhaps I'll discuss the issue at the Planning Commission meeting. But, I forgot about its chairman who took his rose-colored glasses off just long enough to ask the city engineer for her opinion of my abbreviated presentation. To which she replied that Mr. Kupersmith is substantially accurate but staff does not believe the "dire situation" he predicts will occur. Let's hope she is correct, because council could quite possibly be throwing \$4M down the sewer.

John A. Kupersmith
Alexandria

Could Be Worse

To the Editor:

With all due respect to my colleague critics of our fair city's government, we would do well to refrain from accusing the city manager of being unable to be trusted to hire an ethics investigator when the city manager may have gone as far out on a limb as he dares to even broach the notion of empowering a single person to systematically pursue ethics.

An "independent elected ethics ombudsman" is likewise not the answer. For the same reason two excellent City Council members are no longer on City Council

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merely because their names didn't appear on a blue sheet of paper voters were given, an elected ombudsman whose name appeared on such paper would be politically beholden, therefore less independent than one the city manager hires professionally.

An elected ombudsman beholden to local political interests would fulfill Harry Covert's worst fears about politically correct witch hunts, investigating civic groups for "racial insensitivity" for not "adequately considering" minority employment prospects generated by egregious overdevelopment, while conveniently cherry picking facts to give a patina of legitimacy to city hall's abuses.

Critics might do well to ask ourselves how much worse our city would run but for the things staff prevents but about which we never find out.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Much To Cheer About

To the Editor:

When I write to the Gazette Packet, I'm usually encouraging Alexandrians to come to T. C. Williams High School to experience football or basketball "close-up." However, having been in attendance at the other "futbol" game that your reporter Tommy Valtin-Erwin wrote about last week, and

then having been at the regional championship game on Thursday evening against Washington-Lee, to borrow from the Monkees ... "I'm A Believer!" No fan will be subjected to a "nil-nil" outcome. (T.C. will play the 6A south runner-up C.D. Hylton of Woodbridge on Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Robinson High School, the "States" finals site. If successful, they play there for the state title Saturday at 5 p.m.)

(At the time of the June 5 article, the first game was scheduled for Friday, June 13, but one high school's entire squad suffers from triskaidekaphobia and could not play that day.)

Meanwhile ... this past weekend the T.C. boys track team won the 6A "States" down at Newport News. Well done, Titans!

Grandpa Titan
aka Mike Oliver
Alexandria

Unintended Consequences

To the Editor:

The city's threat of taking the Old Dominion Boat Club's (ODBC) parking lot through eminent domain has resulted in the two parties tentatively agreeing to a total land swap of essentially all of the boat club's property for the Beachcomber property at the foot of Prince Street. What has resulted is a poorly thought out plan that will adversely

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- ◆ 90% of the class was enrolled in at least one of our 24 Advanced Placement courses.
- ◆ Selected for prestigious programs such as Presidential Classroom, Virginia Governor's Schools, Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University, Student Climate & Conservation Congress, Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.
- ◆ Won the 2013-14 Alexandria/Arlington division of the Virginia Math League competition. Placed second in the state in the 2014 Governor's Challenge in Economics and Personal Finance.

Service Learning

- ◆ Prepared 13,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table; collected 1,000 food items for the Salvation Army and 100 blankets and socks for the homeless; delivered toys, raised money, and collected clothes, shoes, and hundreds of coats and mittens for local people in need.
- ◆ Volunteered thousands of hours with local organizations supporting senior citizens, preschool children, the hungry, the homeless, the environment, animal shelters, and low-income and immigrant families. Monthly visits with developmentally disabled senior citizens and multiple trips to distribute meals to those living on the streets.
- ◆ Served hundreds of hours at Children's National Medical Center, tutored young students, helped with Scouting service projects, and volunteered in a halfway house for formerly incarcerated women.
- ◆ Donated hundreds of pounds of food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center and volunteered hundreds of hours at food pantries and distribution programs.
- ◆ Raised funds and awareness for breast cancer, developmentally disabled young adults, cystic fibrosis, brain cancer, child cancers, epilepsy, and homelessness programs.
- ◆ Participated in international causes in Romania and Haiti. Sent 500 letters to wounded veterans and care packages to the troops.

The Arts

- ◆ Won Silver Medals and Honorable Mentions in the national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.
- ◆ Artwork placed in the top two at the Best of the Independent Schools Art Awards.
- ◆ Artwork took three of the top twelve awards at the annual VA Congressional District 8 competition.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent in wind ensemble and orchestra at the Virginia District X Festival.
- ◆ Performed in the District X Honors Jazz Ensemble.
- ◆ Participated in District X Band and Chorus.
- ◆ Received a superior rating on a solo at the District X Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- ◆ Invited to sing Evensong at the National Cathedral.
- ◆ Performed in all drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, and Multicultural Night. Directed the One-Act Plays and performed all four years in the pit orchestra for the musical theater productions.

Athletics

- ◆ Thirty-three to play their sports next year at college/university.
- ◆ Athletes-of-the-year in field hockey, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, boys soccer, and swimming from the Alexandria Sportsman's Club. Washington Post boys soccer All-Met player-of-the-year. Four Under Armour All-Americans in boys and girls lacrosse.
- ◆ Led the field hockey team to ISL season and tournament championships.
- ◆ Led the boys soccer team to IAC season and tournament championships, and the VISAA state championship.
- ◆ Led the ice hockey team to the MAPHL A division championship.
- ◆ Led the boys lacrosse team to the VISAA state championship.
- ◆ Led the girls lacrosse team to ISL season and tournament championships.
- ◆ Won the IAC title in boys swimming 200M freestyle and the ISL title in girls track 1600M.
- ◆ Participated in VISAA state tournaments and championship meets in cross country, field hockey, boys and girls lacrosse, boys soccer, softball, swimming & diving, boys basketball, track & field, and wrestling.
- ◆ Set new school records in boys soccer, ice hockey, track & field, and swimming.
- ◆ Many individual athletes named to Academic All-American, All-American, All-State, Academic All-State, All-Met, and All-League teams for their Upper School athletic careers.



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Three Lessons Learned at My Father's Knee

My father died in 1989. At the first wedding I photographed afterwards, my son Steven who was assisting me, nudged me aside during the Father-Daughter dance. He noticed that I was weeping and that I couldn't see to focus because of the tears in my eyes. I still miss my father.

My father was a quiet man, a gentle man. I never heard him raise his voice. He worked two full time jobs when I was growing up and I didn't see him very much but somehow he managed to teach me lessons I still haven't forgotten.

Lesson 1. I was walking in the street with him and I found something. All these years later, I can't remember whether it was a doll or a dollar, but I wanted to keep it. He said, "Let it stay where it is. The owner may come looking for it." I protested, "The next person who comes by will pick it up." "That's their decision," he said, "You are not responsible for that. You will leave where it is."

Lesson 2. I was worried about something. Again, all these years later, I can't remember what I was worried about. "Perspective changes with time," he said. "It's like riding on a train. The closer you are to the station, the bigger it looks. Once it's past, it gets smaller and finally disappears."

Lesson 3. My father taught me to ride a bike. This was in Brooklyn, N.Y. In August. Pre air-conditioning. We lived in a large apartment house and the neighbors sat outside on wooden folding chairs in the evenings to escape the heat inside. The women knitted, crocheted, and gossiped. For this bike riding lesson my father wore slacks but only an undershirt on top. I was 10 or 11 years old and I was embarrassed by his "under-dressing." "What will the neighbors think?" I asked. "That's false pride," he said. "Be concerned about what you do. It is much more important than what you wear." All these years later, I remember this lesson. And I remember too, the assurance of his hand on the seat of my bike, steadying me. I can still feel it.

— NINA TISARA



Nina Tisara, circa 1944, peeking over her dad's shoulder. Prospect Park, N.Y. Artist-photographer Tisara says, "Now the gospel I preach is to get those photos off your cameras and phones. Label them with who, what, when and where and identify the photographer!"



David Riddy and his daughter Emmy (age 2) enjoying some time in their neighborhood park in Alexandria's Rosemont neighborhood.



This is daddy John Knapp with sons Ben (6 years) and Tyler (3 years) of Hollin Hall Village at the Spring 2014 Cherry Blossom Festival.

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The Alexandria Police Department are using two additional cameras as part of the Red Light Photo Safety Program. The system will work the same as it has the past three years; photo enforcement cameras will capture still images and video of red-light violators. A warning period is in effect through June 30. A warning notice will be issued to the vehicle's registered owner for any violations. There will be no fines during this warning phase. Fines will be issued for all citations starting on July 1.

The new photo-enforcement cameras are located at two intersections: South Patrick and Gibbon streets (westbound lanes) and at Duke and South Walker streets (westbound lanes).

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In Gratitude of Community Partners

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO, RN, FACHE
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Last month Inova Alexandria Hospital celebrated our nurses for National Nurses Week May 6–12. While you would expect a company to recognize its own for outstanding work, I think it speaks volumes when members of the Alexandria community reach out to us to honor that outstanding work by supporting educational advancement opportunities for our nurses and staff. I am honored to extend my thanks and recognition to those community partners for their gifts.

Teh-Chang Shih Memorial Fund – Dr. Teh-Chang Shih served as a staff internist at Inova Alexandria Hospital for 30 years. Having come from a modest background in his native China, Dr. Shih credited his education with opening the doors to his professional advancement, which eventually brought him to America and to Inova Alexandria Hospital. In gratitude for his success, he devoted much of his time to serving the community's poor.

Near the end of his life, as Dr. Shih became ill, his role was reversed and he became the patient. His daughter June recalls noticing the important role our nurses and technicians played in his care: "I saw how much the hospital leaned on the hard work of the nurses and clinical techs. I was impressed by how so many were also in night school to advance themselves. Many were immigrants who came to the hospital from so many different countries — just like my dad."

After his death in 2012, Dr. Shih's family sought to honor the father, husband and beloved physician who so valued education and the opportunities it brought. They created the largest scholarship for nursing and medical technician staff in Inova Alexandria Hospital's history. Just last month, the fund awarded scholarships to its first recipients — two nurses and two medical technicians — to further their education through medical conferences and higher education.

Speck Award for Nursing Excellence – OB/GYN Dr. George Speck, who practiced at Inova Alexandria Hospital for over 50 years, passed away in 2007, but his legacy of appreciation for the field of nursing



endures today. "He always acknowledged that while the doctors got most of the attention, it was the nurses who made sure the work got done," said his son David Speck, former Alexandria City Council member and past chairman of the Alexandria Health Services Corporation. In recognition of the nurses, Dr. Speck established an annual award in 1949 for the "Outstanding Student Nurse" in the now defunct Alexandria Hospital School of Nursing.

Today, that award recognizes nurses who exemplify excellence in parent-child nursing with a grant for continuing education. In honor of his father's legacy, David Speck continues to fund the grant and presents the award each year. "I look forward to the day when my children, both of whom were delivered by their grandfather, will carry that legacy forward."

Twig Scholarship Fund – In 2008, the hospital's junior auxiliary, Twig, established the Twig Scholarship Fund to provide money for nurses seeking an advanced practice degree. "We believe the nursing staff of the hospital is the cornerstone toward ensuring excellent patient care, and we want them to have the best possible education to optimize the health of every person they serve," said Amy Furr, Twig president.

With every purchase at a Twig thrift store and every ticket bought to attend a Twig-sponsored event, like the annual Historical Alexandria Homes Tour, you in the Alexandria community are helping the Twig auxiliary provide scholarships to help a nurse achieve a dream. In fact, your support has allowed Twig to provide more than \$86,000 toward nurse advancement since 2008.

I know I speak on behalf of all our nurses and clinical staff when I say "Thank You" to these individuals and all of you in our community for supporting clinical excellence through education at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Learn how your gift can have a lasting impact. Visit our web page at inova.org/iah and click "Foundation."

The Silence of Cold Cases

BY HARRY M. COVERT

As time keeps slipping by, it is with some despair reports of any solution to Alexandria's triple murders continue to be unavailable, not only to the families of victims but to the general public as well.

Such lack of information is alarming to everyone and to those charged with finding the murderer and or killers.

Keeping eyes on the cases, the usual contacts around law enforcement are as troubled and befuddled as everyone else in the community.

The February murder of Ruthanne Lodato and a November midday fatal shooting of Dr. Ronald Kirby have eclipsed the 10-year murderous case of Nancy Dunning, businesswoman and wife of the then Alexandria sheriff.

Regarding the latter cold case it was not unusual for citizens to quickly assume that the then sitting sheriff, Jim Dunning, did it. Of course, there was no evidence in the slightest that he committed the terrible deed in the couple's home. There were lots of unkind comments made but broad apologies are in



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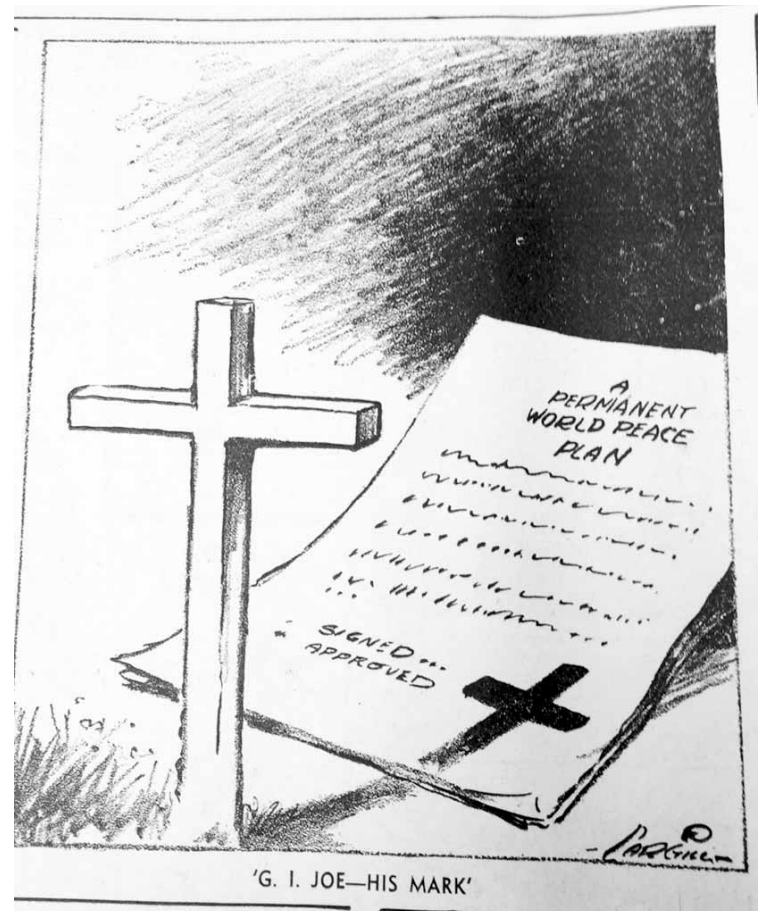
order to the late sheriff for such thinking, wishful or not.

I have made several attempts to visit the alleged suspect, Charles Severance, ensconced in the Loudoun County jail. As most people, officials and non-officials, believe, Mr. Severance is the key suspect. The former Alexandria resident has been residing in Loudoun County and was returned from Wheeling, W.Va., to face felony gun charges. Trial date is coming up.

A few weeks ago I tried to arrange a meeting with Mr. Severance through the jail. The response was: "We don't allow that." I wasn't surprised. Then I contacted the suspect's attorney, who, by the way, is a specialist in capital murder cases. OK, that was a big hint.

He wrote by email, "I decline your request to interview Mr. Severance. Further, I do not intend to make extrajudicial statements." I understand.

Present and future comments about Severance's
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affect others and cost both the city and the boat club additional revenues over the long run. Essentially the threat of eminent domain will produce a pejorative "domino effect" which is not in the best interests of the city, the ODBC or we the citizenry.

In its deal with the Boat Club, the city has given the piers (A and B Docks) behind the Torpedo Factory to the Boat Club, taking away those slips previously reserved only for pleasure boaters. They will no longer be accessible to pleasure boaters unless the Boat Club decides to build slips in their new location at the Beachcomber property. In addition, the remainder of the pleasure boats slips north of the Chart House will also disappear, as they will be replaced by commercial boat slips. Two of those are for the Dandy's ships which are now docked at the future location of the ODBC's parking lot and new piers, also known as Chadwick's parking lot. Originally, the Waterfront Plan called for some new pleasure boat slips to be built off the new development at Robinson Terminal South. However, the builder EYA has no intention of building those slips. Therefore, if replacement slips are to be built for the 63 or so pleasure boaters it will cost the city at least \$2 to \$3 million dollars, maybe more. What is also lost here is the dollar infusion into the Alexandria economy by all the guests of the pleasure boaters which would be a significant loss in tax revenues.

The flip side of all this is what

will it cost the Boat Club to build its 55 slips? Probably in the same range as the city slips, meaning that the Boat Club will probably not have enough left out of the \$5 million given to them in the land swap to cover the new slips. I have heard that estimates to build the 10,000-square-foot facility to replace the Beachcomber could be between \$300- \$600 per square foot or a top level of \$4.8 million. Building the parking lot and boat ramp will also require an infusion of additional dollars. All this could mean a mortgage on the new Boat Club paid through assessments of the membership. The membership must be made cognizant of this and in turn be willingly prepared to fork over additional dues each month.

The unintended consequences added to what we already know concerning this deal reads something like this: The city is now going to pay the Boat Club \$5 million and also pay the Open Space Fund \$2.5 million (the cost of the Beachcomber and one-third the parking lot opposite Chadwick's). If pleasure boat replacement slips are to be built then add an additional two to three million to the tab. In addition, the construction of Fitzgerald Square, with its ice rink and fountain, and other amenities within the surrounding area where the boat club originally resided will cost several million dollars. All of this could potentially result in additional costs totaling around \$12-15 million. In that case be prepared to add four or five cents onto your property

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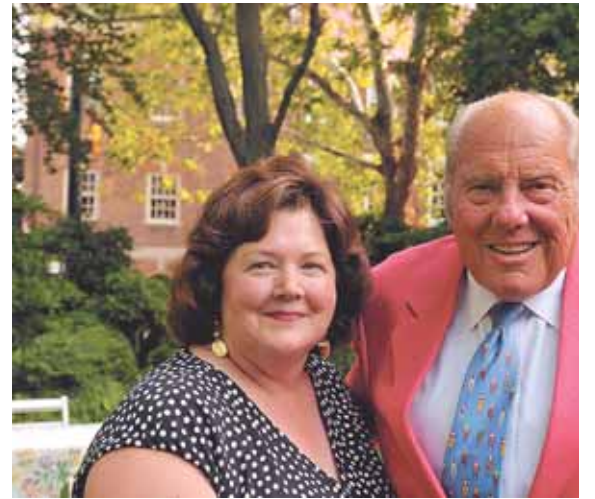
PEOPLE



Gail Rothrock introduces historic plaque recipients Adrienne and Dennis Hensley.



Anne Paul talks with Dr. Morgan Delaney at the conclusion of the HAF annual meeting.



Tom Hulfish and his sister Sheri Brown. Hulfish was acknowledged for his 25 years as a member of the Board of Architectural Review.

Historic Alexandria Foundation Hosts Garden Party

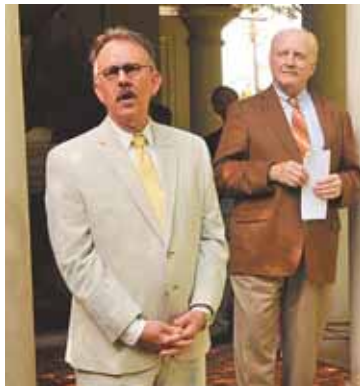
The garden at The Lord Fairfax House on Cameron Street overflowed with guests at the annual meeting and garden party of the Historic Alexandria Foundation on Sunday afternoon, June 8. HAF executive director Mary Sparks Sterling opened the annual meeting by introducing foundation president Dr. Morgan Delaney.

Preservation awards were given to Murray Bonnit and architect Paul Beckmann for the renovation and preservation of the warehouse at 106 S. Union Street, now known as Virtue Food and Grain.

Robert Brandt and architect Steve Bannigan were acknowledged for the vision and work with the warehouse at 204/206 S. Union St.

Preservation grants were given to the Athenaeum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop.

The Athenaeum received \$15,000 toward the restoration of the four Doric columns. The Apothecary received \$3,980 to purchase two reproduction show globes for the bay windows of the shop.

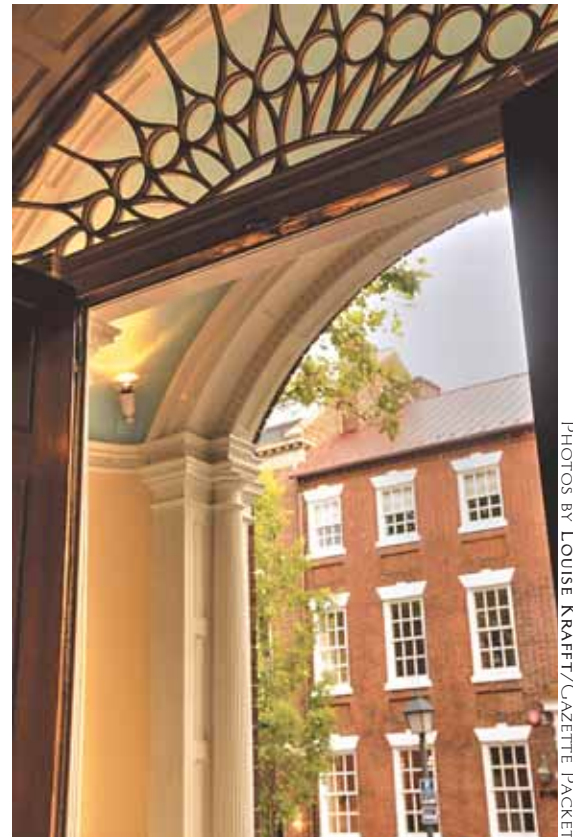


Historic preservation manager and architect Al Cox accepts the preservation awards for Murray Bonnit, Paul Beckmann, Robert Brandt and Steve Bannigan.

Tom Hulfish was acknowledged for his service to the historic community by his 25-year participation as a member of the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review. John Hynan was recognized for his service to AF as member of the board and chair of the HAF Advocacy Committee. Adrienne and Dennis Hensley received an HAF plaque for their home at 314 Prince St.



Twig Murray and Athenaeum executive director Catherine Aselford accept the grant from HAF for the restoration of the Doric columns at the museum.

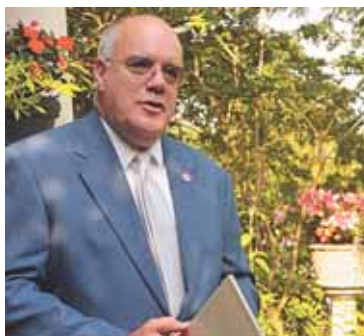


The Lord Fairfax House on Cameron Street was the site of the 2014 HAF annual meeting and garden party on Sunday afternoon.

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HAF executive director Mary Sparks Sterling, HAF president Dr. Morgan Delaney and hostess Leslie Ariail



Office of Historic Alexandria director Lance Mallamo accepts the HAF preservation grant for the purchase of two reproduction show globes for the Apothecary Shop.



Sally Murray and Michael Bradshaw

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Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

NEW TROLLEY HOURS

Beginning June 29 the **King Street Trolley** will start 10 a.m. daily and from Thursday-Saturday will run until midnight. From Sunday-Wednesday the last trolley will run at 10:15 p.m. The trolley runs daily every 15 minutes. For inquiries, comments or lost items contact DASH at 703-746-DASH or email DASHBus@AlexandriaVA.gov.

WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY

The **American Red Cross** encourages all eligible donors to choose their day to help save lives by giving blood in honor of World Blood Donor Day on June 14. To learn more and make an appointment to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or visit the Alexandria Chapter House, 123 North Alfred Street, 2:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 12.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Steering Committee Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Alexandria City Hall, room 2000, 301 King Street. Steering Committee meetings are open to the public, and members of the community are encouraged to participate. This is the third in a series of meetings held to solicit input on developing the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan over the course of the approximately 18-month planning process, anticipated for adoption in 2015. Contact Radhika Mohan at 703-746-3850 or radhika.mohan@alexandria.gov, or visit www.alexandriava.gov/eisenhowerwest.

Community Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Minnie Howard School Cafeteria, 3801 W. Braddock Road. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will host a public meeting to discuss options for a new 50-meter pool and renovated recreation pool. Contact Laura Durham at 703-746-5493 or

laura.durham@alexandriava.gov for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Nomination Deadline. The Alexandria Archaeological Commission is accepting nominations for the Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award. The Brenman Award, established in 2007, is open to businesses, organizations, families, professional preservationists, volunteers, students and other individuals who have demonstrated work or efforts in archaeological investigation, research, site protection, education, public interpretation, open space design, collections or conservation. Nomination forms are available at <http://alexandriava.gov/historic/archaeology/default.aspx?id=28180> or from the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at 703-746-4399.

THROUGH FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Art Donations. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at The Gallery@Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Art exhibit for Art Uniting People. For information on submitting artwork contact artunitingpeople@gmail.com or visit www.HealthierAlexandria.com/antistigma.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

City Council Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St.

MONDAY/JUNE 16

Blood Drive. 2:30-8 p.m. at Alexandria Chapter House, 123 N. Alfred St. Visit www.redcrossblod.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS for more or to make an appointment.

Eisenhower West Community Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cafeteria of Samuel Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive. Topics for the meeting include a brief overview of the small area planning process followed by a workshop to gather input from the community on the Eisenhower West area. Members of the community are encouraged to attend and participate. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/eisenhowerwest or contact Radhika Mohan at 703-746-3850.

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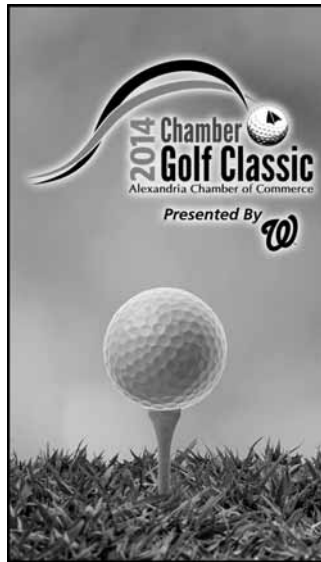


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The Silence of Cold Cases

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Loudoun charges won't be forthcoming. A gag order has been placed.

There might as well be an official muzzle on the investigations of Alexandria's hoped for charges against Severance. At present no warrants are filed. It is an unpleasant matter for police, the investigators and court officials. Mental examinations will probably be the order of the day before a death penalty trial or indictment may begin in the Franklin Backus Court-house.

I am well aware of Alexandria's longstanding policy not to comment on criminal cases not ready for trial. This is difficult for them and everybody else including reporters and writers.

Alexandria's latest public comment is this: "There is no gag or-

der (in Alexandria), we do not have charges on Mr. Severance at this point. There have not been any recent updates because we do not have any new information to share with the public. If that changes, we will send out a press release or hold a press conference."

If there are any other suspects, none have surfaced.

The murders are now cold cases. It's been suggested progress is being made but no evidence of that is appearing.

So the word is merely "expect the unexpected," not on any media schedule. What more can be said?

Well, we are still counting days that these cases remain unsolved:

- ❖ Ruthanne Lodato, 125 days
- ❖ Ronald Kirby, 211 days
- ❖ Nancy Dunning, 3,841 days.



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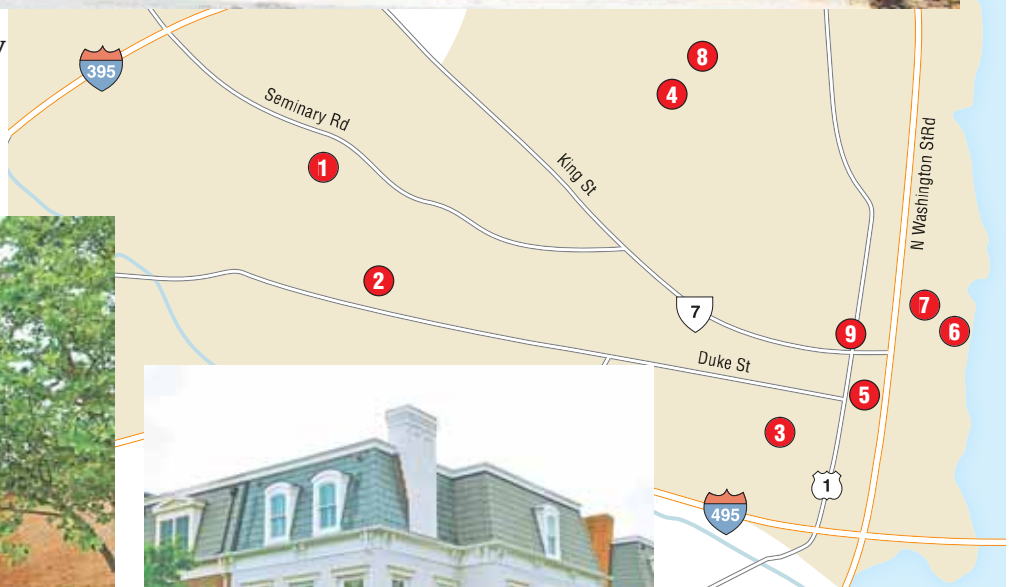
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Creating Private, Restful Retreat Designers offer suggestions for decorating the perfect bedroom.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

While most people crave a good night's sleep, it remains a dream for many. A bedroom that is both chic and comfortable can help the overworked find that restful slumber.

"A bedroom should be a retreat from the hectic lives so many of us live," said Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md.

Local interior designers like Kleinman say accessories and tweaks can turn a bedroom into a luxurious retreat. These changes, tastemakers say, don't require major overhauls, just a few design ideas.

Seating in the bedroom offers a place to relax other than the bed. "Everything depends on the size of the room," said Julie Sproules, an interior design faculty member at The Art Institute of Washington in Arlington. "A nice option is have a reading nook with comfortable seats, good lighting and perhaps a small table."

Kleinman said, "If you have the room, it's always nice to have a seating area — even if it's just one comfortable chair and ottoman," she said. "Create yourself a place to kick back and read or relax without having to be in bed."



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When coordinated well, pillows can create an inviting bedroom. Too many pillows however, can be cumbersome.

Accessorize the bedroom seating with a cozy throw. "They add a splash of color to a chair or chaise," said Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors and Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria. "You can use a throw to take the chill off."

A place to get dressed is also ideal. "A bedroom with a dressing area and good lighting is very convenient," said Sproules. "I have a closet in my bedroom with two doors that open, so when I open my doors I have my clothes, jewelry and mirror in a place where I can see them. I can get

dressed in the morning without disturbing my boyfriend."

If there is enough space in the bedroom, Sproules also recommends a vanity with a mirror, proper lighting and a stool without arms so it's easy to turn from one side to the other when getting ready.

A dish or bowl for storing personal items is also helpful on a nightstand or dresser. "I have a bowl for my earrings when I forget to take them off before going to bed," said Sanchez. "For men, it could be a place to drop keys instead of dropping them on the dresser and possibly damaging the wood."

When it comes to lighting, Sanchez recommends keeping it soft. "A beautiful lamp next to the bed with a nice shade that will filter light is the first thing I would recommend," she said.

To create a restful retreat, Kleinman often forgoes patterns, "but maximizes lots of different textures like linen, silk, mohair, velvet and chenille."

Preferred color palettes are warm but not too bright or glaring. "I like soft bronze with powdery blues, silvery grey and creams or varying shades of brown and beige punctuated by accents of light teal," she said.

When it comes to accessorizing a bed, Kleinman says less is more. "Don't overload it on the pillows. I layer the bed with no more than three rows of pillows. You want

the bed to look inviting. Too many pillows just become a hassle and the bed loses its elegance."

Kleinman's ideal bed includes a row of bolsters or extra-large king shams followed by three Euro shams and then one long rectangular accent pillow or two smaller square accent pillows. "Either store the sleeping pillows or make them the first row up against the headboard," she said. "Rows of sleeping pillows plus all the decorative pillows are just too much."

The decorative accent pillows help create a polished look. "It could be lumbar, a bolster, to unify the whole look," said Sanchez. "It could be monogrammed or beaded. It could be the one fancy pillow that you splurge on, but also a decorative pillow that will never have a head on it."

When it's time to turn down the bed at night, Kleinman suggests storing the decorative pillows in an upholstered storage bench near the bed.

Finally, control the amount of light that filters through the windows. "I prefer floor-length draperies that are lined with 'bump,' which is a heavy felt-like lining, or blackout lining," said Kleinman. "Most of my clients prefer blackout lining. Keep the drapes simple and not too fussy. Heavy cornices or valances are distracting and they dilute that feeling of calm."

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ONGOING

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. June 11-13; and 10 and 11:30 a.m. 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 or call 703-967-0437.

Art Exhibit. Through Friday, June 20, see Alexandria artist Joan Ulrich's ceramics are on display in "Process as Inspiration: New Work" at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Galleries and studios are open Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. Meet the artist Sunday, June 8, 3-5 p.m. Visit www.joanulrich.com.

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. Visit www.nvfaa.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. "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.

Art Exhibit. "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes 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.

Beyond the Battlefield Exhibition. Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. through June 30. Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the House features a new exhibit on Civil War medical care with a hospital room setup. \$3. Visit www.lee-fendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Photography Exhibit. Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-9 p.m. June 24-Aug. 3. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sisen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

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.

Blue Star Museums. More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at <http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

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.

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 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 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 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. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org.

Singing. 7:30-10 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

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 or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-74605414 or claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov.

Pre-School Studio. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood



Anne Paine West, Bernie Engel and Erblin Nushi rehearse for Little Theatre of Alexandria's production of "Plaza Suite."

LTA Stages 'Plaza Suite'

Slapstick comedy by Neil Simon about love and marriage is sure to please.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
GAZETTE PACKET

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging the Neil Simon slapstick comedy, "Plaza Suite," June 14-July 5. The play about love and marriage is composed of three acts starring different couples and set in Suite 719 of the Plaza Hotel in New York City. It was made into a 1971 film starring Walter Matthau, Maureen Stapleton, Barbara Harris and Lee Grant. Mike Nichols won the Tony award in 1968 for best direction of a play that featured George C. Scott and Stapleton on Broadway.

"Plaza Suite" Director Shawn g. Byers's first goal was to bring the words on the page to life. "One of the things that Neil Simon is so wonderful at is showing the comedy in our human foibles," he said.

He added, "I have learned while working on this play to look at my own foibles and stressful situations and see the humor that lies within. So maybe, just maybe one or two audience members will see themselves in Karen, Roy, or Muriel — and take just a moment to laugh the next time they are faced with adversity."

Jack Stein plays the role of Sam Nash, who can't accept the inevitability of growing older. "He seeks ways to remain young at the risk of losing the very person [his wife] who knows him better than he knows himself," he said.

His biggest challenge has been figuring out how to show the inner softness of Sam's somewhat gruff exterior. "To do so, I tapped into some of my own personal experiences and those of people I know," said Stein, who performed in another version of the

play many years ago in a different role.

Amy Solo is playing the role of Karen Nash, a woman married to the love of her life who finds herself in danger of losing everything she holds most dear. "Feeling the ground beneath her shake a bit, she engineers an opportunity to rekindle the romance of her marriage," she said. But things do not go as planned, and Karen is not going to go down without a fight.

She said her relationship with Sam has an interesting love language that on its face could be read as bickering, but there is a lot of affection there. "On its face, this scene could be read as a fight but it really is a dance," Solo said.

"For the chapter on the Nashes from Mamaroneck, the reminder that love is a choice, a daily choice, in every long-term relationship, is what I hope everyone walks away with," she said.

Shelagh Roberts plays Muriel Tate, a "typical" suburban housewife in an unhappy marriage in 1968, who seems prim and proper at first, but as vodka stingers are consumed and the layers are peeled off, more emerges.

"Lucky for us, Neil Simon has ensured that Muriel and [her husband] Jesse challenge each other, and he gives us many shifts in the relationship throughout the scene, as well as transition points where the characters reveal some of who they really are," she said.

With co-star Richard Isaacs, they're locked in an intense game of cat and mouse for half an hour. "It's up to us to keep it moving and vary the levels so there is movement and energy in the scene," she said. "It's like one long acting-class scene every

time we go up there. We have a lot of fun keeping the other one guessing."

She added, "All of these characters are very relevant and relatable today. People like to think we have evolved to some master modern sensibility

"'Plaza Suite' is one of those plays where audiences can really just sit back, relax, and enjoy more than a few good laughs."

— Richard Isaacs

SEE 'PLAZA SUITE', PAGE 28

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ENTERTAINMENT

ArtsFest Joins Old Town Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday at Market Square

Alexandria arts organizations will launch the yearlong celebration of their many "Extraordinary Anniversaries" Saturday, June 12, 3-8 p.m., in conjunction with the 34th Annual Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by Volunteer Alexandria. From the 100th birthday of the (recently renovated) Old Town Theater, to the 80 years of the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 70 years of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, 60 years of the Art League, 30 years of MetroStage and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, to five years of Ambassador Theater, Alexandria has a lot to celebrate.

On Saturday, more than 80 artists will be on display, accompanied by live entertainment on both the stage at Market Square and at the Torpedo Factory. Performances and interactive arts activities will include a chamber group from the Alexandria Symphony, scenes and a Bulgarian dance group from the Ambassador Theater, dance concerts from the Choreographers Collaboration Project and the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, the Alexandria Citizens Band and more. Performances begin at 2 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory and 3 p.m. with the Arts and Crafts Festival.

Other arts anniversaries include 50 years of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, 40 years of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 25 years of the Washington Balalaika Society, 20 years of First Night Alexandria and Ten Thousand Villages, 15 years of the Choreographers Collaboration Project, 10 years of the Durant Art Center and five years for Del Ray's Arts on the Avenue and the Youth Arts Festival.

Visual artists, fiber artists, photographers, print, paper and graphics artists in collaboration with the performing artists in the area will make for an "extraordinary" Saturday afternoon in Old Town Alexandria. Visit <http://handsonconnect.volunteerallexandria.org> for more.

CALENDAR

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.

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-Thursdays, 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.

Youth Summer Classes. Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

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.

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 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. Visit www.mvccct.org to register.

Stop Motion Animation and Cartooning. Aug. 18-21. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-12. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$140 for cartooning and \$150 for stop-motion animation taught by Christine Stoddard. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/classsummer14.htm for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform sailor songs from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

Second Thursday Art Night. 6 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. The event will feature a mural unveiling and remarks by Alexandria mayor William D. Euille. A new exhibit commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Torpedo Factory will host a public reception in the Target Gallery at 7 p.m. Birthday cake will follow. Call 703-838-4565 or visit torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Reception & Meet the Artist. 6:30-8 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 21, 105 N. Union St. "Figural Fine Lines" is Susan O'Neill's art inspired by human form. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jeff Smith performs country, blues and rock. \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Wine Dinner. 7-10 p.m. Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. The Winery at La Grange brings you a five-course dinner including five wines, including La Grange Viogner, which has not been released to the public yet. \$70. Contact Dina Ramsted at info@unionstreetpublichouse.com or 703-548-1785 and visit <https://usph.webconnex.com/0612WineDinner> to purchase tickets.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Scott Kurt performs, opens for Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes. Visit <http://scottkurtmusic.blogspot.com/> for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13-SUNDAY/JULY 20

Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from June 13-July 20. An exhibition of Marcelo Novo's paintings on maps and stamps titled, "Here, There, Somewhere." The mixed media gallery will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 North Beauregard St. Call 703-845-6156 for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

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 for more.

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CALENDAR

obstacle course, solar cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts and more. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp or call 703-289-2500.

Rainforest Reptiles Alive. 11:30 a.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Meet animals from each layer of the rainforest and hear stories of survival in the endangered environment. Animals may include an iguana and boa constrictor. \$10. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Gum Springs Community Day. 1-5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr., Community Park, 8115 Fordson Road. The free family event features music, food, demonstrations, children's activities and information booths. The Gum Springs Historical museum will be open. Visit www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com for more.

Volunteer Alexandria Arts and Craft Festival. 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Featuring live music, children's activities, and more than 70 vendors, including glass artists, paintings, sculptures, and more. Presented by Volunteer Alexandria in collaboration with ArtsFEST. Free. Call 703-836-2176 or visit <http://volunteerallexandria.org> for more.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. John and Sarah Flynn perform. \$18 general, \$15 in advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org for more.

War of 1812 Boat Tour. 7-10 p.m. Leaves from the Potomac Riverboat Company's dock near 205 The Strand. Enjoy a river cruise of the Potomac that highlights significant sights along the way. Tickets include a dinner buffet and open bar. \$75. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4242 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Father's Day Barbecue. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. "General Washington" poses for photographs and talks about his role as husband and father of the country. Learn about 18th Century distilleries, watch the 16 foot water wheel in action and

enjoy a barbecue. \$9-\$30. Contact 703-780-0011 for more or to make barbecue reservations.

Father'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 or 703-746-4994 for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Army String Trio performs Bach and Goldberg. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 16

Herbal Medicine Workshops. 7-8 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St. A series of workshops, "Herbal Medicine and Stress: Past and Present." Professional therapeutic herbalist Lin Porter teaches how herbs were and still are used to relieve stress-related symptoms while exploring practical options for controlling stress in modern life. \$8 per person, reservations required. Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> or call 703-746-3852.

Old Town Days: Celebrity Impersonators Showcase. 7:30 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. A 90 minute review of the world's top female legends with a Las Vegas/Atlantic City feel featuring impersonations of Tina Turner, Beyonce and more. \$20-\$30. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 17

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Joe Ely performs. \$29.50. Visit www.ely.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

Tour and Beer Tasting. 6-8 p.m. Port City Brewing Company, 3950

Wheeler Ave. The friends of United Community Ministries invite you to enjoy a tour of the brewery, visit the tasting room and taste beer fresh from the taps. Light refreshments will be served. \$20. Proceeds benefit UCM's Basic Needs programs. Visit www.ucmagency.org/ for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Secret Sisters perform. \$20. Visit www.secretersistersband.com or www.birchmere.com

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. Scales and Crosstones will perform traditional Celtic music and sea shanties. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

Fundraiser Gala. 7 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. "A Night Among the Stars" at the Fostering the Future Gala. \$75+, buffet and drinks included. All proceeds benefit The Fund for Alexandria's Child. Visit www.stargala.eventbrite.com or www.alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild for tickets. Contact 703-746-5663 or email thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov. Attire is Hollywood glamorous, black tie optional.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Live Music. 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Lauren Mitchell and her band perform a combination of blues and soul. \$12-\$20. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Comedy Improv. 8 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Retrosessionists improv group will take suggestions and turn them into scenes and games. Cash bar opens at 7:30 p.m. \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 20-21

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SATURDAY/JUNE 21

3rd Annual Alexandria's Food & Wine Festival. Noon-5 p.m. Old Town Alexandria's Carlyle District. Promotes local businesses and the benefits of living, working, and playing in the Carlyle district. Free to attend, tickets need for food and wine tastings. <http://alexandriafoodandwine.com> for more.

Night of the Templar. 6 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Premiere screening of an indie film weaving together murder, mystery, horror, drama, suspense and more. Features Norman Reedus of "The Walking Dead" and other stars. \$75. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Live music. 7 p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents the folk/Celtic/jazz duo Acoustic Eidolon, with special guest Nicole Belanus. Tickets \$15-\$18. Discounts available for Focus members. Visit www.focusmusic.org, or contact Herb Cooper-Levy at 703-380-3151 or herb@focusmusic.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 21-23

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Cindy Alexander performs, opens for The Bacon Brothers. Visit www.cindyalexander.com or www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Presidential Salon. 3-4:30 p.m. Main Dining Room, Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 134 North Royal St. President James Madison discusses unfolding events in the context of his own time, 1814. \$10-\$15. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703.746.4242 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Piano trios perform Beethoven and Schubert. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

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FARMERS MARKETS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, May 7-Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm for more.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net for more.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more.

impersonations of Tina Turner, Beyonce and more. \$20-\$30. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com.

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Joe Henry. \$25. Visit www.joehenrylovesyoumadly.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Author Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Alexandria Historical Society will host authors Char McCargo Bah, Christa Watters, Audrey P. Davis, Gwendolyn Brown-Henderson and James E. Henson Sr. who will discuss their book "African Americans of

Alexandria, Virginia: Beacons of Light in the Twentieth Century." Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform sailor songs from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 26-28

Chamber Dance Project. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. Mount Vernon resident Diane Coburn Bruning, Arts Council of Fairfax County and Arts Commission of Virginia award-winning choreographer, and her Chamber Dance Project will be performing "Contemporary Ballet with an Edge." Tickets \$40-\$50. Visit kennedy-center.org or call 202-467-4600.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Live Music. 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Blues guitar player and singer Bob Margolin performs original music. \$14-\$20. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Alexandria Archaeology's Family Dig Days. 1:30-3 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union



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St., #327. Help archaeologists screen excavated soil from a real dig on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Space is limited and reservations are required. All necessary equipment will be provided. \$5 per person. Contact archaeology@alexandriava.gov to register, or call 703-746-4399.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Photography Reception. 2-4 p.m. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. The opening reception for "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Violinist and pianist perform Beethoven. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Art Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Mixed media artist Francie Hester opens her gallery featuring pieces that draw from the ordering principles of mathematics and science. Exhibition continues through Aug. 3. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 30

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn how to distinguish between "the good, the bad and the ugly" of historical films and TV shows from "Gladiator" to "Cleopatra." Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music

Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Andrew Ripp and Brendan James will open for Andy Grammer. \$20. Visit www.andrewripp.com, www.brendanjames.com, or www.Birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 7:30 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Kalorama trio performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Live Music. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/Inn for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Delbert McClinton performs. Rescheduled from April 25; tickets honored and refunds available at place of purchase. \$45. Visit www.delbert.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day Event. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Event features fireworks, naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, wreathlaying ceremony, and birthday cake (while supplies last.) Events included in Mount Vernon ticket price. Tickets \$8-\$17. Visit mountvernon.org for more.

'Plaza Suite' at LTA

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where there is perfect equality or respect in relationships, and I just don't think it's true."

Isaacs plays the role of Jesse Kiplinger, a famous Hollywood producer reuniting with his high school sweetheart after 17 years. "He's a little full of himself and is sure he can seduce her with his constant declaration that she is the only decent, un-phony, uncorrupt woman left in the world," he said.

"'Plaza Suite' is one of those plays where audiences can really just sit back, relax, and enjoy more than a few good laughs," he said. "When the audience leaves this show, I really think they'll be walking away with a smile that just won't stop."

Anne Paine West plays the role of Norma Hubley, a frustrated and insecure wife and mother. "Norma struggles to present her imperfect family as perfect," she said. "Act III emphasizes the importance of a loving marriage for a family, and Norma and Roy's foibles and absurdities make for painful but wonderful comedy."

She said, "Everyone can easily identify with and feel compassion for the Hubley family."

She hopes audiences will take away what Neil Simon wrote: "How sad and funny life is. This is a tradition of Jewish humor ... seeing humor as a

healing, life-giving force."

Bernie Engel plays Roy Hubley, a brash and assertive man who's really a pussycat on the inside. "He threatens to kill his daughter, but in reality wouldn't harm a hair on her head," he said.

He added, "With all the yelling Roy does, it was a challenge not to lose my voice."

Producer Jennifer Lyman said, "I chose to produce this show because I have worked with Shawn G. Byers a couple of times — with us in different roles — and when I learned that he was directing 'Plaza Suite,' I jumped at the chance to produce for him."

She also said, "I hope the audience has a good time laughing at all the wonderful humor that Neil

Simon has infused into 'Plaza Suite,' and that on their way home they say, 'What a great evening!'"

Co-producer Jamie Blake said, "All three acts are different and fun in their own way. The key is choosing the right actors, and our director has done that."

"Plaza Suite" runs June 14-July 5 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$17 to \$20 (plus service fees). Call the box office at 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

"I hope the audience has a good time laughing..."

— Jennifer Lyman

Profiles of Courage

Detective Conrad L. Birney, 1972

Conrad L. Birney was born on August 9, 1932. He grew up in Alexandria, married and on April 4, 1956, was sworn in as an Alexandria police officer.

On December 27, 1972, now a detective, Birney responded to a call for a bank alarm. Detective Birney began to enter the bank. He and the robbers saw each other at the same time and as he reached for his weapon, one suspect forced the door against him, knocking him to the ground. Before he could draw his weapon, one of the robbers fired at him, striking him in the chest.



The suspects fled and Detective Birney was unable to return fire. He was taken to Alexandria Hospital and pronounced dead at 1:07 p.m.

Three men were identified and on May 22, 1973, were indicted for Detective Birney's murder. In addition to federal bank robbery, each was convicted of first-degree murder. Mack Holland was sentenced to life in prison, Ralph Walker was sentenced to 40 years in prison, and Percy Floyd was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Detective Birney, 40, was survived by his wife Barbara, and their three children, Judy, Cheryl and Robert.

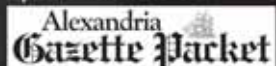
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City Officials Plan Flood Mitigation for Waterfront

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memorandum to the City Council, Planning Director Faroll Hamer explained that the consultant team and staff have begun developing and reviewing cost estimates. But she added that they have not been able to give the numbers the “level of detail and scrutiny” needed to provide an “appropriate comfort level” on their accuracy.

“The scheduled time for staff and the consultant team to work on cost estimates was superseded by work on supporting the negotiations with the Old Dominion Boat Club and incorporating the design changes that reflect the club’s relocation,” Hamer wrote.

Critics of the city’s plan say it will be an expensive solution that will fail to protect Alexandria from major storm events. During a recent Planning Commission public hearing, Kupersmith presented a disaster scenario in which the flood-wall would be overtopped and the pump stations would stop functioning.

Parts of the city would have to be evacuated and debris would clog the drains. City officials acknowledge that the pump stations would stop working temporarily, but they say the system has been designed to handle that.

“They will kick on and start working again when the water recedes down below elevation six,” said Emily Baker, director of the Department of Project Implementation. “We think this system has been designed in a way to operate during a flood event, and continue operating after a flood event.”

“May I make one quick point?” asked Kupersmith, who wanted to respond to Baker.

“No,” replied Eric Wagner, chairman of the Planning Commission.

CITY OFFICIALS say the waterfront plan approved by City Council calls for a six-foot flood-wall. Some parts of the waterfront already have that elevation, including the Torpedo Factory and the city marina. But other parts of the waterfront are much lower. Those are the areas that will be the focus of the flood mitigation efforts. The six-foot elevation was the recommendation of a 2010 consultant study, which later became part of the waterfront plan.

“Building flood mitigation to a four-foot



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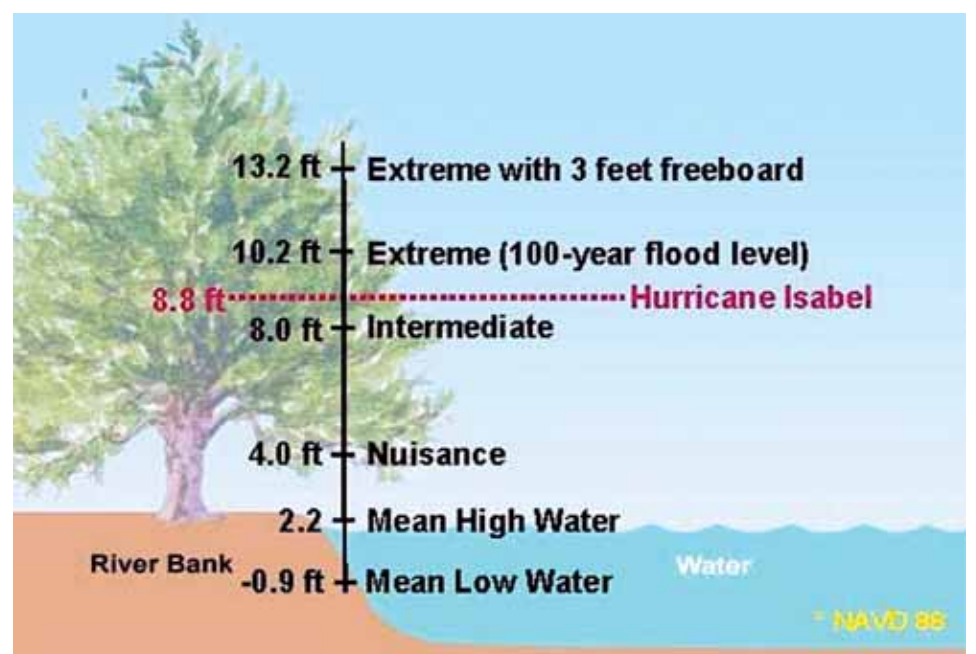
Existing nuisance flooding at six feet.

level would be a little like building a house at six feet,” said Planning Commission member Nate Macek. “A lot of us would be hitting our heads if the ceilings were that low in our house.”

Critics say the flood mitigation efforts might end up doing more harm than good. When Waterfront Park is raised from a two-foot elevation to a six-foot elevation, for example, a new downward slope will be created to the west. That means water will not be able to drain, and the six-foot elevation will end up trapping water on the land instead of allowing it to drain.

“If it overtops at six feet, you are going to have to wait two or three days for the pumps to kick back in,” said Kathryn Papp, associate fellow at National Council Science and Environment. “I think that we need to do a lot more hard thinking on that.”

City leaders say they hope to have cost estimates for the flood mitigation efforts this fall.



Flood levels

Beyer Wins Primary

FROM PAGE 5

chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. “He was able to get his message out through the mail, through radio, through television and he was able to get the kind of endorsements that are needed to be successful in not just a primary but in a general election campaign.”

THE RACE featured some of the biggest names in Northern Virginia politics,

including state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30), who won six precincts, Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, who won two precincts and former Urban League of Northern Virginia president Lavern Chatman, who won three precincts. Beyer’s ties to money and power ended up discouraging several candidates who dropped out of the race after determining they couldn’t win.

“My polling showed that it was a very narrow path to victory,” said Del. Charniele

Herring (D-46). “And I think that tonight’s election results basically reflect what my polling was showing as far as how strong a candidate Don Beyer is.”

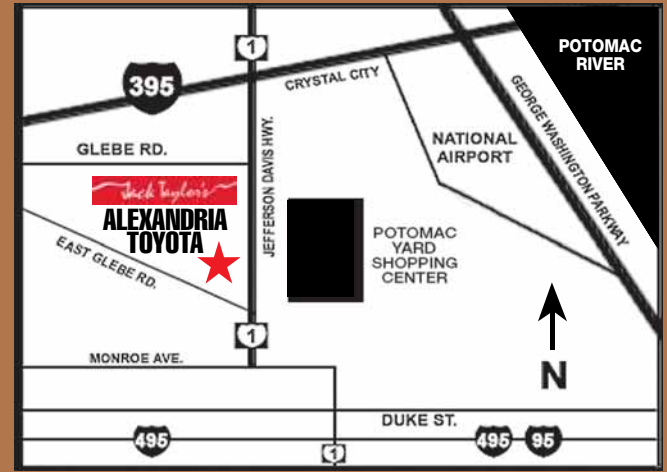
Beyer’s campaign featured solid Democratic issues, including support for gun safety measures and a progressive carbon tax. On the campaign trail, he talked about working against income inequality and fighting for government workers who live in the region. Now he heads into the fall campaign with a set of issues to wage a campaign against Republican Micah Edmond, Libertarian Jeffrey Carson and independent Gwendolyn Beck.



Gov. Terry McAuliffe congratulates former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer on his victory in the Democratic primary.

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The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team celebrates winning the 6A North region championship on June 5.



T.C. Williams senior Wilson Miezan, left, reacts after Washington-Lee sophomore Maycol Nunez (11) threw an elbow during the 6A North region championship match on June 5. Nunez received a red card.

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TC Boys' Soccer Wins First Region Championship Since '74

Miezan's defense, Williamson's 4 goals lead Titans past W-L.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

An hour prior to the 6A North region championship match on June 5, T.C. Williams boys' soccer coach Martin Nickley met with Wilson Miezan and told the senior forward he'd be playing defense.

His assignment: man-marking Washington-Lee sophomore sensation Maycol Nunez, who had scored 37 goals this season, including three during the Generals' 4-0 regular-season victory over TC on May 13.

Miezan, an offensive threat in his own right, accepted the challenge, forgoing potential goal-scoring glory in an attempt to help the Titans win a title.

"[Nickley] thought I was the best matchup one-on-one to mark [Nunez], so I was like, sure, I can step up," Miezan said. "I take pride in playing everywhere, so I don't really mind."

When Thursday's match ended, Nunez was frustrated and scoreless, and the Titans were champions.

Eryk Williamson scored four goals, Ramsey Benzina totaled three assists, and T.C. Williams captured its first region championship since 1974 with a 5-2 victory over Washington-Lee at Parker-Gray Stadium in Alexandria.

"It's big," Miezan said. "... It's fantastic for us."

For the first 55 minutes of Thursday's match, Miezan helped lock down Nunez, holding him without a goal and limiting his offensive opportunities. Nunez would spend the final 25 minutes on the bench after re-

ceiving a red card for throwing an elbow.

"Once I gave him that assignment, I didn't look at him again the whole day," Nickley said. "[I figured Miezan would think], 'Coach dropped this on me an hour before?' He knew he was up for a big assignment because Maycol Nunez has had an unbelievable year. But I think Willy really bought into that and was very excited to accept that challenge and [it] worked out well."

Benzina, a team captain, praised Miezan's selfless move from forward to defender.

"He's been such a great player, but that's the best I've ever seen him play," Benzina said. "... Willy's just that kind of guy."

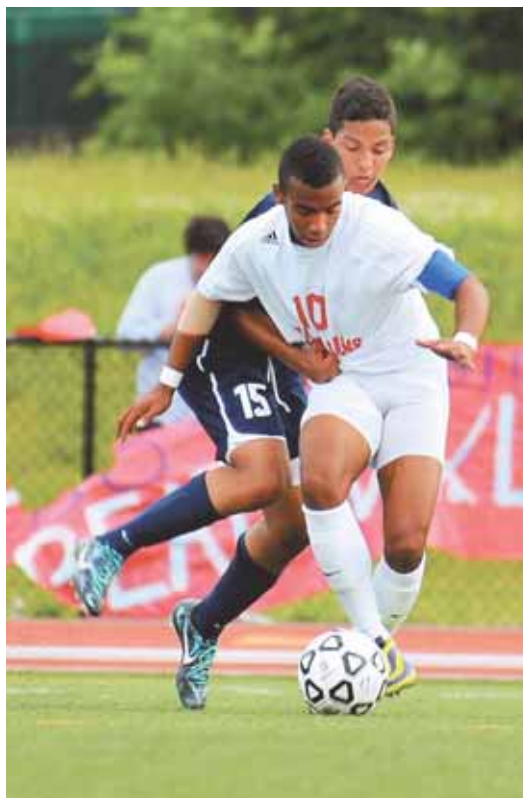
Nunez received a red card for throwing an elbow, sending him to the bench with 25 minutes remaining and W-L trailing 3-0. The sophomore forward, by rule, will have to sit out of the Generals' state semifinal match on Thursday, June 12.

"It was stupid," W-L head coach Jimmy Carrasquillo said. "It was frustration and being stupid. That's all it boils down to. He's young [and] frustrated. He had all this success and today he's not getting a lot of balls, not getting a lot of touches. He got frustrated and it was stupid."

While Nunez struggled, his Arlington Strikers Red club teammate, Williamson, thrived. Williamson sat out of the regular-season match against W-L after receiving two yellow cards in the previous contest against Annandale. In Thursday's region final, he scored four goals, two in each half. His third goal came two minutes after Nunez received a red card.

"He had a magical night out there," Nickley said about Williamson. "That was a great performance."

T.C. Williams, playing with a strong wind at its back in the first half, jumped out to an early lead when Benzina served in a cor-



T.C. Williams junior Eryk Williamson scored four goals against Washington-Lee in the 6A North region championship match on June 5.

ner kick and Kaleab Ferde finished with a header in the fifth minute, giving the Titans a 1-0 advantage.

Williamson scored in the 12th minute with an assist from Benzina, building the TC lead to 2-0. In the 33rd minute, Benzina served in a long free kick and Williamson found the back of the net with a header, giving the Titans a 3-0 lead heading into halftime.

"We came out flat [and made] dumb mistakes in the back," said Carrasquillo, whose Generals saw their record fall to 17-1-3. "Of

all games where you don't want to lay that first egg, today was it. Today was the wrong day to do it."

After Williamson's third goal gave TC a 4-0 lead in the 57th minute, W-L countered with a goal from Roger Rojas in the 58th. W-L continued to battle and cut TC's lead to 4-2 when Noah Goodkind scored on a header with an assist from Michael Katz in the 67th minute, but Williamson added an insurance goal in the 72nd.

After losing in the region quarterfinals multiple times in recent seasons, the Titans set their sights this year on getting past the second round. TC beat McLean 2-1 in overtime in this year's quarterfinal round on May 30 and has kept on winning. The Titans defeated Battlefield 3-0 in the semifinals on June 3 before knocking off previously unbeaten W-L.

"It feels amazing," Williamson said. "We were falling short in the second round and now that we got past the second round, it feels good to go all the way and win it."

Next up for Washington-Lee is a state semifinal match against 6A South champion Grassfield at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 at Robinson Secondary School. T.C. Williams will face Hylton in the other semifinal match at 7 p.m.

Nickley, who is his 24th season as T.C. Williams head coach, also led the Titans to the state tournament in 1993 and 2002. Nickley said players from each of his previous two state tournament teams have offered their support.

"Some of the guys you saw were from the '93 team and they were just the biggest fans up in the stands," Nickley said. "Some of those [guys] were from the 2002 team and they were calling and texting, 'Go ahead, let's take that other step. Let's win it this time.'"



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Coxswain Rosa Procaccino throws her hands up into the air in celebration as the T.C. Williams girls' varsity 8 crosses the finish line .27 seconds ahead of Brentwood College School from Vancouver to win the 2014 Canadian Nationals this past weekend in St. Catharines, Ontario. Procaccino called for a sprint 500 meters from the finish line that helped spark the Titan victory.

TC Girls' 1V, Frosh 8 Win Gold

First time since '92 Titans capture Canada's top award in both junior, senior events.

The T.C. Williams girls' varsity 8 and girls' freshman 8 accomplished something this past weekend that no Titan crew team has accomplished since 1992 — they both won gold at the Canadian Nationals.

Held in St. Catharines, Ontario, the Canadian Nationals are Canada's equivalent of the national championship regatta for high school rowing teams. As such, it attracts the fastest boats from across Canada, and a handful of top boats from the U.S., as well.

Against this field, the TC girls' 1V and frosh 8 both came out on top. The 1V victory came late Sunday afternoon. Just over 24 hours earlier, the Varsity Girls, racing in crystal clear conditions, had stormed through the semifinals by posting the second-fastest time of the day. By Sunday, storm clouds moved in and the temperature dropped 20 degrees. But the Titans didn't let a little bad weather stand in the way.

They raced down the 2,000-meter course, neck-in-neck with the crew from Brentwood College School (from Vancouver, B. C.) nearly the whole way. Trailing Brentwood by half a boat's length 500 meters from the finish line, senior coxswain Rosa Procaccino called for one more sprint to end the season. The Titan oarswomen responded, and TC pulled ahead just as they crossed the finish line.

The Titans won with a time of 7:05.33, which was .27 seconds faster than Brentwood. Members of the T.C. Williams varsity 8 include coxswain Procaccino and rowers Maria Junstiniano, Claire Embrey, Katie Pickup, Kyra McClary, Amelia Bender, Harper Jensen, Maeve Bradley and Giulia Pastore.

The girls' 1V is guided by coach Jaime Rubini.

The 1V victory came nearly two hours after the victory by the TC girls' freshman 8. When the frosh 8 launched from the dock before the start of their race, their coach, Pat Marquardt, instructed them to do one thing: "Go all out." The freshman girls followed his instructions.

They exploded out of the start, took the lead, and never let up. They crossed the finish line with a time of 7:20.87, which was nearly four seconds faster than



The T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 display the awards and roses they were presented for winning the 2014 Canadian Nationals. Members of the frosh 8 include (from left): Anissa Ashraf, Olivia Anthony, Reed Kenny, Katie Murphy, Elizabeth Roda, Lily Warden, Caroline Hill, Sierra Arnold and Emily De Bodene.

runner-up Brentwood.

Members of the TC 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 DeBodene.

Also turning in strong performances at the Canadian Nationals were the T.C. Williams boys' senior 4, who advanced out of their qualifying heat and made it to the semifinals even though they had only been rowing together as a boat for less than two weeks, and sculler Maura Nakahata, who also advanced out of her heat and into the semis despite the fact that this was her first race as a sculler all year.

The T.C. Williams boys' varsity 8 also turned in a strong showing this past weekend in Canada. They captured second place in their semifinal race, narrowly missing a trip to the final by less than .6 seconds. The race brought to a close the most successful season for a Titan boys' 1V since 2006.

The performances also cap a very successful season of rowing for T.C. Williams crew. In addition to the two championships won at the Canadian Nationals by the girls' 1V and freshman 8, the Titans won three state championships, three silver medals, and two bronze medals on the year.

The T.C. Williams crew team is guided by boys' head coach Pete Stramese and Marquardt, who in addition to guiding the frosh 8, is also in his first year serving as head coach of the entire girls' team.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.
AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 13 (MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES), Chapter 1 (GENERAL OFFENSES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by amending Section 13-1-37 regarding conduct on public transit and within dedicated transitways and related infrastructure.
The proposed ordinance amends the existing code section to address the creation of transitways and related stations and changes in infrastructure, and to ensure that standards of conduct are enforceable therein.
AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2014.
The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2014.
AN ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the sale of property owned by the City of Alexandria located at 1505 Powhatan Street in the City of Alexandria to Pulte Home Corporation. The proposed ordinance authorizes the sale of the referenced real property and authorizes the City Manager to enter into all appropriate agreements to complete the sale.
AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 430 and 450 South Pickett Street from CSL/Commercial Services Low to CDD #17a/Coordinated Development District 17a Cameron Park in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2013-0005.
The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2013-0005 to rezone the property at 430 and 450 South Pickett Street from CSL/Commercial Services Low to CDD#17a/Coordinated Development District 17a Cameron Park.
AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Landmark Van Dorn Corridor Plan in the Landmark Van Dorn Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0005 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provision of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.
The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0008 to amend the height map in the Landmark Van Dorn Corridor Plan to allow up to a maximum of 85 feet on block M1, Cameron Park, approved by the City Council on May 17, 2014.
AN ORDINANCE making provision for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015.
The proposed ordinance appropriates funds for the operation of the City government in FY 2015.
AN ORDINANCE to repeal and reenact Chapter 2 (FOOD AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS), Title 11 (HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY REGULATIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. Consideration of the a proposed ordinance to adopt the 2013 FDA Food Code and subsequent versions of the FDA Food Code and their supplements and to the Food and Food Handling of the City of Alexandria by renaming the code the Food Safety Code of the City of Alexandria.
AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE), Division 2 (CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
The proposed ordinance follows the direction given staff by Council at the November 12, 2012 legislative session and amends Sections 9-13-30 and -31 to remove driver transfer provisions.
Public Hearing on the proposal to name the City playground at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center the Ruthanne Lodato Memorial Playground.
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taxes. Additionally, if the new metro station in Potomac Yard is approved along with a replacement sewer system built in Old Town, our property taxes could skyrocket up to 10-15 cents, maybe more. These unintended consequences are what gets you in the end.

Townsend A. "Van"
Van Fleet, Alexandria

Everything And Nothing

To the Editor:

Despite the long and tortuous process that has led us to Plan D for the waterfront, it has reverted to the intentions of the few who met together in 2006. A troika of those still at the helm of development in the City of Alexandria: a well-known financier, the city's lead outside legal counsel, and its favored developer. The result? A fully loaded waterfront designed for maximum revenue generation from residential housing and tourism. The Historic District, which includes the waterfront, is now considered merely "context", like the theatrical backdrop of a theme park.

The waterfront's Plan D, which is now before City Council for approval, is a mirror image — down to the oversized plaza and fountain — of the urban renewal design that brought us the gutted (and wholly unsuccessful) center of Old Town. To this day Market Square and its neighboring plaza to the west remain unfulfilled — mostly empty. They were intended to accommodate up to 1,500 people, standing, for civic rallies and other events. The architecture surrounding is banal beyond belief. There is almost nothing that separates this from the disastrous design that is Plan D.

Once again the vital feature that is Old Town, its historic character, is being washed clean by the same banal and unimaginative treatment that comes from developer-dominated design. Even InterContinental's (Carr) proposed hotel is a mishmash of features that only a developer could love — it has everything and nothing. The preliminary drawings for Robinson Terminal South are lifted wholesale from Ford's Landing and Rivergate, both by EYA. Their "open space" is never used as such by either residents at the condos or visitors, because they are cramped and offer views of, well ... condo corridors.

The design, Plan D, from north to south is a disaster. The core is large, hard and hot ... saturated with large restaurants with no parking, designed for and massively programmed events. Green space in the south, as limited as it is, is crammed with ... bocce courts? And the most naturally endowed place on the riverfront, Oronoco Bay Park is scheduled for "cleanup and entertainment."

Oronoco Bay is now naturalizing, so that wildlife is returning ... fox, osprey, red diving ducks, turtles, redwing blackbirds, snakes, and sanctuary for 11 baby ducks. What happened to Laurie Olin's uplifting and wonderful vision for a naturalized shoreline? Doesn't Plan D already do enough to disenfranchise residents?

Kathryn Papp, Alexandria

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