



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Art work hangs in the back of a painting tent to dry.

'The Artist Within ...'

Dozens of booths offering arts and crafts activities dotted the perimeter of the school yard at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School on Saturday, June 9, for the 3rd Annual Youth Arts Festival. Throughout the afternoon student performances on stage featured vocalists, dancers, poetry readings, dramatic monologues,

interactive modeling, a puppet show and more. The festival was sponsored by ARHA (Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority), Alexandria Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities, Alexandria City Public Schools, Northern Virginia Urban League, the Campagna Center and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.



Amarri Parker adds some finishing details to the butterfly on Makayla Alford's face.



As the temperature rose into the 90s, the misting tent proved to be a popular attraction.

Natasha Patterson works on building a birdhouse for her girls.

Insiders Prevail

Incumbents and former incumbents win, pushing back calls for change.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Despite calls for change at City Hall, Alexandria voters sent a message Tuesday that they like the recent direction of

city government, and they selected a slate of candidates that continues the status quo. Results from this week's primary sets the stage for a confrontation this November with Republicans, who oppose many recent decisions such as the controversial waterfront plan. In some ways, the upcoming campaign for City Council will reframe the debate that played out over the last few

months — a debate about whether or not the city is moving in the right direction, which included many candidates speaking out against recent decisions on everything from the waterfront plan to the Beauregard plan.

"This campaign is like none other than anything we've ever had before in Alexandria to my knowledge."

— Dick Hobson

"This campaign is like none other than anything we've ever had before in Alexandria to my knowledge," said longtime Democratic activist Dick Hobson. "There was a reaction against incumbents, which apparently did not prevail."

Only one candidate who was critical of recent decisions won a place in the winners' circle, Allison SEE VOTERS, PAGE 8

A Flicker of Hope

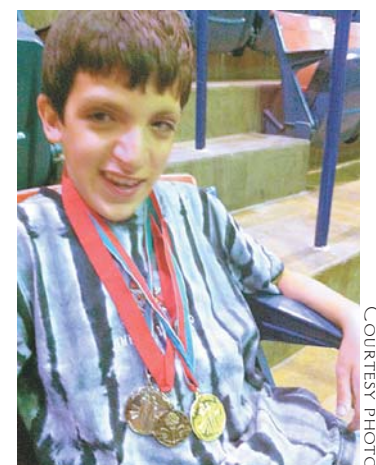
Torch Run raises money for Special Olympics.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

For most 12-year-olds, a day off from school means sleeping in — not tackling a four-mile run. But Daniel Morales is not your average 12-year-old.

"It's the big day, mom! It's the big day!" was all he kept saying to me," said Daniel's mother Angie as

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Daniel Morales with his gold and silver medals at the Virginia Special Olympics in Richmond June 9.

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Dog of an Ordinance

Council members are ready to give one more try to an ordinance regulating electronic dog collars. The first try was, well, somewhat of a dog.

Council members tucked their tails between their legs after several groups began barking last year, criticizing the original version for being too restrictive and potentially hurting business. Now a new policy has been created that allows professional dog-training schools to use the collars. Language in the version on the docket for this weekend's public hearing does not apply to those engaged in a supervised, formal obedience training class or during formally sanctioned field trials.

"A consensus was reached early in the discussions to allow the use of electronic dog collars by dog trainers," said City Manager **Rashad Young** in a memo outlining the proposal. "There is no consensus, however, on whether electronic dog collars should be allowed as a means of physical restraint by citizens who own dogs outside of dog parks."

In the last 18 months, city officials have received 853 complaints of dogs running at large, 823 complaints of dog bites and 17 dangerous dog cases. That's why Young is recommending council members adopt a policy that excludes electronic dog collars as a means of physical restraint, citing concerns over safety.

Considering what happened last time, the proposal may initiate somewhat of a dogfight at the public hearing.

From C to A and B

People on the West End of Alexandria are still upset about Corridor C, the high-capacity transit corridor that stretches along Beauregard Street and Van Dorn Street. Many criticized the effort as a boondoggle that would tear down trees and inconvenience local residents at the expense of regional commuters. Now council members are ready for a sequel.

This weekend, the City Council will consider a recommendation from the High Capacity Transit Corridor Work Group on Corridor A along Route 1 and Corridor B along Duke Street. The group is urging city leaders to be sensitive to residents' concerns and historic infrastructure along Route 1, also known as Patrick Street and Henry Street in Old Town. The group is also encouraging the city to use Corridor B to connect the Huntington Metro Station in Fairfax County to Maryland using the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The transitways are envisioned as part of a regional system of high-capacity transit between major activity centers, transit facilities, high-density mixed-use areas and employment centers. City officials say the idea is to provide frequent and reliable service to existing and future development areas as well as regional transit hubs. But the discussion could get bogged down in lingering unhappiness over Corridor C.

"We've got to have more regional thinking," said former Councilman **Tim Lovain**, who opposed the version of Corridor C council members approved last year. "The High Capacity Transit working group had a finalist candidate I thought was better — extending the Arlington/Fairfax streetcar south from Skyline through Mark Center to the new Beauregard town center on an existing right of way and running bus-rapid transit on the rest of the corridor."

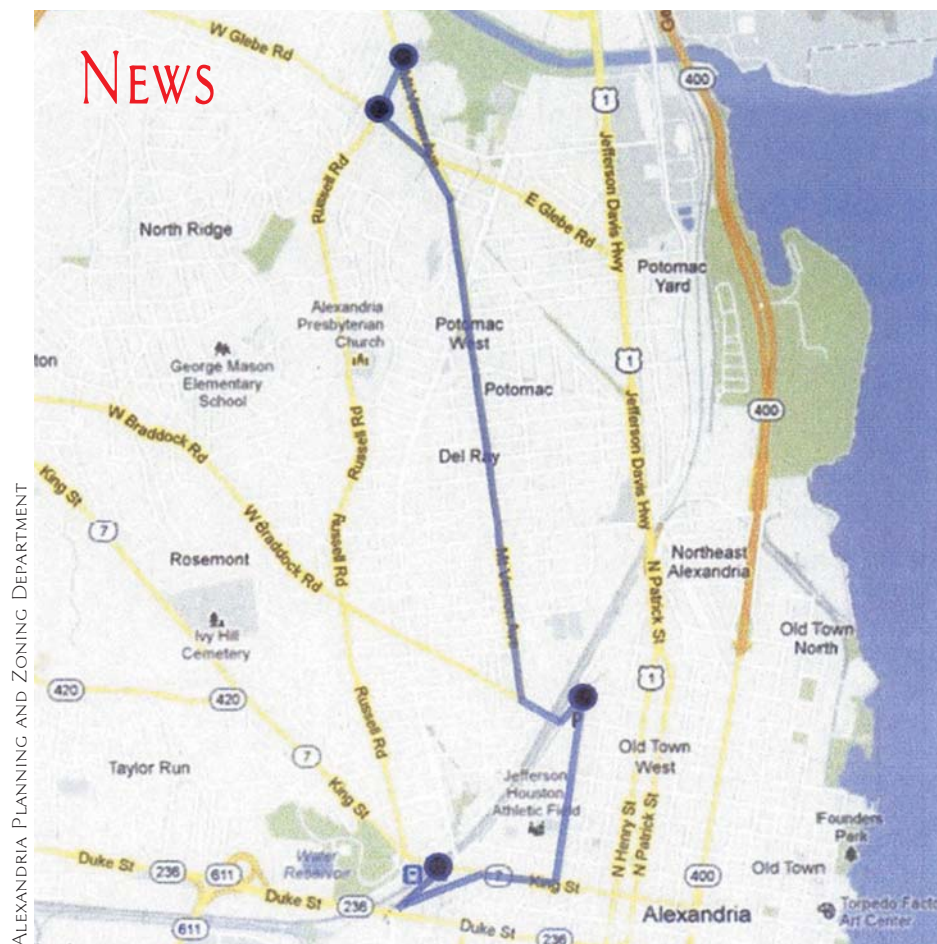
Extra Stuffed Seating

Back in March, the City Council took pity on Del Ray Pizzeria, the popular new restaurant that doubled its seating in violation of its special-use permit. Council members said the owners probably didn't fully understand the financial implications of limiting the operation to 32 seats when they negotiated the permit, and reducing the number of seats could have shuttered the businesses by undercutting its profits. This weekend, council members will consider an amendment to the permit that would allow 56 to 60 seats.

"It is not sound policy to let restaurants move in and then plead for increases," wrote Del Ray resident Paul Haire in a letter opposing the amendment. "That approach creates an incentive for new applicants to misrepresent their intentions in the initial application."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



Proposed route for the new Del Ray/Arlandria Trolley.

More Clang Coming to Del Ray

New free service along Mount Vernon Avenue to cost \$1 million a year.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Del Ray is sometimes called the "little neighborhood that could," a reference to its history as a home for railroad workers at Potomac Yard. Since the yard closed, Del Ray has become one of the hottest neighborhoods in the Washington metropolitan region, building a reputation as a funky younger sister to Old Town. Now the two neighborhoods will share something else — trolley service. City officials are about to launch a new "Del Ray/Arlandria Trolley."

"We are targeting visitors," said urban planner Pierre Holloman. "But we know some residents will use the service in much the same way they use the King Street Trolley."

According to a recent survey of the King Street Trolley, which was launched in 2008, 71 percent of users are visitors and 29 percent are residents. City officials expect that percentage to hold true for the Mount Vernon Avenue trolley, although some are questioning the route.

"I think this is a terrible waste of money," said Genette Hill, who lives on West Street. "If the idea is to help businesses, then businesses should pay for it."

THE COST is projected to be \$640,000 for the remainder of this year, an annual cost of \$850,000,

How It Will Work

❖ **Route:** The new trolley service will go from King Street to West Street past the Braddock Road Metro Station along Mount Vernon Avenue into Arlandria.

❖ **Hours:** Thursdays and Fridays from 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

❖ **Headways:** 20 minutes

❖ **Seating:** 32 passengers

taken from the city's transportation improvement program. City leaders say the cost is justified because of the success of the King Street Trolley, which has transported an estimated 2.1 million passengers in the last four years. An average of 13,000 passengers have boarded each week during the spring 2012. That's a concern for the Parker Gray neighborhood, where many people say they would prefer the service to be based at the Braddock Road Metro Station instead of disrupting their neighborhood.

"It's not clear to me that this is anything more than a political toy," said Leslie Zupan, president of the West Old Town Civic Association. "Are we gutting the DASH bus service to provide this service?"

City officials say they considered using the Braddock Road Metro station as a base for the service instead of the King Street station, but decided against that idea. Many tourists use the King Street Metro Station, and city officials see the station as the best way to attract tourists into Del Ray and Arlandria. Furthermore, the station will soon be renamed King Street/Old Town, which is designed to attract even more tourists. So having the service terminate at the Braddock Road Metro, which is mainly used by residents, wouldn't fit into their model.

"One of the reasons we wanted to use the King Street station is that we wanted the service to connect to the King Street Trolley," said Avi Lerner, deputy director of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "So that makes it a much more appealing option."

EXPANDING THE EXISTING trolley service was designated as a priority by the City Council after members approved the city's transportation improvement plan in May 2011. Last year, city officials evaluated several areas for a potential expansion, including Carlyle, Eisenhower Valley and the West End. They examined business conditions, planned development, visitor attractions and potential ridership.

"Del Ray and Arlandria were selected as the destinations for expanded trolley service due to their critical mass of shops and restaurants," wrote City Manager Rashad Young in a memorandum outlining the

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St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Congratulates the Class of 2012

We salute the 96 members of the Class of 2012 who graduated Saturday, June 9. Here are just a few of their accomplishments, both as individuals and as a group.

Academics

- ◆ Accepted by more than 130 colleges and universities in 30 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and the United Kingdom.
- ◆ Academic honors program offers and academic scholarships, including:
 - Eight National Merit Commended Scholars
 - One National Achievement Scholarship Finalist
 - 20 inducted into the Cum Laude Society
 - More than one-third of the class was offered college scholarship or merit aid
- ◆ 92% were enrolled in one or more of our 23 Advanced Placement courses.
- ◆ Selected to participate in such prestigious programs as the Presidential Classroom, Virginia Governor's Schools, the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University, the Student Climate & Conservation Congress, Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.

Community Service

- ◆ Helped prepare more than 15,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table, collected more than 1,000 food items for the Salvation Army, delivered toys, and raised money for local people in need.
- ◆ Donated hundreds of pounds of food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center and spent hundreds of hours working at local food pantries and food distribution programs for the homeless.
- ◆ Donated hundreds of mittens and coats for the needy of Northern Virginia.
- ◆ Walked, jogged, and ran for breast cancer, cystic fibrosis, brain cancer, epilepsy research, and homelessness.
- ◆ Participated in international causes in Romania, Africa and Haiti.
- ◆ Sent letters to veterans, candy to the troops, supported efforts in Haiti, and spent more than 1,000 hours with a wide variety of local organizations in support of senior citizens, preschool children, the hungry, the homeless, the environment, animals, low-income and immigrant families, and others in need.

Athletics

- ◆ 23 playing their sports next year at some of the country's top colleges and universities.
- ◆ Earned All-American status in boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse.
- ◆ Recognized as Athletes of the Year in baseball, boys swimming, girls lacrosse, and boys lacrosse by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club.
- ◆ Led the field hockey team to the ISL League and Tournament Championships.
- ◆ Led the boys soccer team to the IAC Championship.
- ◆ Led the girls tennis team to the ISL League Championship.
- ◆ Led the girls basketball team to the ISL League Championship.
- ◆ Led the boys lacrosse team to the VISAA State Championship.
- ◆ Led the girls lacrosse team to the ISL Tournament Championship and the VISAA State Championship.
- ◆ Led the softball team to the ISL League and Tournament Championships.
- ◆ Participated in VISAA State Tournaments and Championship meets in field hockey, boys soccer, girls tennis, cross country, swimming and diving, girls basketball, wrestling, softball, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, and track and field.
- ◆ Set new school records in track and field, swimming, girls lacrosse, and softball.
- ◆ Many individual athletes were named to Academic All-American, All-American, All-State, Academic All-State, All-Met, and All-League teams for their performances throughout their Upper School athletic careers.

The Arts

- ◆ Artwork selected to be shown placed in the top five at the Best of the Independent Schools Art Competition, the Congressional shows of Jim Moran and Gerry Connolly, and in the *Alexandria Gazette-Packet*.
- ◆ Artwork selected for the Southern Teachers Agency calendar two years in a row.
- ◆ Two accepted to prestigious art schools, Rhode Island School of Design and Savannah College of Art & Design.
- ◆ Three were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent for the eighth straight year in wind ensemble at the Virginia District X Festival.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent in orchestra at the Virginia District X Festival.
- ◆ Performed in the District X Honors Jazz Ensemble and the District X Chorus.
- ◆ Performed in all drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, and at Multicultural Night.



The members of the Class of 2012 have distinguished themselves in all areas of school life and in our community. As they leave us to attend some of the world's finest colleges and universities, we salute them for a job well done. We know they will use their talents to become respected and worthy citizens of the global community that awaits them. Best wishes and congratulations!

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NEWS

Reviving Spirit of Alexandria Icon

Keith Williams-Parker follows in his grandfather's footsteps.

BY ERIK HEANEY
GAZETTE PACKET

With the opening of the Bottom Dollar Dog, Keith Williams-Parker continues his grandfather's over 50-year legacy of providing tasty, inexpensive food for Alexandrians. Located at 723 Wilkes St., Williams-Parker continues a tradition in the same building that his grandfather, Walter Williams, had his Williams Sandwich Shop for decades.

Walter Williams began his restaurant career in 1952 when he opened Mom's Kitchen at the corner of N. Pitt and Oronoco streets. The success of his first restaurant led him to start other restaurants in Alexandria, including Little Joe's Carry Out, Williams Sandwich Shop, and Williams Soft Cream.

His restaurants served inexpensive, simple food: hamburgers, hotdogs, waffles, ice cream and half-smokes.

His low-cost model and friendly demeanor made Williams a well-liked figure in the community. "He was the best boss I could ever ask for," said Jean Kelley, who began working for Williams in 1979, "he was more like a dad. He was a good guy and had a kind heart."

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Keith Williams-Parker and Patrick Thompson, business partners in the Bottom Dollar Dog.

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Middle Row L-R: Robert Crockett Talley, Emma Reddoch Presing, Charlotte Harper Kelly, Seeley Carolyn Lutz, Catherine Lucille Lytle, Camille Alexandra Jones, Michael Edward Shammass.

Front Row L-R: Alejandro Conrado Aguilar, Kyra Chanel Bolling, Rachel Lundell Saltzgiver, Chabeli Sonia Marie Diaz Wells, Grace Keating Stephenson, Alexa Antoniou Cardamone, Kelly Leigh Nirenberg, Brooks DeWitt Turner, Justin Sean Milstead.

The graduates will be attending the following schools in the fall: **Bishop Ireton, Bishop McNamara, Christchurch School, Edison High School, Episcopal High School, Field School, Foxcroft School, Friendly High School, Gwynn Park High School, George Mason High School, Gonzaga College High School, Potomac High School, Sidwell Friends School, St. Albans School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, T.C. Williams High School, West Potomac High School, and Woodbridge High School.**

About Alexandria Country Day School:

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Holly and Matt Beville, John Thorsen and Kelly Ann Smolinski at the June 7 Bubbles and Bluegrass fundraiser at the Carlyle House.

Bubbles and Bluegrass

Annual event raises \$25,000 for Give Back Alexandria.



Co-chairs Becca Thorsen and Kendall Gartlan enjoy Give Back Alexandria's 5th annual Bubbles and Bluegrass fundraiser at the Carlyle House June 7.

More than 150 young professionals donned their best black-tie and boots attire for the 5th annual Bubbles and Bluegrass fundraiser held June 7 at the Carlyle House. The sold-out event raised \$25,000, which included a \$10,000 match from ACT, to support Give Back Alexandria and partner charities ALIVE! and Higher Achievement.

Guests were entertained by bluegrass band Over Under Down Yonder and enjoyed food provided by local restaurants

including Alexandria Cake Pop, Hard Times Café, Laporta's Restaurant, Pork Barrel BBQ, Southside 815, Virginia BBQ and Virtue Feed & Grain.

Give Back Alexandria, an initiative of ACT for Alexandria, helps individuals become leaders in philanthropy by connecting them to ways to get involved in issues facing children, youth and families in Alexandria. For more information, visit www.actforalexandria.org.

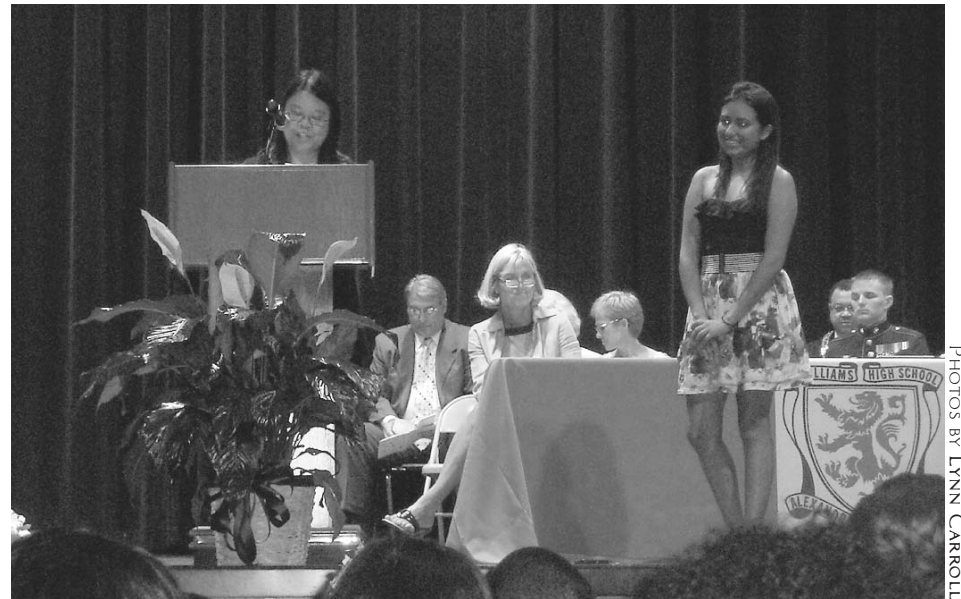
— JEANNE THEISMANN

ARHA Receives National Award

Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority has been named a 2012 recipient of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Merit Award for creating a Winter Wonderland for its residents to increase emotional wellness.

To address its resident's feelings of depression and worthlessness that were at a height during the holiday season, ARHA provided a Winter Wonderland that was able to connect the residents to the

celebratory atmosphere of the season. The Wonderland included Santa Claus, new toys, holiday music, and festive food. Due to strategic alliances and partnerships, more than 1,100 families and 2,100 children participated in 2011. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in housing and community development programs through the nation. Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority will receive the award at NAHRO's National Conference in Nashville, Tenn.



PHOTOS BY LYNN CARROLL

Senior Maria Olaya Pardo receives the 12th Grade Counselor's Award from Counselor Nancy Nguyen.

TC's 'Night of Senior Stars'

T.C. Williams High School held its annual "Night of Senior Stars" on Monday, June 11, during which 12th graders were recognized for academic and athletic achievement. Students received awards for performance in individual classes, and the National Merit and National

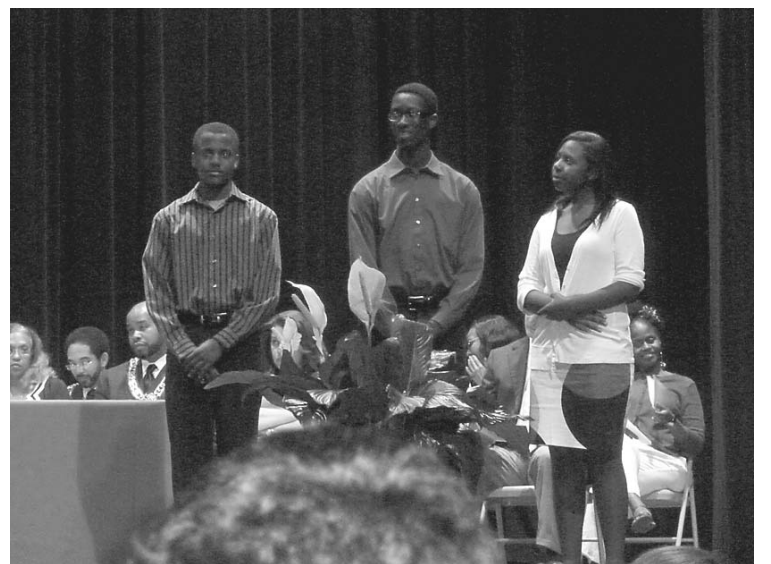
Achievement Scholars were recognized. Aaron Tovsky and Shannon Smythe were named Male and Female Athlete of the Year, respectively. TC alumna Rangena Hotaki, class of 1996, spoke at the ceremony.

— SARAH CARROLL



Senior Shannon Smythe receives the Robert S. Rixse Award, given to the female athlete of the year, from Executive Associate Principal Steve Colantuoni.

Seniors Saara Kaudeyr, Dexter Austin and Bo Jibodu are recognized as National Achievement Semi-Finalists. Kaudeyr and Jibodu received National Achievement scholarships.



Viva Paper

For many years, Alexandria voters did not use paper ballots at all. They simply walked up to an election judge and announced their vote in public, a process known as “viva voce.” It wasn’t until after the Civil War that election officials began using the “secret ballot.” That ballot was, of course, paper. Until the 21st century.

Modern voters have seen a number of changes in recent years. About a decade ago, the city ditched paper ballots in favor of an electronic voting system that was accessible to voters with a variety of disabilities. Now, everything that’s old is new again — although city voters have yet to return to viva voce voting. This week, Registrar **Tom Parkins** unveiled the latest in voting technology: paper ballots.

The move was in response to a 2007 bill passed by the Virginia General Assembly, which requires jurisdictions to buy machines that have a paper trail. Localities got to keep their existing machines for the time being. But as soon as the life expectancy of the equipment ran out, the legislation says, election officials have to move to a system with a paper trail. Alexandria Registrar **Tom Parkins** says voters will always have an option to use the electronic machines, particularly voters with disabilities.

“It went very smoothly,” Parkins said of the maiden voyage. “We had very few problems.”

One small snag prevented two people from participating in the election, though. When voters are finished marking the paper ballots, they are required to insert them into a machine that resembles a printer. But two voters merely placed the ballots on top of the machine rather than insert them into the slot. Parkins says those ballots were discarded.

“We cannot cast ballots for voters,” he said. “The law is very clear about that.”

17 School Board Candidates

The race for Alexandria School Board is finally taking shape, after weeks of speculation that the race might not even attract enough candidates to run in all the districts. Tuesday was the deadline for potential candidates to file documents, and several new candidates emerged at the last minute. The race is shaping up to be extremely competitive, especially in District A, which has seven candidates seeking three seats. Six candidates will be competing for the three seats in District B. And four candidates are vying for three seats in District C, which has traditionally been the district with the least competition.

Candidates who have filed papers to run in District A are **Bill Campbell, Karen Graf, Scott Gordon, Stephanie Kapsis, Helen Morris, Joyce Rawlings** and **Heath Wells**. Candidates who have filed papers to run in District B include **Kelly Booz, Michael Brookbank, Chyrell Bucksell, Justin Keating, Marc Williams** and **Chris Yianilos**. Candidates who have filed papers to run in District C are **Chris Lewis, Ronnie Campbell, Pat Hennig** and **Jeff Zack**.

That means a number of incumbents are not seeking reelection, **Mimi Carter, Sheryl Gorsuch, Yvonne Folkerts, Arthur Peabody, Blanche Maness** and **Charles Wilson**.

Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** gathered signatures for a potential run for District C, although she was not able to file them before the deadline at 7 p.m.

Ruff Politics

Everybody knows Alexandria is a dog town, even the candidates. But one candidate was hoping that his love for man’s best friend might help him at the polls. As it turns out, the strategy did not fetch results for Navy veteran **Bruce Shuttleworth**, who was unsuccessful in his attempt to unseat longtime U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8).

“Dogs seem to gravitate toward me,” said Shuttleworth while greeting a Border Collie named **Dolly** at the Maury School Precinct Tuesday morning. “One of the highlights of this campaign has been meeting all the dogs of the 8th Congressional District.”

For Shuttleworth and all the candidates who were unsuccessful Tuesday, there’s always the next election, which is only 14 dog years away.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

Voters Affirm Council Decisions

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Silberberg. Her candidacy was supported by political action committees seeking a change of leadership in the Alexandria Democratic Committee, and she spoke out against the waterfront plan and the Beauregard plan on the campaign trail. One of the themes of her candidacy was that the city lacks an organizing vision, a rejection of recent development decisions that have been criticized as allowing developers to have too much density at the expense of residents. Even her victory speech Tuesday night hit on that theme.

“We have a great community, a great city, and I believe we can do even better,” she said as Democrats gathered at a celebration on the West End.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

Democrats celebrate victory Tuesday night.

THE CLOSING DAYS of the campaign featured intense politics, including an attack ad against unsuccessful candidate Boyd Walker that thousands of voters received as a piece of direct mail and a coordinated effort among Republicans to vote for Walker in the Democratic primary. By Tuesday, tensions were strong as voters headed to the polls on a muggy and wet Election Day. At City Hall precinct, Beth Bergheim Silver said the final days of the primary campaign revealed the seedy underbelly of the city’s politics.

“It’s dirty politics,” said Silver, the daughter of former Councilman Mel Bergheim. “It’s the first time since 1967 when a negative mailer went out against a single candidate.”

Alexandria Democratic Committee Chairman Dak Hardwick accused Republicans of “interfering” in the Democratic primary, although he was quick to add that he would invite Republicans to leave their party and join the Democrats. Republicans who participated in the Democratic primary rejected that idea, adding that Virginia has open primaries and any registered voter can participate without being a member of the party.

“I am not interfering,” said Republican Tony Kupersmith shortly after casting a ballot in the Democratic primary. “I am simply expressing my right to vote.”

“We’ve got a Democratic machine in this city that needs to be knocked down,” said Robert Pringle, who described himself as an independent voter who usu-

ally votes Democratic. “We need to get some bipartisan consideration on the development issues.”

AFTER THE POLLS closed, Democrats gathered for what party officials dubbed a “unity party” at Café Pizzio in Cameron Station. For incumbents and former incumbents, it was a time to claim victory as voters clearly approved the recent direction of the city’s leadership. It was also a time for first-time candidate John Chapman to claim his spot in the winners’ circle, a spot that he’s been seeking for years along with the support of Mayor Bill Euille.

“My mother used to quiz me about affordable housing, and we used to talk about that endlessly,” said Chapman. “That’s really shaped my thoughts about policy and what we can do in this city.”

Hardwick brought out the infamous Democratic broom, predicting a clean sweep in November. The political props were used in 2006 when Democrats won all six seats, but were kept out of public view in 2009 when the party lost two seats. Now that the City Council election has been moved from May to November, Democrats will be able to benefit from thousands of voters who will go to the polls to support the reelection campaign of Barack Obama.

“It’s going to be real hard for those on the other side running against this slate of six, which is diverse in every sense of the word,” said Hardwick. “It is very reflective of what Alexandria voters are looking for.”



Supporting AHA!

Uvetta Hatton-Ford, McDonald’s Northeast Division marketing supervisor, presents a check for \$200 at the McDonald’s restaurant at 3510 Duke St. on June 9 to At Home in Alexandria. From left are Hatton-Ford, Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, AHA! Board Chair Carol Downs, Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille and Ronald McDonald. AHA! is dedicated to helping residents remain independent in their homes. For more information, visit www.athomeinalexandria.org or call 703-231-0824.

Seniors from T.C. Williams High School pose for a group photo in front of the William G. Truesdale Memorial at the Alexandria Detention Center June 8 to mark the completion of a three-week Senior Experience in law enforcement. From left: Ladaysia Sturgis, Nathan Ribyat, Tre Smalls, Chanel Petersen, Cecilia Diaz and Saara Kaudeyr.



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Learning about Law Enforcement

TC seniors intern with police and sheriff's office.

BY SARAH CARROLL
GAZETTE PACKET

Not every high school student gets to don goggles and blow open a door during an internship. Five T.C. Williams High School seniors participated in Senior Experience, a work-study program, at the Alexandria Police Department, where they studied fingerprinting, police tactics and explosive breaching. Three other TC seniors interned at Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne's office.

On Friday, June 8, while the students who interned at the police department visited the sheriff's office, Chief Deputy Lenny George held a ceremony for the students who worked with the sheriff. Amin Kassim, Andrew Swersky and Nathan Ribyat each received a certificate in recognition of their participation in Senior Experience and a "challenge coin," which, according to George, brings the owner luck.

"[My favorite part] was the firing range," said Ribyat, holding his target. He said that he gained a deeper understanding of law enforcement "compared to what you see on TV."

"They were exposed to every facet of the office," said George. The interns learned to use the sheriff's

weapons and visited the jail, courthouse and Emergency Vehicle Operations Center. This is the fourth year the sheriff's office has hosted TC students as interns, many of whom plan to pursue criminal justice as a career.

Cecilia Diaz, Chanel Peterson, Ladaysia Sturgis, Tre Smalls and Saara Kaudeyr interned at the police department. They participated in simulations and studied various fields of police work, including crime scene investigation. They also accompanied police officers on calls.

Diaz, who plans to major in criminal justice, said that the internship allowed her to see what she wanted to do in the future. Kaudeyr, who wants to be a medical examiner, agreed. She said that she wants to pursue a career that is tied to law enforcement. "I'm more aware of how our police system and law enforcement system in the city work, more than just call 911 and the police show up," she said.

"I felt like this really gave me a first-person view of how I'll be doing things in my future," said Smalls, who plans to join a SWAT team.

Said George, "The sheriff office's staff gets more [out of] Senior Experience than the kids probably do. It's rewarding for us."

TC Social Studies teacher Madeline Wingate-Alfonso, who coordinated Senior Experience during the 2011-2012 school year, attended the ceremony. The Senior Experience program began four years ago and allows TC students to participate in an internship during the last three weeks of 12th grade.

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Chief Deputy Lenny George, right, presents Amin Kassim with a certificate of completion marking the end of Kassim's three-week Senior Experience with the Alexandria Sheriff's Department.



T.C. Williams senior Nathan Ribyat, with parents Susan and Ken Ribyat, celebrates the end of his Senior Experience at the Alexandria Detention Center June 8.

Old Town Theater Entrepreneur Found Dead

Mark Anderson, 60, dies in Arizona.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Mark W. Anderson, theater entrepreneur and impresario, who 11 years ago attempted to revive the then dark and decaying Old Town Theater, was found dead last Wednesday, June 6, in a Days Inn hotel room in Buckeye, Ariz., according to the Maricopa County Medical Examiner. No cause or circumstances have been established pending an autopsy and further investigation.

Co-owner of the Washington, D.C., and Tempe, Ariz., Improv Clubs, Anderson, age 60, was reported missing from his Oklahoma City home by his wife, Holly, on May 15. Records at the Buckeye Days Inn show he checked in on May 21, six days after the missing person report was filed, according to Arizona officials.

As reported by the East Valley Times, "The Buckeye Fire Department responded to a call at the hotel at 11:08 a.m. as a report of a cardiac arrest. Buckeye police also responded after the hotel informed them that a member of the cleaning staff had entered Anderson's room and discovered his body. It was not known how long Anderson had been in the room, but the rooms are cleaned every two days," according to Lt. Jared Griffiths, a Buckeye police spokesman.

Griffith also said he was "not aware of anything suspicious," the Times reported.

Anderson reportedly was on his way to either Phoenix or Dallas, Texas, to conduct business, according to Thomas Martin, a private investigator from Newport Beach, Calif., hired by Anderson's wife when he could not be located. In addition to their Oklahoma City residence, the Andersons own homes in Arizona and California.

Martin told the East Valley Tribune in the Tempe area that "his office was monitoring Anderson's credit card purchases and phone calls, but there has not been any movement on them since May 15, the day he showed up at a friend's house in San Diego."

On May 12, "Anderson told his

family he was leaving to seek financial advice in Dallas and would not be bringing his cellphone for fear someone was tracking him, according to Oklahoma City police," as reported in the Arizona Republic newspaper account of his death.

According to the Buckeye police report, as noted in The Republic, "Anderson was reportedly having issues with his business partners and believed prior discussions could lead him to losing the club (in Tempe) or criminal prosecutions." When he went missing, "information surfaced regarding his financial information," it was revealed, but there were no details.

The Tempe Improv Club had closed June 1, five days prior to his body being discovered. Located near Arizona State University's Tempe

campus, the closing of the 24-year-old comedy club was jointly announced by co-owners Anderson and Howard Pohlenz. They attributed its downfall to "competition by StandUp Live, a newer comedy club in downtown Phoenix" which had "been recently landing the majority of national acts." StandUp Live opened in April 2011.

Over the years Anderson had been successful in booking major comedy acts such as Jerry Steinfeld and George Lopez, among many others.

DC Improv is now celebrating its 20th anniversary with a special series of name acts entitled "Summer of Celebration."

Responding to the news of Anderson's death, DC Improv issued the following statement: "We are deeply saddened about the news of fellow owner and friend, Mark Anderson passing. Mark opened The DC Improv in 1992 and we would not be where we are today without him. Our love and condolences go out to all those who were lucky enough to know Mark. He will be missed R.I.P." DC Improv manager, Allyson Jaffe, assured, "The business will go on as usual."

Anderson came to Alexandria in early 2001 and took a long-term lease for the Old Town Theater with the James Pedas Trust, then



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Mark Anderson, 60, Dies in Arizona

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owners of the building that housed the theater. His plans were to completely renovate the old theater, which had been closed for several years, and transform it into a mixed medium entertainment center offering live stage performances and classic films.

However, right from the beginning Anderson ran into a series of unexpected hurdles that delayed his projected opening from August 2001 to mid-February 2002. His plans called for bringing the theater back to its original configuration of one screen with seating on the main floor and in the balcony and increasing the depth of the original stage.

His revitalized 500-seat venue would serve both movie and stage audiences. He hoped to operate Monday through Saturday 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., with a Sunday matinee noon to 4 p.m. He also foresaw the possibility Saturday matinees and afternoon shows for children.

The model for the renovated Old Town Theater was based on his Tulsa, Okla., venue named Wonderama which featured comedy and musical comedy stage presentations. His first offering locally, entitled "Crazy Love," which opened on Feb. 14, 2002, was a long-running musical comedy from Wonderama.

Among his many refurbishments was an eye-catching black-light carpet. It was deep navy blue with multicolor confetti specs throughout that glowed in the dark when presented under black lighting.

He also installed new seating, with special individual chair seating and tables down front to enhance the intimacy of live performances such as might be experienced in a club atmosphere. He completely redid the interior, added new lighting and installed an upscale concession stand.

Then came his first big disappointment. As renovations progressed Anderson discovered just how bad the old movie projector and screen really were.

Due to the projector's instability and the high cost of a new lens the movie plan was scrapped at the outset.

In addition to internal problems, there were the external circumstance of those fateful years — the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the followup sniper attacks — both of which had a devastating effect on businesses in general. Anderson's enterprise was no exception.

In the end the confluence of heavy expenditures, low audience response, and the new War On Terrorism aligned to spell the end of Anderson's dream to bring live comedy theater and classic movies to Old Town Alexandria. Anderson was able to work out a settlement with George Pedas to release him from his long-term lease and allow him to keep the theater operating on a weekly basis. However, this also soon proved unfeasible.

"Theater production is very expensive. We lost \$500,000. We would have gone on but we didn't have any more money to lose," he said as he closed the Old Town Theater.

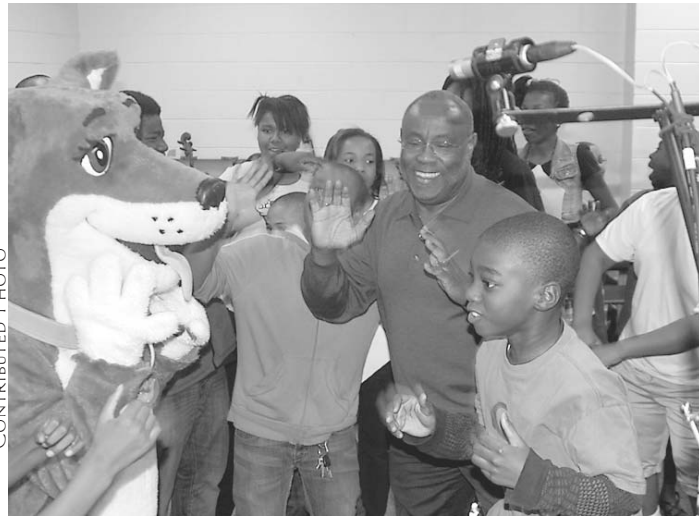
He returned to his roots in the midwest.

Tobby Wagner, who headlined at the Tempe Improv on April 5, 2012, described Anderson: "He was not only a great friend and mentor but he brought a lot of talent to the business."

In his other life, before his immersion into the world of theater and comedy club entrepreneurship, Anderson was a clinical psychologist. He continued to intertwine that role with the many talents he nurtured through his clubs.

"He would sit with me and tell me that we weren't selling a product, we were selling the experience of fun. This is what motivated me to do what I do today," said Tempe publicist Debbie Keller.

"Mark has definitely taught me to not fear putting myself out there, and now his death reminds me that life is too short. Be the best you can be and be good to other people," Wagner said.



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Mayor Bill Euille joins with students at Jefferson-Houston Elementary and the DreamDog Foundation mascot.

'Kids Empowering Kids'

Jefferson-Houston Elementary School creates music video with DreamDog Foundation.

BY TRUDY-KAY GANPATT
 GAZETTE PACKET

The Jefferson-Houston Elementary School held a school-wide empowerment rally on Thursday, June 7, for the screening the music video "Just Be Me," written and produced by Jefferson-Houston Elementary School students in association with The DreamDog foundation.

Jefferson-Houston Elementary School parents, graduates and friends attended to support the students. Mayor Bill Euille told them they are not too young to make a difference within their community.

spired me to be who I am and love myself for me."

David Thompson, another upper class student, said, "The experience was exciting because I got the opportunity to work with younger kids and show them that they should just be who they are."

The program started off with a presentation by the kindergarten class, singing "I believe in me" and "Be who you are" followed by seventh and eighth graders who created more than 20 posters to place throughout the school with encouraging statements such as "Be Me" and "Love Yourself."

The video screening included

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— David Thompson

Jefferson-Houston was selected to receive the "Kids Empowering Kids" program in which students produced and starred in their own music video. The video was directed by the 8th grade team, written by 5-8th graders and starred the kindergarten through 8th grade students. Throughout the three-week program upper class students worked with all levels of students to show them that their words and thoughts are important.

Dillon Turner, an upper class student said, "The program in-

all grade levels, along with the foundation's DreamDog mascot. The faculty and staff utilized all areas of the school to produce the video, including the music room, playground and classes. The video included dancing, gymnastic, rapping and singing.

Lorraine Friedman, executive director of the DreamDog foundation, ended the rally by telling the audience that the children are very special and to keep on supporting and encouraging them to love their selves despite their circumstances.



Reach And Rise for Excellence

Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria (CCNA) held a celebration on June 7 for Francis C. Hammond Middle School students participating in the "Reach And Rise for Excellence" (RARE) after-school mentoring and tutoring program. The ceremony took place in Hammond's library and students received awards for their achievement in math literacy after sharing performances demonstrating what they learned in the areas of financial literacy and civics. CCNA operates the 16-week program focused on academic achievement, life skills and cultural awareness to provide students with additional support to improve their math skills. Founder and Executive Director Gwendolyn Lewis collaborated with Alexandria City Public Schools in 2011 to bring this opportunity to local middle school students. Approximately 30 students participated in RARE.



Williams restaurant, Mom's Kitchen, which stood on the corner Oronoco Street and Pitt Street



Little Joe's Carry Out

Bottom Dollar Dog Revives Spirit of Alexandria Icon

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When Williams died Feb. 3, 2011, his grandson inherited his Wilkes Street property. The building had been empty for years. "It sat abandoned for four and a half years collecting dust," said Williams-Parker. "Literally I would stand around and look at it. I would remember being in there as a kid."

Williams-Parker, who had already managed a few restaurants in Virginia Beach, had always imagined starting his own restaurant in Alexandria as his grandfather had once done. "I could not get the idea out of my head," he said, "so finally I went over to my buddy and I said: you think we got enough money for this? Then let's bet the farm."

Williams-Parker enlisted Patrick Thompson as his business partner, who had been friends with him since they sat next to each other on the bus throughout high school. Once they pooled their money together, Williams-Parker quit his job at a bank, and the two began to make their vision into reality.

They named their restaurant The Bottom Dollar Dog as a reference to the historic name of the area in Alexandria near the water, or "the Bottom." But they also intend the name to allude to the restaurant's low prices. Williams-Parker inherited this philosophy from his grandfather. "There's nothing on the menu more than \$6," he said, "that's how my granddad used to do it, and that's what we're doing to do it."



RICH FOOD—Walter B. Williams passes a hot dog seasoned with a hundred-dollar check to Alexandria Police Officer Bruce Proctor. Williams, owner of Mom's Kitchen and Little Joe's Carry Out, donated the money to the Alexandria Police Boys' Camp. (Photo by Brown)

As a businessman involved in supporting his community, Walter Williams — Keith Williams-Parker's grandfather — gives a check donation for a fundraiser to an Alexandria police officer.

In a city where food can be pricey, Williams-Parker maintains the importance of providing Alexandrians with inexpensive

food. "It's very difficult to get a lunch in this town for less than \$12," he said, "and a lot of our clients can't afford a \$12 lunch, especially not daily."

Williams-Parker and Thompson encountered some skepticism about their business idea. "A lot of people acted as if this could not be done," said Williams-Parker, "especially could not be done by a couple of 20-somethings with a shoe-string budget."

But the restaurant appears to be building a dedicated cohort of followers. The owners report repeat customers. They even notice some customers returning to their restaurant twice in one day. Thompson tells a story of a customer who bought 10 hotdogs and a cheese steak for \$40. "The person said: 'wow, that's insane.' And we were a little worried," Thompson said, "then he said: 'feeding 10 people for \$40, that's a great deal.' We thought that was pretty nice."

While Williams-Parker and Thompson serve food similar to how Walter Williams did for years, there is one notable exception: The Bottom Dollar Dog's hotdog. Both Williams-Parker and Thompson claim that they serve the best hotdog in Alexandria. "No one in this town is going to make a better hotdog," Williams-Parker said. "It's not going to happen. I encourage people to try."

For those who had fond memories of Walter Williams and his restaurants, they will find The Bottom Dollar Dog a familiar experience. His love of people and food was well known. "He [Williams] would talk to

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An advertisement for the grand opening of Williams Soft Cream. This was at the same building of Williams Sandwich shop, facing the rear.

anybody," said Kelley, "he loved kids, he loved dogs, he loved everybody."

That spirit still remains, said Kelley, "I see a lot of him in Keith."

MILITARY NOTES

Air Force Airman Natasha Valentin graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Enelida Carmenatty of S. Van Dorn St., Alexandria, and Ricardo Valentin of N.W. Broadview St., Port St. Lucie, Fla. Valentin is a 2009 graduate of T. C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Air Force Airman Tavaughn T. Mason graduated from basic

military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Debra Shorts of Menokin Drive, Alexandria. Mason is a 2007 graduate of T. C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Maria R. Peredera has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. She is the daughter of Larisa Lebedeva of C. Morgan Drive, Morgantown, W.Va., and Anatoli

Peredera of Duke Street, Alexandria. Peredera is a 2010 graduate of Morgantown High School.

Jason D. Phillips graduated from the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Daleville, Ala., and was appointed to the rank of warrant officer one. He is the son of Donald D. Phillips of N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, and Valerie J. Walker of Homewood Ave., Creve Coeur, Ill. The warrant officer is a 1996

graduate of Pekin High School, Ill.

Air Force Airman Nathanael E. Temesghen graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Bettyel Berhe of Seminary Road, Alexandria. Temesghen is a 2008 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Douglas Poggi from Alexandria, serving with the 42nd Infantry Division

Headquarters of the New York Army National Guard, is promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Air Force Airman Bryar H. Cole graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the grandson of Mary Cross of Buchanan Street, Alexandria, and son of Lisa Cole of W. Bear Creek, Euless, Texas. Cole is a 2009 graduate of Colleyville Heritage High School, Texas.

OPINION

Acting on Unfunded Mandates

To the Editor:

On June 7, I joined Gov. Robert F. McDonnell at the Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg, with others from his Task Force on Local Mandates Review, where he signed several bills that repealed over 20 burdensome mandates on local governments, a true milestone for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

At least an additional 15 to 20 mandates will be reduced or eliminated by executive action or administrative authority this year, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, including a multimillion dollar reduction in the local aid to states legislation that has been heavily relied upon in recent years and passed on to taxpayers at the local level. I am pleased to serve as the task force liaison to the Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring.

From the very beginning, the Task Force zeroed in on ways to identify and make recommendations on state mandates to reduce or eliminate. With an initial meeting of Nov. 7, 2011, we quickly solicited input from local governments, school divisions, interest groups, and the public to identify mandates that are overly burdensome, costly and/or unnecessary and recommend appropriate changes and were able to make preliminary recommendations for about 80 mandates to nix.

Special thanks to the Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring, of which I am also a member, Senator Newmann and Delegate Kathy Byron, who together laid the groundwork for the Task Force's creation. The elimination of these 20 mandates is truly historic in that never in the Commonwealth's history has anywhere near this many mandates been repealed in a single session.

As a matter of fact, within the last 10 years, the General Assembly has collectively eliminated less than five, while creating far more every year. These bills represent common sense solutions that will provide fiscal relief to localities and the Commonwealth and will enable both to more efficiently serve Virginia's residents. The laws ceremonially signed by Governor McDonnell will go into effect July 1.

Some of the legislation includes HB1295 (Byron)/SB679

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"Teddy the Clown" with Johany Bolanos-Maravilla.



CFNC volunteer Brooke Curran of 'runningbrook.com' at the Raging Reptiles booth.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

More than 300 students, family members, staff and volunteers gathered at Child and Family Network Centers headquarters on Mt. Vernon Avenue in Alexandria on May 29 to participate in the 9th annual Multicultural Day celebration, sponsored by BB&T Bank and Starbucks.

In honor of the day celebrating the diverse cultures of the CFNC community — with some 25 countries and 10 languages represented— families prepared food and wore traditional garb from their native countries including Mongolia, Pakistan, Eritrea, Sri Lanka, Argentina, Guatemala, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Bolivia and Belize.



From left are Angela Gutierrez, Maris Diaz and Cynthia Rivas being served by Erika Moten, Brittany Jones, Anna Hernandez and Paula Hooks.

Doing arts and crafts are (from left) Fredis Calix, Edna Reyes, Blanca Medina and Leidy Rivera.



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Gov. Robert F. McDonnell at bill signing to reduce or repeal unfunded mandates on local government.

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(Newman), an omnibus bill that eliminates several statewide mandates on local government and regional government entities; HB96 (Wilt), extending the delay of the implementation of statutes and regulations upon which the accreditation of schools in the Commonwealth is based that were not already in effect on June 30, 2008; HB869 (Rust)/SB 274 (Smith) Urban Development Areas, making incorporation of urban development areas optional rather than mandatory, relief desperately sought by many poor and rural localities; HB914 (Minchew), allowing counties and towns, pursuant to an agreement with the Commissioner of Highways, to install “Children at play” signs on highways within their boundaries; HB1216 (D. Bell), providing that when a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance involves a tract of land of not less than 500 acres owned by the Commonwealth or by the federal government, and when the proposed change affects only a portion of the larger tract, notice need be given only to the owners of those properties that are adjacent to the affected area of the larger tract; SB676 (Garrett), requiring solid waste planning units or localities with a population of greater than 90,000 to submit a recycling report annually and requires those units or localities with a population of 90,000 or less to submit the report only once every four

years; and HB579 (Hesel) providing that applications for public assistance may be made electronically.

Alicia Hughes

Arts on the Waterfront

To the Editor:

Alexandria has a thriving art’s community and we should support it at every opportunity, in all parts of the city. Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan (CAAWP) argued that the arts would do more to open up the waterfront to public use than a big hotel, more town homes, condos or offices. Indeed, the CAAWP plan, while not perfect, pointed out how arts and history venues might bring life to parts of the waterfront that currently are private for the most part. They also recommended keeping the Art League on the waterfront.

I include in that broad category of “waterfront for all” organizations like the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, which hosted a lovely waterfront fundraiser on Sunday that will benefit their youth apprenticeship program.

I’m not opposed to the Corcoran Gallery of Art coming to Alexandria, if that makes sense for them, but just because it’s a great art institution does not automatically make it right for Alexandria or its waterfront. What we should want, I think, is to tie good ideas with good planning, in order to make certain that such projects will fund our city’s quality of life in a sustainable fashion.

My mother was a fine artist and I ran an art gallery along the waterfront for a time. Make no mistake about it: I will support the arts if elected as your next mayor, but not projects that just sound like a good idea and have not been screened by the community first.

Andrew Macdonald

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

Write

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Memories of Chasing Fifi

By KATHARINE DIXON
REBUILDING TOGETHER ALEXANDRIA



COMMENTARY

She now shops at Potomac Yard.

Betty* remembers the “good ole days” of chasing her mixed Terrier, Fifi, around the yard in the house she and her husband bought more than 40 years ago. The Alexandria row home was purchased for \$15,000, with a \$200 deposit — a much more affordable housing option than in Monroe, Va., from where they moved after her mother died.

Their house became the meeting place for backyard cookouts and neighborhood kids to catch a ride to Cora Kelly Elementary — her husband would pile their son and daughter in the car along with other children and drive them to school each day on the way to work. While the kids were at school, Betty would catch a bus at the corner and ride it to her hair stylist job at Jewels, an old-fashioned hair salon at Bradlee Shopping Center. She also cleaned house for a woman for more than 30 years, with whom she still keeps in touch.

Though she worked at Bradlee, Betty shopped frequently on King Street at GC Murphy’s and People’s Drug Store and banked at First Federal Savings and Loan. Often, she’d grab a hotdog or hamburger at GC Murphy’s when she was there. “My how things have changed,” Betty recalls.

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These days, Betty loves sitting on her front porch or chasing her six grandchildren around the yard, reminiscent of her days spent chasing Fifi.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria is an award-winning, non-profit organization dedicated to repairing and revitalizing homes at no charge for homeowners in need, including elderly, disabled, military veterans and families. To date, in-kind donations of labor and materials have resulted in \$5.5 million worth of value on more than 1,430 properties. If you would like to volunteer or donate, visit www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org or call 703-836-1021.

* It is RTA’s organizational policy to not disclose full names.



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Snapshot 7:37 p.m., June 7: School of Rock students finish a performance at First Thursday in Del Ray.

City’s Found and Surplus Items Online

The City of Alexandria is now working with PropertyRoom.com to conduct online auctions of the city’s found or surplus property and fleet/impound vehicles.

Founded by former police officers, Property Room provides an auction platform for products from over 2,800 police departments and municipalities nationwide. Alexandria residents will be able to access hundreds of items from their home.

Items up for bid cover every category of consumer goods, from watches, jewelry and coins, to laptops, power tools and cars. Odd items on the website have included eight-person bikes, coffins, Persian rugs, kayaks and most recently a state-of-the-art, unused X-ray machine.

For more information, visit www.PropertyRoom.com.



Tom Bowling is congratulated by Gant Redmon and Dick Labbe at a breakfast honoring Bowling's 50 years of service to Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Retiring Manager Honored

The Ivy Hill Cemetery Historical Preservation Society honored Ivy Hill General Manager Tom Bowling on June 6 for 50 years of service to the cemetery. Bowling will retire from his job at Ivy Hill in July.

Speakers included Lucy Burke Goddin, Gordon Peyton, Gant Redmon and Chief Adam Thiel of the Alexandria Fire Department.

Bowling was presented with a pastel of Ivy Hill's Firemen's Memorial done by a local artist.

The breakfast at Belle Haven Country Club was supported by community sponsors. All donations from the event will benefit restoration projects at Ivy Hill, a non-profit cemetery founded prior to the Civil War and still active today.



25th Anniversary

On June 27, Susie and Dave Jackson will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with family and friends in Alexandria. They were married in 1987 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, with a reception following at the Clubhouse at Lake Monticello. Susie and Dave have four children — Savannah, 19; Kaelin, 16; Halle, 10 and Davis, 10 — who are hosting this special celebration of 25 years of marriage in honor of their loving parents.

Women Judges Award Scholarship

The Virginia Association of Women Judges recently awarded its annual \$500 scholarship to Dildora Rakhmatullaeva, a senior at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria who wrote an essay about the benefits of women's full participation in the legislative and judicial branches of government. Rakhmatullaeva

was required to interview at least one woman judge and one female member of Virginia's General Assembly.

The VAWJ presented the scholarship at a May 5 luncheon at the Virginia State Capital. Rakhmatullaeva is interested in international business and plans to attend Marymount University next year.



Girls Scouts Create Garden

Alexandria Girl Scout Troop 4143 created a pollinator garden as its service project to bolster the declining national bee population and to honor the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. The troop hopes to slow the decline of the bee population since bees are the primary pollinators of most plants. The troop is led by Dawn Bingman and Gretchen Steenstra. Members include Alison, Cori, Eliza, Grace, Gwen, Isra, Jenna, Katie, Kayleigh, Marley, Mica, Priya, Reagan, Sarah Katherine, Savannah, Skylar, Sophia and Sophie.

Postal Carriers Participate in Food Drive

Postal carriers from Union Branch 567 (Alexandria City and parts of southeastern Fairfax County) not only delivered mail, but also picked up non-perishable food items from every house where food was set out on Saturday, May 12. The drive resulted in 4,430 pounds of food for UCM — or about a two week's supply of food for the organization's food pantry.

Brian McCormick, coordinator of the National Stamp Out Hunger Day in Alexandria, started helping with the event five years ago in an effort to shine a light on hunger in the community.

The event, part of the National Stamp Out Hunger Day, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and Cambell Foods, is now in its 20th year.

As the summer months approach, food becomes particularly vital, according to Jose Fratti, the manager of UCM's Food Pantry.

UCM always needs people who will sponsor food drives or contribute directly to the organization so that it can buy food from area food banks at deeply discounted prices. If interested, contact Marcos Castillo at marcos.castillo@ucmagency.org or 703-768-7106 ext 328.

The National Association of Letter Carriers is the



Brian McCormick (right), coordinator of the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Postal Worker's Union Branch 567, works with a postal worker and a volunteer to sort food collected by the drive.

union of city delivery letter carriers working for the United States Postal Service founded in 1889. Today, the NALC maintains its tradition as a vibrant union of over 300,000 members in all 50 states and other U.S. jurisdictions. For more information, visit <http://nalc.org/commun/fooddrive/index.html>.



Kevin Mondloch

Mondloch Is New Christ House Director

Kevin Mondloch is the new director of 'Christ House' shelter in Alexandria, one of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington's oldest programs. A native of Alexandria and a graduate of Bishop Ireton High School and James Madison University, Mondloch is the former director of the Community Services Team at New Hope Housing in Alexandria.

More Clang Coming to Del Ray

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new service.

Young said the Mount Vernon Avenue route maximizes the potential for allowing riders to visit Del Ray and Arlandria, serving two Metro stations, 600 hotel rooms and five hotels. Although city officials originally planned to call the service "Mount Vernon Avenue Trolley," 42 percent of respondents in a recent survey said they wanted to call it the "Del Ray Trolley" to help market the brand of the neighborhood. In the end, city officials compromised by put-

ting both neighborhoods in the name.

"The vehicles will be staffed by trained drivers who will be trained and become familiar with Alexandria's history and cultural resources, offering visitors additional information about the city and potential destinations as appropriate," said Young.

A contractor will acquire, operate and maintain the trolley vehicles similar to the launch of the King Street Trolley, which is now operated with DASH vehicles. The new service is expected to attract between 110,000 and 160,000 riders annually.



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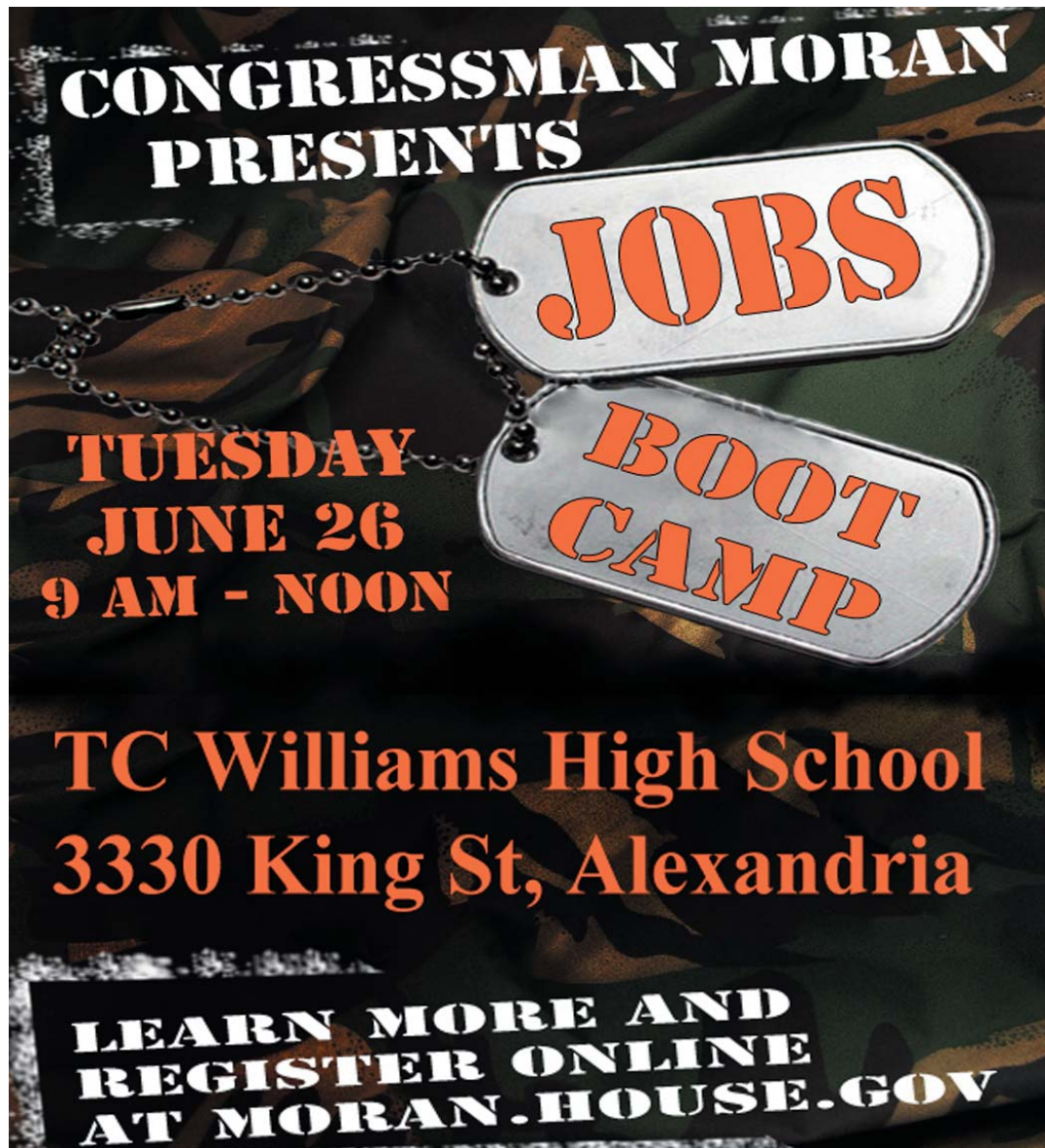
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The Virginia Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union turned out a record crowd for its annual meeting, at which they elected new members to the Board and heard Kent Willis, state director, speak of current threats to citizens' rights.

Willis pointed out that the attempt to restrict abortion rights was still being pursued. He also noted that efforts to stop people from voting were being pursued all over the country. Bills to change voting districts and to require some form of ID are being introduced in legislatures nationwide. A questioner raised the issue of Supreme Court decision Citizens United, which holds that corporations are persons with all the rights of a person, including unlimited donations to campaigns. Willis said there are attempts being made to reverse that decision. The meeting also raised the question of privacy rights.

Chapter board members

elected to 3-year terms were Janet Cook, Matt Marcelle, Robin McKiel, John Neal, Steve Pershing (Chair) and Dianne Snyder. Alexandrians at the meeting were Pat Henkel, Fay and Jack Slotnick, Stew Dunn and Mary Cadette.

LIVINGSTON TRAVELS

Betty and Bill Livingston have returned from a splendid trip to Italy. They took the train from Rome to Oviato. The Livingstons were very much impressed by the cathedral with its frescos, which Betty described as "scary." In the little village of Stiletto, they admired the famous frescos depicting the life of St. Mary. At Chianti they saw the old monastery which Napoleon tried to close. In Pisa they saw the famous leaning tower, in Luca they had a wonderful time walking the wall, and in Venice they were overwhelmed by the beauty of the plaza and its surroundings.

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Northern Virginia's Role in the War of 1812

200-year perspective.

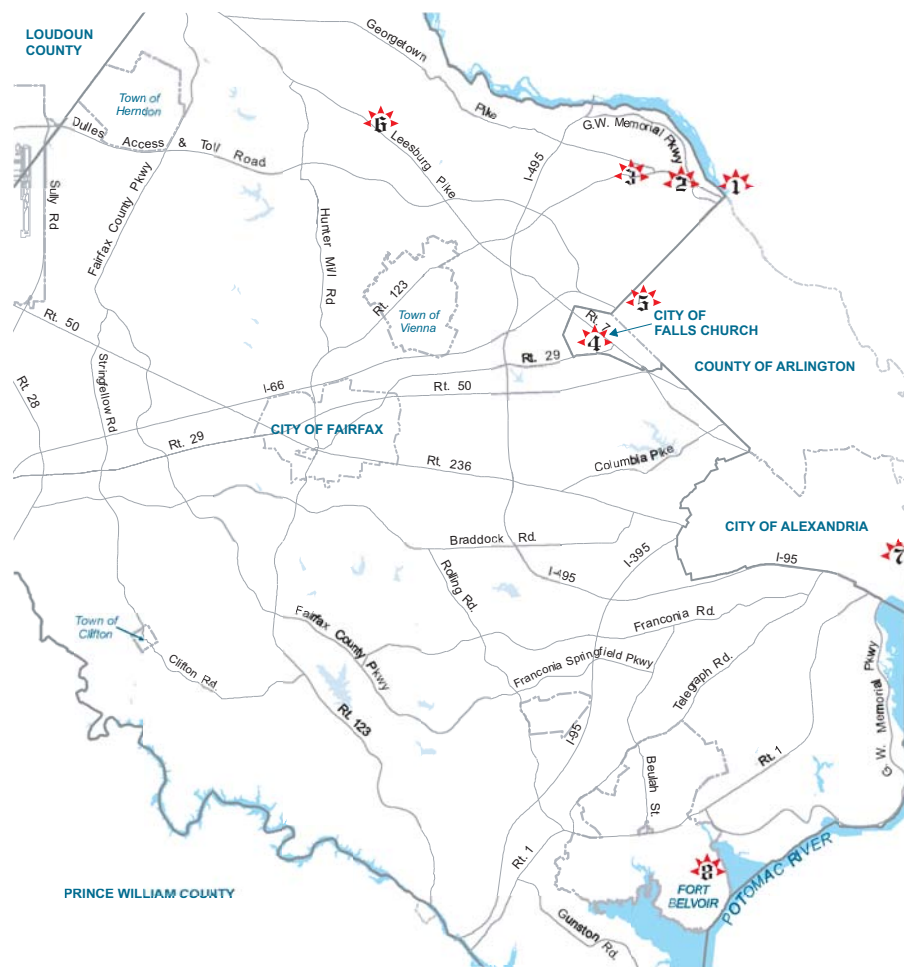
BY MICHAEL McMORROW
GAZETTE PACKET

To most Americans, the War of 1812 is the “forgotten war.” Its mention conjures images from a short list: The burning Capitol; Francis Scott Key writing poetry during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, Baltimore; or Dolley Madison fleeing the White House with George Washington’s painting under her arm.

For Northern Virginia, such forgetfulness is a blessing. Locally, the war’s characteristics were confusion, cowardice and courage, not in equal measure.

Great Britain had been fighting Napoleon for more than a decade. Its commerce was in tatters and it suffered manpower shortages for the army and, especially, the Royal Navy. Young United States was neutral, in name. British interference with trade, including impressments of American sailors from American ships, finally reached a tipping point and, on June 18, 1812, the United States declared war. “Sailors’ Rights and Free Trade” was the initial rallying cry.

For two years, it was a conflict of small, sporadic engagements. The United States held its own on land and at sea. Battles took place along the Canadian border and on the Great Lakes. The Americans burned York (now Toronto). In retaliation, the British invaded and burned Buffalo. Sea engagements produced enduring expressions like the unrealized “Don’t give up the ship” (Capt. James Lawrence, USS Chesapeake, June 1813) and the jubilant “We have met the enemy and they are ours” (Cmdr. Oliver Hazard Perry, USS



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Notes: Only Alexandria County of the District of Columbia and Fairfax County of Virginia existed during the War of 1812. There was no Arlington, no Falls Church and no independent City of Alexandria.

south of Alexandria on Aug. 28. Mayor Charles Simms approached Capt. Gordon in an effort to save his city. The terms of surrender included: All ships in harbor were seized; all stores in warehouses were forfeited, but private residences would remain untouched; and, if any resistance appeared, the city would be shelled and destroyed. Alexandria’s Common Council capitulated by formal resolution. The practical Scot merchants who had founded the town would have understood.

Meanwhile, Virginia militia forces lead by Gen. John Hungerford were fast approaching. They were intercepted by city officials who begged that their surrender terms be respected. This led one writer to describe Alexandria as “the city that did not wish to be saved.” Hungerford observed British pillagers for three days from his camp on Shutters Hill. All the while he was preparing to ambush the British ships once they sailed away.

Alexandria’s groveling brought round condemnation. Dolley Madison said it would have been better to let the city burn rather than accept the humiliating terms of the British. A military aide to the president expressed the same view. The final straw for many was the fact that Alexandria’s officials refused to raise the American flag even when the departing British ships were 20 miles downstream; their minds were changed only under threat by an American naval officer that he would shell the city.

Gen. Hungerford entrenched artillery with naval gunners and 1,400 infantry on the Potomac bluff at what is now Fort

Belvoir. A white house on the shore gave name to the battle which began on Sept. 3. The fleet heading for Chesapeake Bay was stalled for two days and suffered several casualties. A British landing party also was repulsed. The fight ended only because the Americans ran out of ammunition. This engagement was the only display of courage in Northern Virginia during the British invasion of 1814.

Niagara, September 1913).

When Napoleon abdicated and went into exile April 1814, the situation changed. Battle-hardened resources of the British Army and the Royal Navy now could be brought to bear on the United States. In short order, they were.

The seat of government was established in the District of Columbia a mere dozen years earlier. The 100 square miles was mostly rural. North of the Potomac was called Washington County and across the river was Alexandria County. There were three municipalities: Georgetown, Alexandria and Washington. Fairfax County in Virginia formed the District’s entire southern flank.

Adm. Alexander Cochrane commanded all British forces in North America. On August 16, 1814, his fleet anchored off Point Lookout, Md. Within days, and with American authorities frightened and confused, his main force moved up the Patuxent, overcame the Bladensburg defense line and burned Washington. A smaller British flotilla commanded by Capt. James Gordon sailed up the Potomac. Arriving abreast of Fort Washington (then called Fort Warburton), the Americans fled and destroyed their own fort.

Confusion also pervaded civil authorities. As President James Madison left to inspect opera-

tions at Bladensburg, he instructed wife Dolley to gather government records and seek safety in Fairfax County if events turned for the worse. Their plan was to meet at Wiley’s Tavern on the Alexandria-Leesburg Pike (today’s Route 7) near Difficult Run. She crossed the river at Chain Bridge and he later used the Georgetown ferry to Mason’s Island (now Roosevelt Island).

For two days, the couple played hide-and-seek, just missing each other at Rokeby’s Estate, where she spent the first night, and Salona House, today recognized as McLean’s most historic landmark. He twice visited Wren’s Tavern (also on Route 7) seeking information. Eventually and briefly, they met at Wiley’s Tavern. Overnight, the President went off to find his army in Montgomery County, Md. and wife Dolley settled in at Minor’s Hill, off Little Falls Road on the Arlington-Fairfax border. Advised that British forces had left Washington, the Madisons separately returned to Washington on Sunday, Aug. 28.

The President had not comported himself very well, especially given that it was his war and the war was two years old. Plans for offense and defense were lacking. Leadership was inept. Preparations of men and supplies proved grossly deficient. The spectacle of frantic hunting for his wife across Northern Virginia diminished him all the more.

With smoke still rising from Washington, the Potomac flotilla was a couple miles

Two Good Reads

- ❖ “August 24, 1814: Washington in Flames” by Carole L. Herrick (2005, Higher Education Publications, Inc, Falls Church, Va.)
- ❖ “Old Roads And New Insights” by Winslow R. Hatch (1985, a monograph deposited in Fairfax County Public Library)



Bluff at Battle of White House, Fort Belvoir

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Trees mark site of Wiley’s Tavern, Route 7.

SCHOOLS

SSSAS's Coffield Wins Cappie for Acting

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School won a Cappie trophy at Sunday night's 13th annual Cappie Awards at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Junior Virginia Coffield received the honor for Comic Actress in a Play for her school's production of "Fools."

"I'm really excited and kind of shocked because everybody's sort of a winner at the Cappies," she said. "I'm just honored to be chosen to be at the Cappies with so many amazing people."

Coffield believes her performance stood out to the Cappies critics because "I did anything and everything in this role. I didn't have a limit with what I could do with my character — nothing was too weird or embarrassing."

Overall, Westfield High won the most Cappies, garnering 10, including Best Musical, for "Crazy for You." The Best Play winner, McLean High, took home five awards, including Lead Actor and



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Comic Actress in a Play, Virginia Coffield, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, "Fools."

Lead Actress in a Play for its production of "A View from the Bridge."

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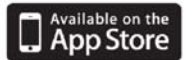
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| 5911 Edsall Rd* | 5110 Grimm Dr | 3035 Battersea Ln | 4006 Renault Pl |
| 9387 Mount Vernon Cir* | 4200 Kimbreelee Ct | 4502 Phylliss St | 7912 Bayberry Dr |
| 4700 Deer Run Ct* | 8413 Riverside Rd | 1140 S. Edison St | 653 Columbus St |
| 8612 Fort Hunt Rd | 2327 Wittington Blvd | 9020 Old Mount Vernon Rd | 4240 Sonia Ct |
| 3805 Riverwood Rd | 8890 McNair Dr | 9107 McNair Dr* | 516A Howell Ave |
| 9115 Volunteer Dr | 7006 Stone Mill Pl | 8617 Yardley Dr | 8700 Parry Ave |
| 2404 Huntington Park Dr | 8315 Mount Vernon Hwy* | 2413 Cavendish Dr | 9321 Allwood Dr |
| 2300 Candlewood Dr | 8826 Cooper Rd | 2327 Wittington Blvd | 6614 Greenleigh Ln |
| 5205 Polk Ave | 9219 Allwood Dr | 9115 McNair Dr | |

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9403 Ferry Landing Ct
\$735,000
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Marcy Covarrubias 703.772.6569

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Trends in Landscape Design

Local tastemakers offer suggestions for making the most of backyard space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Whether creating a tapestry of bold colors, a sanctuary to escape stress or simply a low maintenance landscape, local designers say taking a backyard from dull to dazzling is easier than one might think, and offer insight into the hottest landscape elements as well as trends in sustainable design.

“The biggest overall trend is that people are cocooning — that is, people are staying at home and creating multi-use spaces,” said landscape architect Mark White, owner of Garden Wise in Arlington. “They want to be able to cook outdoors and have a dining area. They might want a water feature. They are creating a place for a mini-vacation in their backyard.”

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE. From custom waterfalls to simple, self-contained systems in an urn, fountains and ornamental water features are surging in popularity as homeowners strive to create a tranquil oasis in their backyards.

“Given the state of the economy and the fact that people are leading hectic lives, many are wanting calm spaces in their backyards,” said White. “They are using water elements to create soothing sounds.”

LET IT RAIN. Rain gardens are popular as eco-minded homeowners look for ways to decrease water pollution. Rain gardens allow rainwater runoff from surfaces like roofs, driveways and walkways to be absorbed into the ground instead of storm drains.

Landscapers at George Mason University in Fairfax, created rain gardens across campus using water-loving, native plants. The gardens help alleviate storm-water runoff and pollution.

“Also, rain gardens help to eliminate standing pools of water that might otherwise have been the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes,” said Archie Nesbitt, landscape supervisor at George Mason.

HARVESTING RAINWATER. “Many people are now collecting rainwater in rain barrels and using it to water their plants,” White said. “You can connect a hose to the barrel and use it to water your garden.”

HOW DOES ONE’S GARDEN GROW? Landscapes that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular now and serve



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Landscape designers say yards that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular. Herbs and patio vegetables are ideal for small outdoor areas.

dual purposes: providing both food and beauty.

“There has been a huge interest in vegetable gardens, container gardens and fruit gardens, especially dwarf fruit trees, tomatoes, peppers and herbs,” said Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac.

MAKING ROOM. Designers can make accommodations when space is scarce.

“Because many of the yards in this area are small, people don’t have the space to dedicate to a larger garden, so we’re putting plants in containers and growing what is known as ‘patio vegetables,’ which don’t get as large,” said White. “For example, there are certain varieties of tomatoes and eggplants that are suitable for a smaller space.”

KEEPING BAMBI AT BAY. Homeowners who live in areas where deer abound also search for plants that don’t attract these four-legged friends.

“Anything that is deer resistant is popular now,” said Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac. “Nandina and cherry laurel are deer resistant. ‘Green giant arborvitae’ works if you’re looking for screen plants to create privacy. They grow tall very quickly.”

GOING NATIVE. Designers say indigenous



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/GAZETTE PACKET

Landscape architect Mark White uses ornamental water features to create a soothing space in the backyard of this Arlington home.

plants often grow beautifully with little maintenance and no fertilizer. “Whenever possible, allow things to be what they want to be ... the more a planted area can be self-sustaining [and] not require upkeep, the better,” said Nesbitt.

Drought tolerance is another bonus that makes native plants favorites among homeowners and landscape designers.

“Purple cone flower are popular, as are creeping phlox which blooms early, provides great ground cover and requires little maintenance,” said Dencker. “Black-eyed Susans and redbud trees are also native plants that have colorful buds. There are so many birds and other critters that need our native plants to survive. That is another reason why our native plants are so important.”

Home Life Style

Staving Off Mosquitoes

Chemical-free methods for controlling backyard pests.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Nothing spoils a backyard barbecue like a swarm of bloodthirsty mosquitoes. How does one keep bugs at bay without harsh chemicals? Local experts offer tips.

FANS. Landscape architect Mark White of Garden Wise in Arlington, says installing a ceiling fan on a covered patio is an effective method.

"They create enough air current to keep mosquitoes from lighting on top of your skin," he said.

"Lemon scented plants do a bang-up job..."

— Mark White of Garden Wise in Arlington

ALL-NATURAL SPRAYS. Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac, says oil-based sprays help keep the mosquito population under control.

"Oil-based sprays like cedar oil and clover oil keep critters off without using nasty chemicals," he said. "Most of these repellants come in sprays or granules."

LEMON. White recommends a lemon-scented plant called lemon bomb as a barrier for repelling mosquitoes.

"Lemon scented plants do a bang-up job of keeping mosquitoes [away]," he said. "They provide a scent all over your garden and mosquitoes don't like it. I have it planted all over my yard and on Memorial Day we had no mosquitoes, which is unheard of in Northern Virginia."

He added that citronella geranium plants are also effective mosquito repellants.

INSECTS AS WEAPONS. Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac, says that preying insects can keep mosquitoes and other pests under control. "Praying mantis and lady bugs work well."

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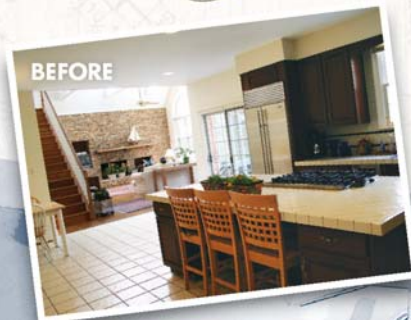
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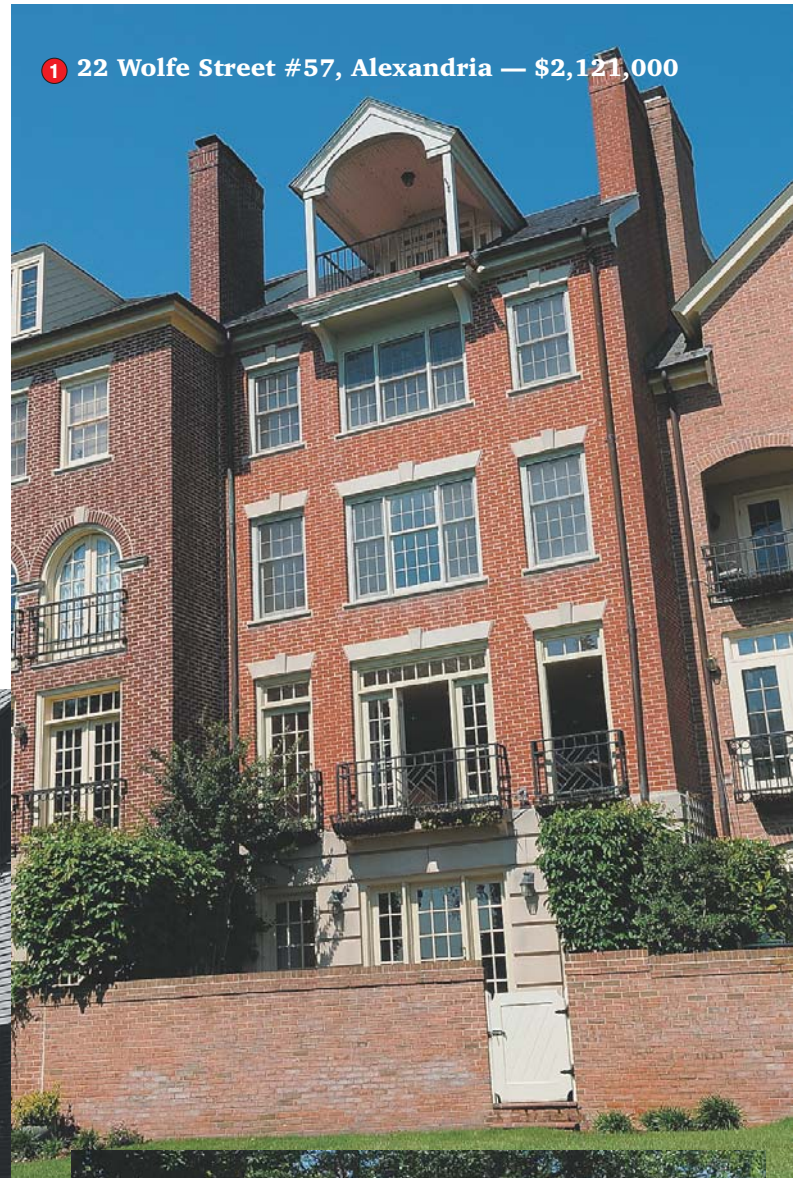
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Top Sales in April 2012

2 507 High Street, Alexandria — \$1,335,000



1 22 Wolfe Street #57, Alexandria — \$2,121,000



5 1112 Roundhouse Lane, Alexandria — \$1,200,000



4 311 Lee Street South, Alexandria — \$1,230,000

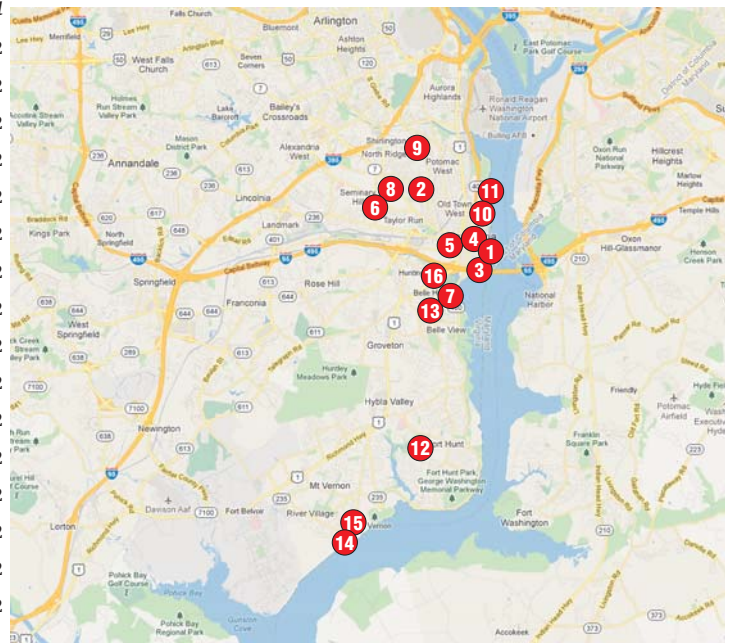


7 1804 Hunting Cove Place, Mount Vernon — \$1,075,000

12 2200 Lakeshire Drive, Mount Vernon — \$920,000

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1 22 WOLFE ST #57	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,121,000	Townhouse		22314	HARBORSIDE	04/16/12
2 507 HIGH ST	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,335,000	Detached	0.51	22302	OAKLAND	04/19/12
3 19 FRANKLIN ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,285,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING	04/27/12
4 311 LEE ST S	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,230,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN	04/16/12
5 1112 ROUNDHOUSE LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,200,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE	04/27/12
6 510 QUAKER LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.63	22304	GOODMAN HOUSE	04/23/12
7 1804 HUNTING COVE PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,075,000	Detached	0.22	22307	BELLE HAVEN	04/10/12
8 823 MARSHALL LN	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,045,000	Detached	0.53	22302	CHAPEL HILL	04/27/12
9 3205 CIRCLE HILL RD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,037,500	Detached	0.26	22305	BEVERLY HILLS	04/27/12
10 215 PRINCESS ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,025,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	PRINCESS	04/24/12
11 826 RIVERGATE PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,002,500	Townhouse	0.06	22314	RIVERGATE	04/30/12
12 2200 LAKESHIRE DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$920,000	Detached	0.52	22308	MANORS@MT VERNON	04/30/12
13 2004 WINDSOR RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$899,000	Detached	0.21	22307	BELLE HAVEN	04/30/12
14 4200 KIMBRELEE CT	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$885,000	Detached	0.53	22309	OXFORD	04/12/12
15 4106 FERRY LANDING RD	6	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$847,000	Detached	0.52	22309	MT VERNON GROVE	04/30/12
16 6008 GROVE DR	6	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$845,000	Detached	0.20	22307	BELLE HAVEN	04/03/12

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BUSINESS NOTES

Send announcements to the Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged.

Ourisman Chevrolet of Alexandria has teamed up with the **Alexandria Potomac Little League** to compete for a free baseball clinic from the Washington National's all-star Ryan Zimmerman in July. The Alexandria Potomac Little League needs the public's help to win as it is in direct competition with over 20 other D.C.-area youth baseball leagues. Ourisman Chevrolet of Alexandria is asking people to vote for Alexandria Potomac Little League by visiting the dealership's Facebook page or by visiting www.mychevyleague.com. The winning YBL will be announced Monday, June 25.

McDonald's franchisee, Carlos Mateos and daughter Jillian Mateos are officially celebrating the makeover of their 1000 North Henry Street restaurant on Friday, June 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Attendees to the festivities will have the chance to win giveaways, witness a ribbon cutting ceremony, food, and enjoy a Ronald McDonald show. Also, the first 25 people at the restaurant will receive a coupon for a free large sandwich for a year.

BB&T has promoted **Kirk Wiles II** to vice president. Wiles, who joined the bank in 2009, is an investment advisor with BB&T's subsidiary Scott & Stringfellow LLC at 201 North Union St.

Harry Braswell, Inc., a general contractor in Alexandria, has been awarded a "2012 Best of Remodeling - Customer Satisfaction Award" by Houzz, a social media platform for residential remodeling and design. The 30-year-old residential and commercial General Contracting firm has been using Houzz as a resource for its clients for roughly a year now.

BB&T partnered with Alexandria's Carpenter's Shelter on June 1 to show Carpenter's youngest residents that playtime is important, no matter where they live. Volunteers from the King Street branch of BB&T spent the day cleaning up the Carpenter's Shelter playground, installing a new shed and laying rubber mulch. The BB&T Lighthouse Project is sponsoring various Alexandria based projects, working to improve the lives of Alexandrians all over the city.

Nadeau - Furniture with a Soul, an importer of handmade furnishings, recently opened its first Alexandria location in Old Town Alexandria. The 6,100-square-foot showroom holds a selection of hardwood pieces that have been hand-painted, carved and stained by craftsmen in India and Indonesia. It is located at 5710 A & B, General Washington Drive. Open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

The Inova Alexandria Hospital Advanced Imaging Center has opened its 3-T Open Bore MRI machine. This technology allows for a more comfortable exam experience for patients, more detailed images, and a more accurate diagnosis. The Advanced Imaging Center is located at Inova Alexandria Hospital at Mark Center, 1800 North Beauregard St. Suite 150, Alexandria. Call 571-423-5400 to make an appointment.

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Administration for Native Americans. TT will provide onsite program support services for this multiyear, multimillion dollar contract. ANA is an office within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families.

Mystique Jewelers was selected as one of the region's best businesses in Virginia Living's first "Best of Virginia" contest.

Dr. Tammy L. Mann, president

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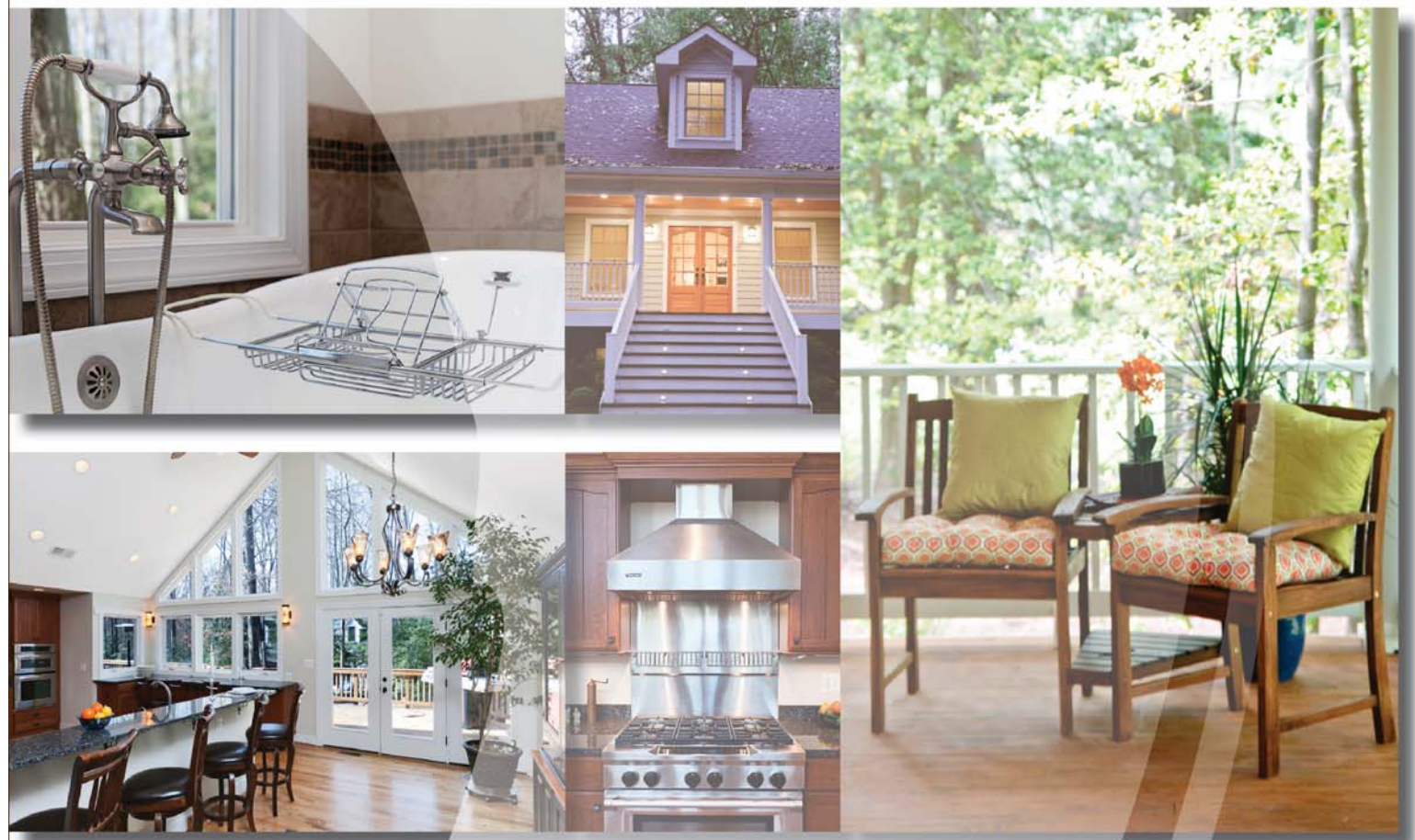
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309 HOLLAND LN #104	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	THE ROYALTON	
6016 LINCOLNIA RD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.03	22312	QUANTRELL MEWS	
2916 SYCAMORE ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$413,500	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
400 MADISON ST #303	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE	
6037 RICKETTS WALK	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22312	QUANTRELL MEWS	
710 PAYNE ST S	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	JEFFERSON HOMES	
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1334 BAYLISS DR	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$396,000	Detached	0.13	22302	OVERLOOK TERRACE	
6025 RIDDLE WALK	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$395,500	Townhouse	0.03	22312	QUANTRELL MEWS	
8 FENDALL AVE	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$386,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON KNOLLS	
3348 COMMONWEALTH AVE	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$384,500	Townhouse	0.05	22305	LAND OF HERBERT	
1736 PRESTON RD #819-17	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Townhouse		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
206 ASPEN ST	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$378,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
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617 ARMISTEAD ST #96	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$374,000	Townhouse		22312	BEAUREGARD HEIGHTS	
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ME & MY DAD

A gallery of photos submitted for Father's Day.



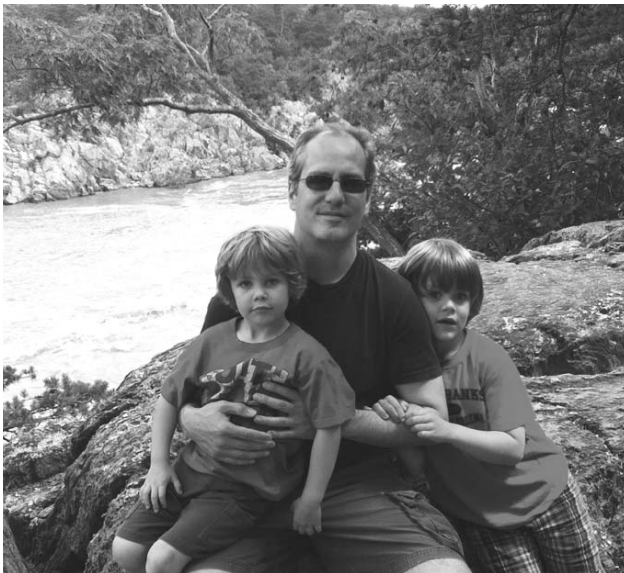
Bob Lian, Seminary Ridge, with four children, Graham, Meredith, Lindsay and Garrett.



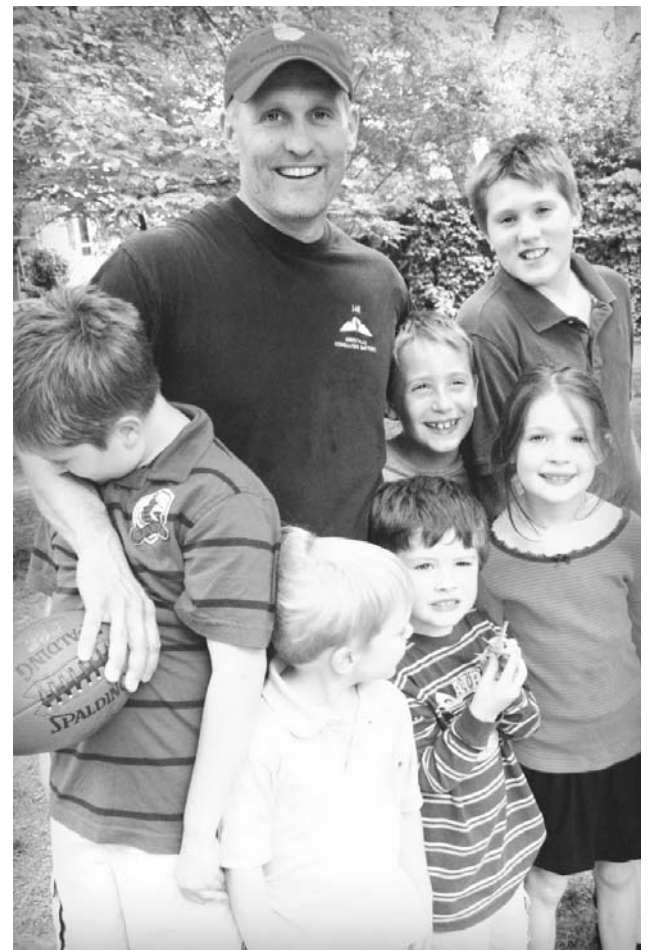
From left: Mitchell, Andrew, Zorine, Craig, Taylor and Matthew Shirley.



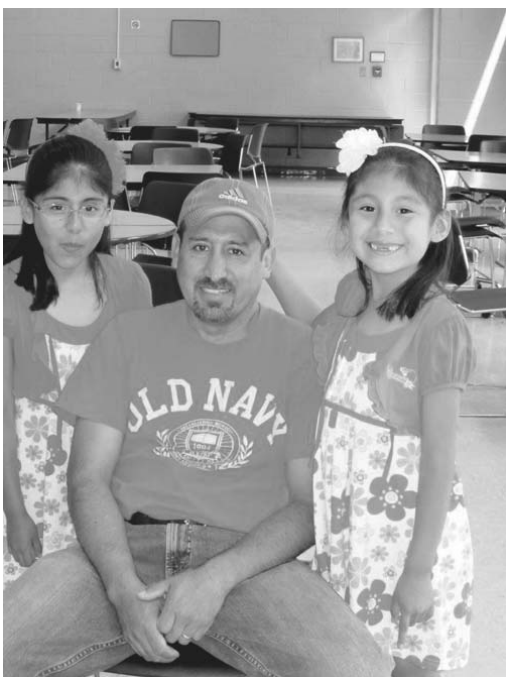
On the porch stoop at their Rosemont home in Alexandria waiting for Dad Michael Griffith are Sean (16), Willy (4), Brendan (13), and Moira (15).



Dakota (age 4 1/2) Scott Bilbrey (father) and Jasper (7) at Great Falls in Virginia on June 3. They were hiking and a passer-by snapped the shot.



Jeff Davis, father to four boys and stepfather to a boy and girl, has been a constant rock to our family. We are blessed to have him to spend time playing with us at the park, like we were doing in this photo last Father's Day (2011) at our neighborhood Chetworth Park. Above: Jeff Davis (dad), Connor (12), Kevin (10), Sean (8), Kaela (7), Brendon (5) and Peyton (5).



Omar Murillo and Angie 8, and Katherine 6, at the church cafeteria waiting for Mass on Sunday morning.



Chris Krese, along with daughter, Elle, and son, Chip, enjoy a table-side visit with Minnie Mouse at Chef Mickey during their recent vacation to Walt Disney World in Orlando.

Todd Foley of Alexandria enjoys an evening with his sons Chase, 10, and Carson, 8.



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George Goodno and his daughters Ellie, 4 1/2, and Annabelle, 2 1/2, right before they left for a cross-country road trip with their mom to visit their grandparents in Oklahoma.



Daddy, John Knapp, with sons Benjamin (4) and Tyler (18 months) at Rehoboth Beach, Del., last summer, September 2011.



John Rives and Elizabeth Rives (12 years old) from Alexandria dance at the Spring Cotillion held at Mount Vernon Country Club on March 24, 2012.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 14

Bus Rapid Transit. A public meeting for the design of the Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit Stations will occur at Cora Kelly Recreation Center Gymnasium from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. This

meeting will primarily target the look and feel of the Bus Rapid Transit Stations on Route 1 between Potomac Avenue and East Glebe Road. Meeting materials will be made available at www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard under Transportation Planning, Route 1 BRT.

FRIDAY/JUNE 15

DMV 2 Go. DMV's mobile customer service center called DMV 2 Go will be open for business outside the Beatley Central Library located at 5005 Duke Street in Alexandria from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The handicapped-accessible full service office provides all DMV transactions including applying for and renewing driver's licenses and ID cards. Road and knowledge tests are available, and

applicants may complete vision screenings and get their pictures taken.

SATURDAY/JUNE 23

From Buds to Blossoms: A Garden of Visionaries. 3-6 p.m. Free. Empowered Women International presents an art and entrepreneurship gala in celebration of the Spring

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BUSINESS

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and CEO of the Campagna Center has been elected to the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Governing Board. For more than 20 years, Mann has worked to improve outcomes for children and families served through a variety of early childhood education and development programs. Beginning June 1, Mann will commence her four-year term as an At-Large Governing Board Member for the nation's largest and oldest professional organization devoted to improving the education and development of children birth to age 8.

HeimLantz, PC, a regional accounting firm with offices in Alexandria and Annapolis, announces that **F. Carter Heim, CPA/CFP/CGMA, MST** has recently presented Helping Your Business Clients Build Value in their Businesses to the Capital Area Chapter of the American Association of Attorney - Certified Public Accountants.

Durrell's Painting & Home Maintenance of Alexandria announced the launch of www.durrellspainting.com as an information portal for Alexandria and Springfield areas homeowners to find information about painting and remodeling services for their homes.

Sundance Square Management has retained Alexandria-based **Michael Vergason Landscape Architects, LTD** to design the long-awaited central plaza now under development at the heart of the 35-block Sundance Square district in Fort Worth, Texas.

Michael and Son Services received a national citation with the

Jefferson Awards for Public Service. They were recognized for their "Michael and Son Cares" initiative that aids families in need with costly and essential home repairs, their support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and their career support counseling at area high schools.

The MAIDS of D.C. is partnering with the Cleaning for a Reason Foundation, a Texas-based, non-profit organization dedicated to providing complimentary cleaning services to women undergoing cancer treatment. Once individuals are selected, MAIDS of D.C. provides four, once-a-month cleanings to the selected patient, providing a four-month term of free cleanings.

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ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) welcomes two new staff members to the association's Marketing and Member Services Team. **Bonnie Kasander** has been appointed as ASCD's new director of membership, and **James Mahoney** has been appointed the association's new director of marketing. For more information about ASCD, visit www.ascd.org.

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Nothing is too small to know, and nothing too big to attempt.
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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 16, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-354 of Article S (PAYMENT, CONTEST AND ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING CITATIONS) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT); to add and ordain Section 5-8-97 of Article G (PARKING METERS) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES); and to amend and reordain Sections 10-4-22, 10-4-23, 10-4-24, 10-4-25, 10-4-26, 10-4-27, 10-4-29 all of Article C (RESERVED) of Chapter 4 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) of Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC); of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

This ordinance adopts and ordains a new City Code section 5-8-97 and amends and reordains sections 10-4-22, 10-4-23, 10-4-24, 10-4-25, 10-4-26, 10-4-27, 10-4-29, and 3-2-354 of the City Code to regulate the use of parking pay stations and increase the penalties for uncontested citations related to parking meter and pay station violations from \$35 to \$40.

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 as Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0003 to incorporate the Beauregard Small Area Plan Chapter into the Master Plan and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendments.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0003 to amend the Alexandria West Small Area Plan and Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill Small Area Plan chapters of the Master Plan to incorporate the Draft Beauregard Small Area Plan dated March 27, 2012, as amended by the Planning Commission and City Council, as the Beauregard Small Area Plan.

AN ORDINANCE making provision for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013.

The proposed ordinance appropriates funds for the operation of the City government in FY 2013.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2012.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of the supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2012.

AN ORDINANCE to add a new Section 2-5-6 (CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK OF APPLICANTS RECEIVING A CONDITIONAL OFFER FOR CITY EMPLOYMENT) to Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 5 (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Virginia law requires that a locality must pass an ordinance in order to conduct criminal background checks on applicants upon offer of employment. The proposed ordinance adds Section 2-5-6 of Article A, Chapter 5 of Title 2 to authorize the City to conduct criminal history records check on all applicants receiving a conditional offer of employment.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 5-7-31 (DEFINITIONS), 5-7-33.1 (RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PARKS OR PLAYGROUNDS; OWNERS NOT TO LET DOGS RUN AT LARGE IN PUBLIC PARKS OR PLAYGROUNDS KEEPING DOGS UNDER PHYSICAL RESTRAINT IN PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS), and 5-7-35 (KEEPING DOGS UNDER PHYSICAL RESTRAINT) of Article C (DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS) of Chapter 7 (ANIMALS AND FOWL), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance modifies Sections 5-7-31, 5-7-33.1, and 5-7-35 of Article C, Chapter 7 of Title 5 to clarify the definition of a dog or other animal running at large.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of the Route 1 Corridor Streetcar Conversion Project With Arlington County Through a Segmented Studies and Implementation Process.

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Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for approval of transit way corridors A & B. Staff: Transportation and Environmental Services.

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Wheel Day in North Ridge

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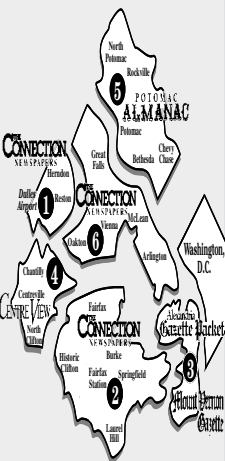
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Special Olympics athlete Daniel Morales, 12, carries the Flame of Hope as Alexandria law enforcement personnel participate in the Torch Run June 7 at the Washington Sailing Marina.

Torch Run Supports Special Olympics

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she watched her son carry the Flame of Hope through the streets of Alexandria June 7 as part of the Special Olympics Torch Run. "He couldn't get out of bed and dressed fast enough this morning, he was so excited."

Daniel, son of Angie and Joselino Morales, a retired Army soldier from Fort Belvoir, led more than 50 Alexandria law enforcement personnel from the Washington Sailing Marina to Jones Point as the torch made its way to Richmond to kick off the statewide Special Olympic Games June 9.

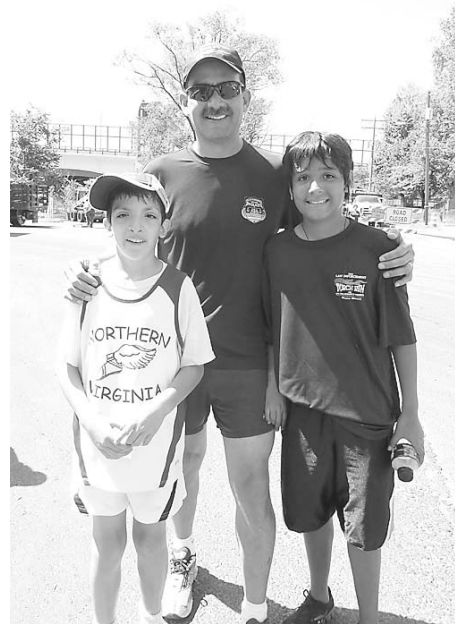
"We've been participating in the run since its inception," said Deputy Police Chief Eddie Reyes, who ran the 10-mile leg from the Iwo Jima Memorial to Jones Point with his own 12-year-old son Christian. "Daniel is a very special young man and it is inspiring to run with him."

Now in its 30th year, the Flame of Hope traveled more than 1,900 miles with more than 2,000 officers and Special Olympians participating in the event to raise awareness and funds for the Special Olympics. Across the state, Virginia law enforcement agencies raised a record-breaking \$924,000.

For Daniel, the Torch Run was only the beginning.

"I am excited to go to Richmond," said Daniel at the end of the run. "I can't wait for the Games to begin."

A track and field athlete, Daniel competed in the Special Olympic games where he took home a gold medal in the 200-meter run and a silver medal in the turbo-jav, or mini-



Deputy Police Chief Eddie Reyes with son Christian, 12, right, and Special Olympics athlete Daniel Morales, 12, at the end of the Flame of Hope Torch Run through Alexandria June 7.

javelin throw.

"Getting Daniel involved in Special Olympics is the best thing we could have done," Angie Morales said. "Special Olympics makes Daniel shine brighter than we've ever seen. And for a kid with a lot of self-esteem problems, seeing him out on that track and proud of himself means more to us than anything."

ENTERTAINMENT



Jennifer Finch, Ric Andersen, and Robin Parker in "All the King's Women."



Jennifer Finch and Robin Parker in "All the King's Women."



Sarah Holt, Ric Andersen, and Robin Parker in "All the King's Women" at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

PHOTOS BY DOUG OLINSTEAD

All Shook Up

'All the King's Women' dazzles at LTA.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Some are enthralled, some are appalled but all are obsessed as the story of Elvis Presley is told through the eyes of various women in "All the King's Women," now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

On a sultry Memphis-like summer evening, the scorching play by Luigi

Jannuzzi debuted at LTA with a talented cast of four masterfully guided by director Ellen Dempsey, who draws the audience into a quick-paced comedy romp through the rise of Elvis as a national icon of American music, his untimely death and the legacy he left behind.

Spoiler alert: Elvis never appears. Although that spoils nothing. Instead, eight sketches separated by brief collages of period newsreels, imagery and sounds carries

the audience back in time, beginning when an 11-year-old Elvis dejectedly walks out of a five-and-dime with his first guitar in lieu of the BB gun he coveted.

Though he never appears, the presence of Elvis is palpable from the moment the award-winning Sarah Holt opens the play with a gorgeously acted solo performance as the saleswoman who sells a guitar to a young boy longing for a rifle on his birthday.

On roll the scenes, flowing in chronological order with each touching a different aspect of Elvis' career and his impact on the people he met, touched and moved.

Scene two brings you to Elvis' controversial early career. In this day it's hard to imagine the shock of the unprecedented moves and "gyrations" in his performances, but Jannuzzi lets the audience eavesdrop on a

hilarious bantering between his agent and a television network representative and censor. Does Elvis get his way? Laugh along and find out.

Another sketch escorts you behind the scenes at the White House. Craftily written and performed with seamless timing by Holt, Jennifer Finch and Robin Parker, the audience is caught up in the frenzy of Elvis hysteria, his longing to aid an ailing nation and his historic 1970 visit with President Richard Nixon.

Holt, who teaches the Introduction to Improv class at LTA, leads the talented cast that includes the return of the comically gifted Finch and LTA acting debut of Parker, who has spent the last three years working behind the scenes on wig, costume and

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THURSDAY/JUNE 14

2nd Thursday Art Night: Swing into Summer. 6-9 p.m. Free. Enjoy live music by Dulcie Taylor, sample sweets from the art center's new Bread & Chocolate Café, and practice your swing with a mini-golf challenge. Visit Target Gallery for the reception for Forged. Then join The Art League Gallery for the reception for Rural Connections and the All-Media Membership Exhibit. Make a dazzling summery accessory at our Do-It-Yourself Summer Button Station. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria

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English as a second language classes. 10 a.m. - noon. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702x3.

Latin American Book Discussion Group. 7 - 8:30p.m. Discussions are in English. For stories in Spanish and English, contact the adult services/reference desk: 703-746-1702x3. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

SATURDAY/ JUNE 16

Outdoor concert. Nativity Lutheran Church. 4-6 p.m. Free. Performances by WAMMIE-award-winning 'roots rock' singer/songwriter Janine Wilson and guitarist Max Jones. Refreshments will be sold. Nativity

Lutheran Church at 1300 Collingwood Road in Alexandria. Call 703-768-1112.

SUNDAY/ JUNE 17

Chamber Music. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Special performance by pianist Haskell Small. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.wmpamusic.org, email wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-8229.

Concert with a Cause: The Children's Choir of Michiana. 4 p.m. Free-will offering. Benefit Concert for the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (www.alexandriatutors.org). Located at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.OPMH.org or

call 703-549-6670.

MONDAY/JUNE 18

Read, Sing & Play, Baby! 4 p.m. Children's program, for ages 0-11 months with an adult. Select one program per week to attend. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

Del Ray Music Week. 8-10 p.m. Free. The Highballers kick off Del Ray Music Week. St. Elmo's Coffee Pub. Visit www.highballersmusic.com or www.delraymusicfestival.com.

Great Lakes Beer and Pizza Night at RedRocks Pizza. 904 King Street Alexandria VA 22314. 7-11p.m. \$25 per person. RSVP to 703-717-9873. For more info visit www.greatlakesbrewing.com/events/1884/191

TUESDAY/ JUNE 19

English as a second language classes. 10 a.m. - noon. Free. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702.

English as a second language classes. 3-5 p.m. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702.

Stories to grow on. 11 a.m. Children's program, for ages 2 and up with an adult. Select one program per week to attend. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

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Duncan Book Discussion Group. 7

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Stories to grow on. 11 a.m. Children's program, for ages 2 and up with an adult. Select one program per week to attend. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

THURSDAY/ JUNE 21

English as a second language classes. 10 a.m.- noon. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702 for more information

Great Books Discussion Group. 7-8:30p.m. Located in the Story Time Room. Call Bill Scouton, 703-931-3559. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

Paws To Read. 15-minute session starting at 5:30 p.m. Grades 1-6. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

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SATURDAY/ JUNE 23

Field Day. The Alexandria Radio Club will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at Armistead Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Boulevard, between 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the picnic pavilion area. The public is invited to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license. To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to www.emergency-radio.org.

SUNDAY/ JUNE 24

Chamber Music. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Special performance by Soprano Laura Mann assisted by Pianist Susan Ricci, music by Handel, Fauré, Chaminade, Fanny Mendelssohn, Richard Strauss, Saint-Saens, Rachmaninoff, Sheldon Harnick, Lucy Simon, and Maurey Yeston. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. For more information visit www.wmpamusic.org. E-mail wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-8229

MONDAY/ JUNE 25

Little Wonders. 10:30-11:15 a.m. children's program, ages 12-23 months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

Books The Bagic is Real. 7 p.m. Marvel at Joe Romano's magic show. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult at the program. Call the Burke Information Desk to register at 703-746-1704 x3. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library. 4701 Seminary Road.

Introduction to Finding Funders. 7 p.m. This session provides an introduction to one of the key online tools for finding funders, Foundation Directory Online, available at all branches of the Alexandria Library. To register, call 703-746-1714 or email hmartyn@alexandria.lib.va.us. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street.

TUESDAY/ JUNE 26

English as a second language classes. 10 a.m.- noon. Free. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central

Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival

Volunteer Alexandria's upcoming 32nd annual Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival and Volunteer Fair will feature six area musicians including singer/songwriter Dulcie Taylor performing songs from her latest release, *Free of This Sorrow*.

In May of 2012, Taylor's album rose to the number one position of Amazon's top-rated Alt-country/Americana list which also variously includes Alison Krause, KD Lang, Cowboy Junkies and Johnny Cash.

Each year the line-up has included the best of VA/DC/MD area singer/songwriters with nominees and winners of Washington Area Music Association's WAMMIE Awards who are individually screened and selected to perform their own original songs at the festival.

2012 Supporting Sponsor is World Tavern Poker VA Northeast Region League - players made individual donations to support the the Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival and make a difference in the community. Specialty Sponsor is ING Financial Partners. Media Sponsor is Washington Post Local Living. Volunteer Breakfast Sponsor is Alexandria's Bread & Chocolate. Gift Donors include Artfully Chocolate of Alexandria and LocalMotion, a City of Alexandria resource for transportation alternatives involved in initiatives such as the recent National Bike to Work Day on May 18.

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The 32nd Annual Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival and Volunteer Fair at Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Free to the public. Saturday, June 16, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free trolley from King Street Metro Station, underground parking at the Square \$2/day on Saturday and Sunday. Free Sunday street parking. Visit www.volunteralexandria.org or www.razoo.com/story/Arts-And-Crafts-Festival-And-Volunteer-Fair.

Musical lineup:

SATURDAY/ JUNE 16

- 2 p.m.** Dulcie Taylor gets things rolling with selections from her latest release, *Free of This Sorrow*, a No.1 seller on Amazon's Alt-country/Americana list. www.dulcietaylor.com.
- 3 p.m.** Jim Heald, contemporary folk and roots music, with a little bit of Chicago, a little bit of Austin and a dash of jazz and blues. www.facebook.com/jimhealdmusic.
- 4 p.m.** Lynn Hollyfield, contemporary folk/blues/jazz, Wammie nominee, www.lynnhollyfield.com.

SUNDAY JUNE 17:

- 1 p.m.** Yvette Greene, folk/blues/soul, www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv2mVcmzeA&feature=youtu.be
- 2 p.m.** The Crooked Angels, Americana/roots/country, www.facebook.com/thecrookedangels.
- 3 p.m.** Herb & Hanson, new roots/blues/bluegrass/folk/rock, www.herbandhanson.com.

Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702.

SUMMERQUEST JR. 10a.m. Children's program, for ages 0-5 with an adult. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.

SUMMERQUEST JR. 11 a.m. Children's program, for ages 0-5 with an adult. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

Paws to Read. 5:30p.m.- 6:30p.m. Children's program, for grades 1-6. Registration required. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.

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

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. Children's program, ages 0-11months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

English as a second language classes. 3-5 p.m. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702 for more information.

Basic Computer Class. 4 p.m. The

class will cover computer hardware/software, mouse, keyboard, working with windows, and an overview of searching for basic information on the internet. Call the Burke Information Desk to register at 703-746-1704 x3. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library. 4701 Seminary Road.

Hands on History Tent. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come build your own model sailboat and race it against others. Other activities include designing a flag, writing with a quill pen and trying on colonial clothes. The event is free, sailboat craft \$5, and designed for children ages 3-12. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or e-mail carlyle@nvrpa.org.

WEDNESDAY/ JUNE 27

Lunch Bunch Concert: The Russkie Musikanti. noon - 1 p.m. Musical performance by The Russkie Musikanti, an ensemble of the Washington Balalaika Society, featuring Russian folk music, series held in partnership with Tishman Speyer. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Call 703-746-5418.

SUMMERQUEST Shazam Magic. 4:30 p.m. Children's program, for ages 6-12. Children only. James M. Duncan,

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PHOTO BY DOUG OLMPSTED

Jennifer Finch, Robin Parker, and Sarah Holt in "All the King's Women" at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

'All the King's Women' at LTA

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makeup design.

Ric Andersen returns to LTA in his sixth production, rounding out the cast in various roles that include manager of a Memphis car dealership and ultimately Elvis impersonator.

Pick a favorite scene if you must, and pressed to do so, the hilarious yet ultimately touching encounter between a late-night grocery shopper (Holt) and a dark-dressed Elvis out for bananas and peanut butter leaves the audience rolling in the aisles.

From Tupelo, Mississippi to the final chapter — the present day Graceland gift shop replete with

bobble heads, posters and knick-knacks celebrating the King's reign and its descent into chintz — the stellar cast underlines the adoration Elvis still inspires 35 years after his untimely death at the age of 42.

Are you lonesome tonight? Put on your blue suede shoes and head over to The Little Theatre of Alexandria for "All the King's Women," a bring-the-family comedy that is a tender and witty tribute to one of the most celebrated figures of the 20th century.

"All The King's Women" is playing now through June 30 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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- Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.
- Family Story Time.** 7 p.m. Children's program. Bring the whole family to enjoy stories and songs. No registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.
- SUMMERQUEST Jr.** "Oh Susannah!" Concert. 10:30 a.m. Children's program. Ages 0-5 with an adult.

Registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

SUMMERQUEST: Storyteller Diane Macklin . 4 p.m. Children's program. Ages 6-12. Registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

Hangover Royale (Swing) - Lee District Nights. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park. For directions and information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or myspace.com/hangoverroyale.

THURSDAY/ JUNE 28

- English as a second language classes.** 10 a.m.- noon. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702x3 for more information
- World Short Story Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. Discussing stories from the book, Other Voices, Other Vistas edited by Barbara Solomon.

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Lunch-time performances by select Serenade! Festival choirs from Colombia, Australia and the United States. Noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, June 29. Market Square, 301 King St.

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Story Time. 10:30a.m or 3 p.m. Children's program, ages

3-5 (children only). Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street.

J. HAYDEN to open for En Vogue. 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall. Tickets are on sale now at www.jworldrecords.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 29

Concert By 2012 Serenade. Noon-1 p.m. Concert by 2012 Serenade! Washington, D.C. Choral Festival. Market Square, 301 King St., call 703-746-5592

Serenade! Festival. 7:30 p.m. "Opening Celebration" with a welcome address by Alexandria's Mayor W. D. Euille. Take a trip around the world with this opening festival concert that will feature exciting and performances presented by choirs from Canada (Countermeasure and Cantaré Children's Choir), Colombia

(Verata e Liberi), Australia (Young Adelaide Voices) and the USA (Boston City Singers). At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Old Town Alexandria.

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

SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Chopteeth (Afrofunk) - Mt. Vernon Nights at Workhouse Arts Center (Lorton) at 7 p.m. Visit www.chopteeth.com or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

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

How to Get To Wonderful. 5:15-6:45 p.m. Ronna Webb, Reiki Master, leads this 90-minute class on creating the life you want. Cost is \$47. At Alexandria Massage Therapy 1217 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0310.



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TC Grad Forrer Back Playing Baseball in Hometown

Alexandria Aces tied for second place in league.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Two years after missing his senior season at T.C. Williams with a torn ACL in his left knee, Adam Forrer is back playing baseball in his hometown.

Forrer is the second baseman and leadoff hitter for the Alexandria Aces, which after six games was tied for second place in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League standings at 4-2. The Aces were on a three-game winning streak prior to a 5-4 loss to the Rockville Express on June 11.

"We've been playing really well," Forrer said. "Things have been going our way. Right now, we're hitting the ball real well."

Forrer, a rising junior at the University of Richmond, was a second-team All-Atlantic 10 Conference selection last season. At T.C. Williams, he was a first-team All-Northern Region selection as a junior prior to missing his senior year after slipping on ice in his back yard and tearing his ACL.

"It's nice to have a hometown crowd again after not playing my senior year of high school, so that's a lot of fun," Forrer said. "We've got a great group of guys, so it's a lot of fun to come out to the park every day and play baseball this summer."

Forrer led off Monday's game at Rockville with an infield single and later stole second base. While his batting average is down at .130 (3 for 23), the left-handed hitting Forrer has five walks and is 5 of 6 on stolen-base attempts.

"I like his experience at the top of the order," second-year Aces head coach Corey Haines said. "He has good [at-bats], quality ABs, finds his way on. ... He's savvy on the bases, too."

Haines said pitching depth and power in the lineup have improved for the Aces this season. He said starting pitchers Colin Milon (George Washington), Jamie Trembl (Wilmington), Ronnie Glenn (Penn) and Greg Speiss (Wayne State) have thrown well, along with relievers Shelby Dixon (Transylvania), A.J. Rosenthal (Frostburg State), Steve Schuler (St. Joseph's) and Nick Marics (Wilmington). Haines said Milon "was a stud" during the Aces' opening night victory against the D.C. Grays, giving up two hits while striking out seven in six innings. Speiss was the only starter to get a victory through six games and Schuler had two saves.

Offensively, Alex Buccilli (Coastal Carolina) was hitting .353 through six games and was tied for the league lead with two home runs. Kevin Francke (Trinity) was hitting .350 (7 for 20) with one home run. Craig Sweeney (Monmouth), Chris Sweeney (Kings College) and Anthony Papio (Maryland) each have one home run.

Matt Kilby, a rising junior at Navy and 2010 T.C. Williams graduate, is also on the team, but has been rehabbing his arm.

Alexandria will host the Vienna River Dogs at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 14 at Frank Mann Field.

"We definitely have expectations of making the playoffs this year," Haines said, "and I think it's a legit expectation."

Alexandria Aces second baseman and 2010 T.C. Williams graduate Adam Forrer bats against the Youse's Orioles on May 9.

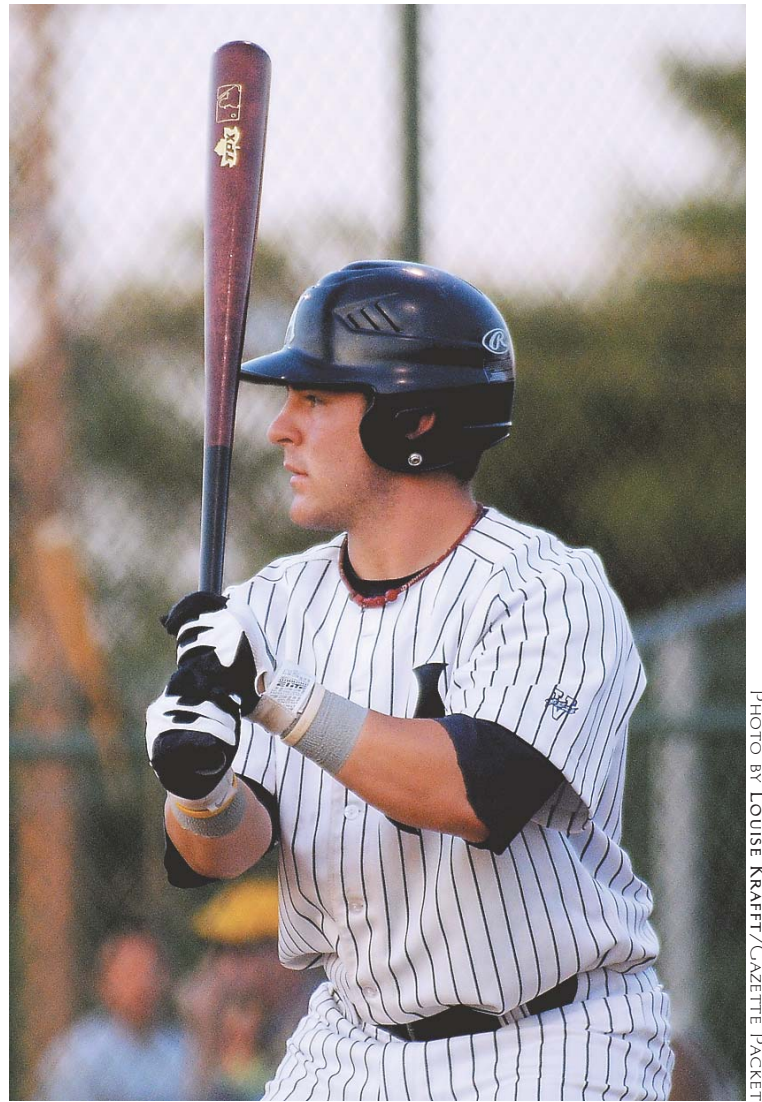


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Banchoff, Weitekamp Selected TC Crew MVPs

It was a weekend of awards and honors for the T.C. Williams crew team, which held its annual awards ceremony on Saturday and saw one of its rowers and boats win All-Met honors in the Washington Post on Sunday.

The awards ceremony took place at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town. Held each year at the end of the spring rowing season and attended this year by a crowd of nearly 150, the ceremony recognizes the efforts of all the athletes who competed on the T.C. crew team and honors the outstanding rowers and coxswains on the boys and girls teams. Those honored on the Crew team this year include: Kate Banchoff (Girls' Varsity MVP); Alexandra Lemke (Girls' Coaches Award); Kathrina Policarpio (Outstanding Girls Coxswain); Emily Breeding (Girls' Junior Varsity MVP); Katie Pickup (Old Dominion Boat Club Outstanding Oarswoman); Maeve Bradley (Girls' Freshman MVP); Madison Weitekamp (Boys' Varsity MVP); Ben Blakeslee (Boys' Coaches Award); Brian Comey (Outstanding Boys Coxswain); Ethan Vannatta (Outstanding Boys' Lightweight Rower); Joe Salmons (Boys' Junior Varsity MVP); Mark Comey (Old Dominion Boat Club Outstanding Oarsmen) and Rodrigo Robles (Boys' Fresh-

man MVP). The honors continued for T.C. Williams on Sunday when Madison Weitekamp — a mainstay of the T.C. crew team who has anchored the Varsity 4 for the past two seasons — was selected to the All-Met honorable mention team by the Washington Post. Also winning All-Met honors was the T.C. Williams boys' lightweight 8, which won the Virginia state championship earlier this spring and was recognized by the Post as best lightweight boat in the Washington, D.C.-metro region.

The awards ceremony officially brings to a close the 65th year of public school rowing in Alexandria. In total, the Titans brought home six medals this spring. In addition to the gold medal won by the boys' lightweight 8 at the Virginia State Championship on May 12, medals were also won by: the girls' freshman 8, who captured the silver medal at the Virginia Lower Boat Championship on May 5 and the bronze medal at the U.S. Rowing National Championship on May 26; the girls' varsity 8, who won the bronze medal at the Canadian National Championship Regatta on June 3; the boys' varsity 4, who captured the bronze medal at the Virginia State

Championship; and the girls' second 8, who also brought home the bronze at states.



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The T.C. Williams crew spring 2012 award winners gather on the dock of the Dee Campbell Boathouse after being recognized at the T.C. crew end-of-season awards ceremony on June 9. Award winners include (from left): Mark Comey, Ben Blakeslee, Ethan Vannatta, Alexandra Lemke, Emily Breeding, Madison Weitekamp, Katie Pickup, Maeve Bradley and Brian Comey. Not pictured are Kate Banchoff, Joe Salmons, Kathrina Policarpio, and Rodrigo Robles.

The T.C. Williams rowing program is one of the oldest programs in the United States. Established in 1947, T.C. crew involves more than 150 students each year.

The T.C. Williams crew team is guided by

boys' head coach Pete Stramese and girls' head coach Mercedes Kiss. For more information on the program, visit www.tcwcrew.org or www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters.

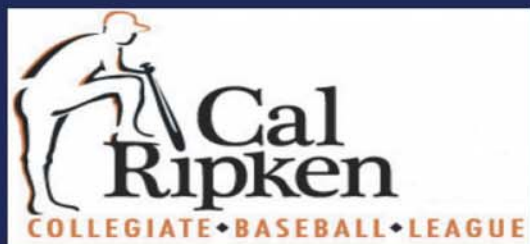


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Maria-Fernanda Cruz, 2010 graduate of T.C. Williams High school, has been awarded the Alwyn C. Lapsley Endowed Scholarship from the University of Virginia School of Engineering. The award is a \$5,000. Cruz is a rising 3rd year at UVA.

Katherine A. Rowe of Alexandria, received a degree from Clark University on Sunday, May 20. Rowe graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

Brendan Thurman Reilly of Alexandria graduated from The Catholic University of America with a Degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture as well as a Major in Architecture and Planning on Saturday, May 12, 2012. Reilly, a 2008 graduate from Bishop Ireton High School, is the son of Peter B. and Christine T. Reilly.

Emily Jayne, University of Wisconsin class of 2013, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2012 semester in the School of Education. She is a 2009 graduate of T.C. Williams High School and is the daughter of Ed and Clare Jayne of Alexandria.

Eighteen Alexandria residents have been named to the spring semester Dean's List at Radford University. They are **Emily Sohyoung Besse**, senior marketing major; **Brittany Leigh Booterbaugh**, senior foods and nutrition major; **Deanna Marie Kelson Doyle**, senior art major; **Lauren Jennette Ebberts**, junior psychology major; **Kristin Ashley Kayes**, senior political science major; **Kelsey Jean Lawhead**, junior interdisciplinary studies major; **Keanu K. Lee**, sophomore pre-major; **Kyle Joseph Lewis**, sophomore pre-business major; **Shanita Renee Manyfield**, junior criminal justice major; **Megan Marie Maple**, senior interdisciplinary studies major; and **Joshua Bradley Mazon**, senior psychology major. Also **Terra O. Newman**, senior foods and nutrition major; **Matthew Joseph Petroff**, sophomore geology major; **Chad Bradley Rogers**, senior geospatial science major; **Habtamu Bainesagn Sahilu**, senior computer sciences and technology major; **Ashley Marie Sawyers**, senior recreation, parks and tourism major; **Anne Marie Warren**, junior interdisciplinary studies major; and **Carroll Lee Wongchote**, senior computer sciences and technology and information security major.



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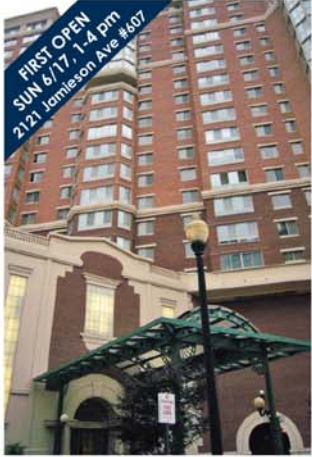


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