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## Partisan Budget

City Council passes budget with Fannon, Hughes in opposition.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

It's been more than 20 years since a budget passed with such meager support as the one this week, when the annual financial resolution squeaked by on a five-to-two party-line vote. The five-member Democratic majority approved a \$531.6 million budget with a tax rate of \$0.978 for every \$100 of assessed value, which will increase the average residential property tax bill by \$125 from \$4,255 to \$4,380. Republican Frank Fannon and independent Alicia Hughes voted against the budget, criticizing the Democratic majority for a lack of fiscal discipline and a willingness to raise taxes while increasing spending.

"This was a very difficult decision," said Hughes, who offered an

unsuccessful alternative motion for a \$527 million budget. "I believe the devil is in the details."

"My vote against this budget is not a vote against the core services provided by the city," said Fannon. "It's a vote against a lack of compromise."

Monday night's partisan vote for the budget was a culmination of months of negotiation, beginning in February when City Manager Jim Hartmann proposed a \$534.1 million budget with a tax rate of \$0.973 for every \$100 of assessed value. After 100 budget memoranda and weeks of number crunching, the final budget includes increased parking fees, a new stormwater management tax and higher salaries for city employees.

"It's unfortunate that we were not able to get a unanimous," said

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## City: Witness to War and Reunion

Alexandria prepares for invasion from the Union Army — again.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

When the Union Army invaded Alexandria in May 1861, there wasn't a whole lot of advance notice. Next time, things will be different. When the Union Army invades Alexandria on May 21, 2011, the event will have been planned and promoted well in advance. In fact,

preparations for the invasion and occupation of Alexandria have already commenced.

"It probably won't be at 5 a.m. like the original invasion," said Lance Mallamo, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria.

The Civil War offers Alexandria an ideal opportunity to promote historic tourism of the city's many war-related sites. But it also pre

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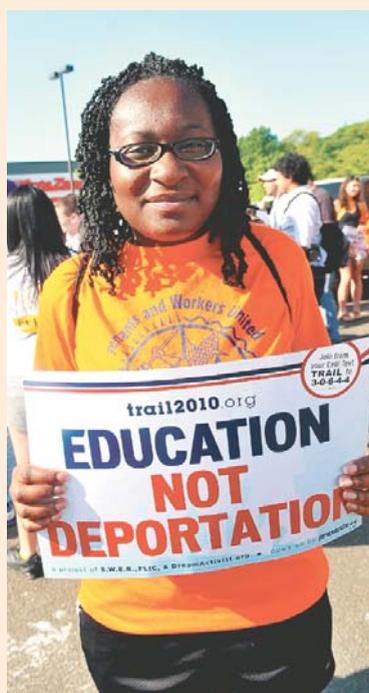
The marchers led by the Trail of Dreams organizers head down Mount Vernon Avenue for the final leg of the journey to the White House last Saturday morning.

## From Alexandria to Washington

Hundreds of students gathered at the Tenant Workers United Community Center on Mount Vernon Avenue for the Immigration Reform March on the White House Saturday morning, May 1. Among the walkers was Margie Obeng, a junior at TC Williams High School. As a Ghanaian immigrant to the United States, the fight for immigration reform is relevant to her life and has inspired her to speak out about the urgent need for immigration reform.

"Principles of justice and freedom are important in our house," said Obeng, "Last I checked

America meant all different kinds of people and



TC Williams student Margie Obeng begins the walk into Washington for the Saturday May Day protest.

was based on those same values." Obeng became involved with Tenant Workers United through a



Jon Liss, executive director of Tenant Workers United, talks with Simachew Desta. Simachew wanted more details about the safety of his daughter Helen before letting her join the other students for the Saturday protest march.

scholarship program COIN. She has been interning at the center for the past two years.



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## A Vote Against Everything

The last time a budget received two votes against it was in the mid-1980s, when Republican councilmen **Carlyle Ring** and **Bob Calhoun** joined forces to oppose increased spending and higher taxes. Since that time, budget votes have received a few protest votes here and there from Republican **Bill Cleveland** and Democrat **Andrew Macdonald**. For the most part, though, the annual spending resolutions have received unanimous support.

Until now.

Monday night's session to pass a final budget for fiscal year 2011 marked the first time new council members **Frank Fannon** and **Alicia Hughes** participated in the process. Both campaigned on fiscal discipline and lowering the tax burden, so it was no surprise to many that they advocated for a more restrained set of priorities. After Fannon and Hughes announced their intention to vote against the budget Monday night, Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** argued was tantamount to opposing every government activity in the city — including the good, the bad and the ugly.

"A vote against the budget is, in fact, a vote against the budget. You vote against all the stuff that's in there," said Donley. "There's too many good things in here that our citizens rely on for us to say no."

Former Councilman Ring disagrees with that sentiment. During his years on the City Council, he voted for seven budgets and against two. Ring took issue with Donley's argument that voting against the budget was, essentially, a vote against everything.

"That's one way to cut off the value of a meaningful discussion," said Ring. "Sometimes it's better to stick by your guns."

## Lowballing It

The numbers have been crunched, the tax rate has been calculated and the votes have been cast. The budget season is over, and that means one thing — it's time to announce the winner of this year's parlor game among members of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.

Each year, members of the committee try to predict the number of budget memoranda that will be issued by the Office of Management and Budget as part of the budget process. The process is simple: Council members ask a formal written question, and budget officials answer them in a memorandum. Recent years have seen wild swings in the number of memoranda issued — ranging from 86 in 2007 to 132 in 2008.

"I asked a lot of questions," admitted former Councilman **Justin Wilson**, who raised the number of requested memoranda significantly during his two years in office. "But I'd like to think that was because I had so many great ideas."

With two new members of City Council and one returning member, budget-watchers predicted a high number of budget memoranda — something akin to the Wilson era. But that was not to be the case. The final budget memo was released Tuesday with the number 100, throwing the prevailing logic out the window. All of the BFAAC estimates were higher than 100, and so the winner was **Holly Hemphill** who guessed that the Office of Management and Budget would issue 128 budget memoranda.

"We weren't even close," said **Tracy Rickett**, chairman of the budget-advisory committee. "The prevailing logic was wrong."

What does Hemphill win? According to tradition, she is responsible for buying the first round of drinks following the committee's annual budget postmortem session later this month.

## Happy Birthday, Mayor

At the conclusion of Monday night's special session of the City Council, weary elected officials were eager to leave City Hall and bring this year's budget season to a finish. But before a motion for adjournment could be made, Councilwoman **Del Pepper** interjected with some pressing business.

"Let the record show that today is the mayor's 60th birthday," she said.

"Did you have to say my age?" asked Mayor **Bill Euille**.

"It used to be that we would sing 'Happy Birthday,'" noted Pepper. "But I want you all to know that there's one thing about this council is that they cannot carry a tune."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



The intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and East Oxford Lane may soon be the location of a barbecue restaurant, although some neighbors are concerned about smoke and odors.

# Pork-Barrel Politics

Zoning dispute over barbecue restaurant pits some Del Ray neighbors against restaurateur.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

One man's aroma is another man's air pollution. Somewhere in between grind the wheels of government, with business interests pitted against some neighborhood residents in Del Ray.

At issue is a restaurant at the intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and East Oxford Lane divided into three sections — barbecue, Asian fusion and sushi. Known as "Hog Thaid," the restaurant has been slowly simmering for weeks in Del Ray, where some neighbors say the lingering smoke from the barbecue smoker will be a nuisance. Restaurateur Michael Anderson — who's probably better known as "Mango Mike" from his eponymous joint on Duke Street — said he wants to be a good neighbor.

"I know there's been a lot of talk among the neighbors about the new restaurant," he wrote to Barbara Ross, deputy director of planning and zoning. "There seems to be a groundswell against our proposed meat smoker. So to be a good neighbor we're making this equipment change."

Anderson abandoned his original plan of installing a smoker fueled internally by wood, a cooking technique he described as the purist's choice for slow-cooking barbecue. Instead, he agreed to install a gas-fueled cooker that will add one to three logs wood for flavor each 12-hour cooking cycle. He also agreed to install an extra filter to the ventilation hood and a dilution fan to reduce the amount of exhaust coming from the hoods. But some neighbors remain opposed to the presence of smoker in their midst, arguing that the land use amounts to point-source pollution in a neighborhood with an asthmatic child who

lives on the block.

"No smoker is smokeless and no wood smoke is harmless," wrote toxicologist Patricia Hilgard in an e-mail to Planning Commission members. "Given the much-ballyhooed commitment to air quality and the environment, this seems to me to be the perfect time for the city to put its words into action."

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION** approved Anderson's special-use permit Tuesday night, setting up an inevitable confrontation later this month when the City Council takes up the issue on May 15. Until then, both sides will be lobbying and trying to make their case in a community divided by the proposal. Many neighbors support Anderson and his barbecue smoker.

"I hope the chattering class of a few xenophobic vocal opponents does not discourage this much-anticipated grand opening," wrote Del Ray resident Winfield Slade. "I can't wait for the opportunity to walk up the avenue and enjoy another choice in casual dining options."

The site at the intersection of Mount Vernon and Oxford was a gas station for many years, dating back to the 1950s. But when City Council approved a development special-use permit for a two-story mixed-use building in 2007, many in Del Ray

were excited about the possibility of adding to one of the most visible blocks on the avenue — home of St. Elmo's Coffee Pub and the Dairy Godmother. Yet the idea of allowing Anderson to install a smoker strikes some as a bad idea.

"The staff person says we should rely on the marketplace to regulate noise and smells of business in the city," said Del Ray resident Ed Ablard. "This is something like getting the astronauts to approve the O rings after the space shuttle flight."

**"No smoker is smokeless and no wood smoke is harmless."**

— Patricia Hilgard, toxicologist

## A Decade of Taxing and Spending

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Average Residential Property Value</b>	\$194,3000	\$215,523	\$248,133	\$308,876	\$364,240	\$440,991	\$524,812	\$509,923	\$500,234	\$471,164	\$447,873
<b>Tax Rate</b>	1.11	1.11	1.08	1.04	1.00	0.92	0.815	0.83	0.845	0.903	0.978
<b>Average Residential Property Tax Bill</b>	\$2,156.73	\$2,392.31	\$2,679.84	\$3,196.87	\$3,624.19	\$4,035.07	\$4,277.22	\$4,232.36	\$4,226.98	\$4,254.61	\$4,380.20
<b>Change</b>	n/a	\$235.58	\$287.53	\$517.03	\$427.32	\$410.88	\$242.15	(\$44.86)	(\$5.38)	\$27.63	\$125.59

Source: Office of Management and Budget

# Fannon, Hughes Vote Against \$531.6 Million Budget

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Mayor Bill Euille. "We certainly respect their position."

**THE LAST DECADE** has seen unprecedented growth in Alexandria, with the average tax bill rising from \$2,157 in 2000 to \$4,255 this year. Several factors contributed to the increasing burden on residential taxpayers during that time, including population growth, inflation, higher costs of employee compensation, debt service, an expanded capital-improvement program, expanded cost of the city's public school system and a workforce that's grown 10 percent in the last decade.

Now the pendulum has moved in the opposite direction, with the city shedding vacant positions to save money. City Council members have also looked for ways to raise new revenues through fees and service costs. On Monday, council members increased the price of all city parking meters to \$1.75 an hour, raising \$1.2 million. They increased the fee for trash and recycling service by \$5. And they allocated of 0.5



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

**Parking meter fares will be \$1.75 an hour when fiscal year 2011 begins this summer.**

cents of the property tax to pay for stormwater sewer infrastructure rather than creating a sliding scale that would charge property owners according to how much impervious surface they owned.

"I personally thought the fee was a fairer more equitable way to go," said Councilman Paul Smedberg. "I was a little concerned that where we ended up was a compromise, which puts the burden, in my view,

squarely on the residential property owners in the city."

One proposal that council members rejected was an effort to charge commercial property owners a higher tax rate than residential property owners. Although Hartmann didn't include the idea in his proposal, he presented a three-cent add-on tax as one option to raise an additional \$4 million for transportation projects. Although the effort had the backing of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, it was strongly opposed by the Chamber of Commerce. In the end, the add-on tax was subtracted from the final budget.

"When we took up this issue, we thought this was something that the city manager was behind it," said BFAAC chairman Tracy Rickett. "But there was very little enthusiasm from the city, and the business community obviously rallied against it."

**THE CITY COUNCIL** made a number of significant alterations to Hartmann's proposal. They added new parking meters to lower King Street and removed the exemp-

tion for parking fees and meter time limits for vehicles with handicapped license plates.

They restored some money that Hartmann removed from DASH bus funding, and they removed funding Hartmann added a new emergency communications division chief. They restored two of the three community policing positions the city manager eliminated, and they added \$1.6 million to pay for Metro.

Despite flirting with a plan that would have cut funding for the schools, council members ended up fully funding the School Board's budget. Ultimately, the council members shaved \$2.5 million from the city manager's proposal.

"The reality is that every single member of council has their fingerprints on this budget," said Councilman Rob Krupicka. "There are cuts in this budget that I didn't want, but there're here because they had majority support amongst the seven of us on council. There's spending in this budget that wouldn't have been my first choice as a priority."

# Local Interior Designers Help Habitat for Humanity

**Annual event at ReStore raises \$7,000.**

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**or the third year in a row this April, uptown met downtown for a special one-day sale at the Alexandria/Mount Vernon Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

According to local ReStore spokesperson Virginia Patton, the Greater D.C. chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) reached out to its members and vendors for donations.

"They donate higher-end items than what we usually have to offer at this Habitat for Humanity Re-Store," Patton said. "Wall hangings, drapes, fabrics — it's a different scale of furniture and accessories for us. ASID members bring in the items, price them and even get volunteers to sell with us here in the store."

Patton explained that the purpose and mission of ReStore is to benefit local Hab-

itat for Humanity projects.

"We also are working to prevent materials from ending up in landfills," she said. "Building suppliers, contractors and homeowners all donate unused as well as used materials, and we sell to the public for 50-90 percent off retail."

Stratford Landing resident Joann Manzek and Sue Debevec of Del Ray, both past presidents of the Washington Metro Chapter of ASID, co-chaired this year's event.

This fund-raising idea started out as a desire on the part of local interior designers wanting to help somehow with Hurricane Katrina recovery.

"We knew Habitat for Humanity was involved with the recovery efforts," Manzek said. "We got hooked up with Virginia Patton from the Alexandria Habitat for Humanity Restore, and she helped us realize we didn't need to go all the way to Louisiana to make a difference.

"We ask our members and industry partners to donate new and gently used designer items, and all dollars raised go into the Habitat coffers," she said. "It's a chance for us to give back to the community and help those who need it."



PHOTO BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER / THE GAZETTE

**Local ASID members helped the Alexandria/Mount Vernon ReStore have a record-breaking day on Saturday, April 24. Sales for the day totaled \$13,000, including \$7,000 from the ASID donations. Pictured front, from left: Nancy Overstreet of Alexandria, ReStore's Virginia Patton, and Sue Debevec of Del Ray. Back row, from left: Joann Manzek of Stratford Landing, Sonya Worosz of Falls Church, and Sydnye Pettengill of Rosemont.**

# NEWS



Jacob Noonan with his work *Due Expressi* at the Del Ray Artisans' art sale Saturday. See [www.jacobnoonan.com](http://www.jacobnoonan.com).

## Annual Outdoor Spring Art Sale



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Claudia Cappelle, [www.ccappelle.com](http://www.ccappelle.com), works with mixed media, collage and acrylics.

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RECREATION

# Sankofa Anyone?

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA  
ACTING CENTER DIRECTOR  
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**A** CCT is at it again! The Alexandria City Community Theatre, an arts initiative of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, is gearing up for another performance entitled "Sankofa." The show features both our community partners and neighborhood center ensembles and they are Urban Inspiration, Empty Chair Theatre, Nannie J. Lee's Bring in Da Noize Percussion and Poetry Ensemble, Life Through Dance at Ramsay and the Ramsay Chorale. What exactly does Sankofa mean?

Sankofa is about going back to your roots as an assured path to understanding your future. The Sankofa concept derives from King Adinkera of the Akan people of West Africa. This concept can be applied to every diverse culture we serve in the city because it's essentially a journey of self-awareness.

Remember, it is never too early to teach youth about the importance of self-love and self-awareness. The theme song that the Chorale will sing, "We Wear the Mask," a poem by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, keeps our message alive. How many masks or roles do you play in the course of a day?

The singing, dancing and poetry are all woven together to give the audience something to both rejoice in and think about during the performance and hopefully afterwards. Tickets are \$5 and are still available. If you want to volunteer or want to know more about the program call me at 703-746-5533. Sankofa, an ACCT production, is May 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the Kauffman Auditorium at the Lee Center located at 1108 Jefferson Street.

## Correction

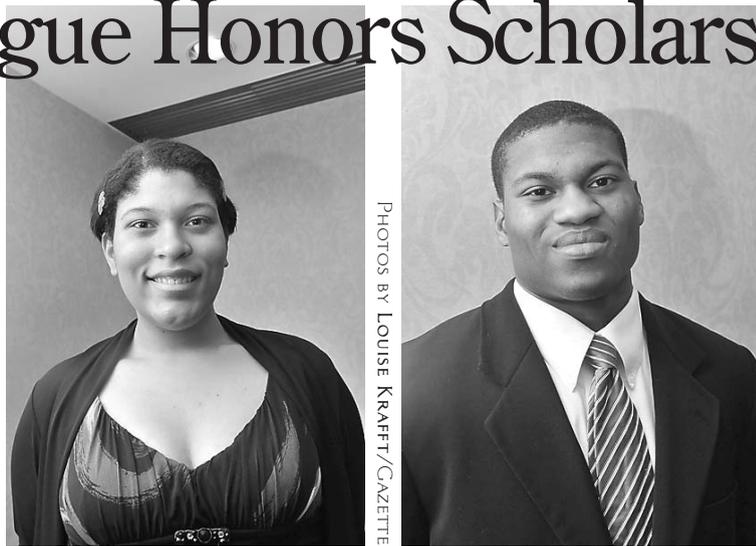
In last week's photo, "Raising Awareness for Clean Water," the caption should have noted that all proceeds from the Monday, April 12 event at Mak's Salon were being donated to the Potomac Conservancy. The salon is normally closed Mondays, but had been open that day just for the fund-raiser.

# Urban League Honors Scholars

**E**ight hundred guests filled the ballroom at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner on Friday, April 30, for the 20th Annual Community Service and Scholarship Awards Dinner hosted by the Northern Virginia Urban League (NOVAUL). NOVAUL awarded 13 high school seniors with scholarships towards their college education. In addition, NOVAUL also honored two local business leaders John Rice of Management Leadership for Tomorrow and Eric A. Adolphe, Esq. for their commitment to education and community service in Northern Virginia. Speaking on the importance of access to quality education, Dr. Steve Perry, founder of Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford, Conn., and education contributor for CNN, delivered the evening's keynote address. Award-winning news anchor Leon Harris of ABC7/WJLA was the evening's master of ceremonies.

Major sponsors include: Capital One, Dominion, ExxonMobil, The Stafford Foundation, Verizon, Southwest Airlines, Northrop Grumman, Cox Communications, Xerox, Strategic Resources Inc., Comcast, Alfred Street Baptist Church and Bethlehem Baptist Church of Alexandria, and Mount Zion Baptist Church of Arlington. Special guests included U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-11), City of Alexandria Mayor William Euille, City of Alexandria School Superintendent Dr. Morton Sherman, Angola Ambassador to the U.S. Josefina Pitra Diakité and Washington Redskins player #64 Kedric Golston.

The Northern Virginia Urban League (NOVAUL) is a non-profit, nonpartisan, multi-ethnic, social service organization. For more information, visit [www.nvul.org](http://www.nvul.org).



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**Alexander Edwards** is a senior at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, where he is on the Dean's List, an Upper School Peer Leader, an Ambassador with the Student Admissions Guides, a captain with the Saints Action Team, and a member of the Saints Boys Step Team. Alex was selected and attended the West Point Summer Leader's Seminar at the United States Military Academy, Vet-Step at Tuskegee University, and the Association of Minority Health Professions School Biomedical Symposium in New Orleans, La.

Alex serves as the youth representative to the Administrative Council at Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church. Alex plans to study biology and pursue a career as a veterinarian. He will attend college in the fall at either Tuskegee University or the University of Virginia.

**Grace Elizabeth Omijie** is a T. C. Williams High School senior who loves new challenges. Her academic pursuits include a variety of Advanced Placement and Honors courses. In spite of the rigor of these courses, Grace has achieved a very competitive grade point average – an "A-". In her community and school Grace volunteers to help the young and the old to become "computer literate". Grace plans to matriculate at the University of Tampa or Marymount University where she will use her skills in technology to pursue a degree in Graphic Design/Print Media. Some of the prestigious awards received by her are the President's Education Award (Outstanding Academic Excellence), National Achievers Society Award, and she participated in the Governor's German Academy.



**Alexandria Human Services director Debra Collins, City Manager James Hartmann, Mayor William D. Euille and Julia Pollard.**



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## BUSINESS

# Take the Boat to the Ballgame

Water Taxi is the way to get to Nats game.

BY GALE CURCIO  
GAZETTE PACKET

There is no longer any reason to sit in traffic when going to a Nationals game. For 20 bucks, one can drive to Old Town, park the car for free and jump on a boat at the Torpedo Factory. Potomac Riverboat Company's water taxi service to Nationals Stadium leaves approximately an hour before the game and departs from the stadium 20 minutes after the last pitch.

Once on the boat, guests can relax and enjoy the view. Depending on the time of day or night, riders will see the National Airport, Hains Point and Fort McNair from a different vantage point.

The boat is fully covered, so guests stay dry even if it is a stormy day or night. The water taxi sells beer and wine, as well as other beverages, hot dogs and popcorn — all of these at a rate almost half the price the ball park charges.

Charlotte Hall, manager of Potomac Riverboat Company, said that they average anywhere from 45 to 65 people per game.



**Diana and Kayla Eastty, who were visiting from Massachusetts, enjoyed taking the water taxi to the ball game.**

A lot depends on who the opposing team is and whether it is a weekday or the weekend.

"Weather plays a factor as many people do not realize that the boat is enclosed. We plan to go to approximately 60 games," said Hall. "Beverage sales are great, but hotdog sales are a tad slow because most people are holding out for the beloved baseball game hotdog."

Some of the people on the ride recently had taken the taxi to the stadium before, while most people were there for the first time. Everybody said that they "would defi-



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**View from the water taxi coming into Nationals Stadium.**

nately do it again," and one man wants to bring his wife along next time.

Hall mentioned that they had quite a few hurdles to get to the point of being offered this opportunity, adding, "We have to get special permission from the City of Alexandria. We have to get permission to dock at the stadium and all the additional insurance."

"We are very proud of the tailgating opportunities with some of our local restaurants and the free parking we offer with online ticket sales," said Hall. "Chadwicks may offer specials that evening after the game, encouraging everyone to come over when they return to the dock (after the baseball cruise); while Overwood may do a pre-party warm-up, everyone walks down

to the dock together to board the boat, and when they return, they may offer a special dinner, nightcap, whatever. We will make announcements on our boats if they are offering specials after the game as well as we do some joint radio promotion with the restaurant [at their request]."

Union Street Public House is offering specials as well; check the Union Street website ([www.unionstreetpublichouse.com](http://www.unionstreetpublichouse.com)) for game times and specials, both before and after the game.

Reservations are required. For schedule and additional information on Potomac Riverboat, visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com).

*Gale Curcio is an independent writer and public relations consultant in Mount Vernon.*

# Forum Details Ways To Get Through Bad Economy

BY BILL CLAYTON  
AGENDA:ALEXANDRIA SECRETARY

When Lyles Carr, an Alexandria business and civic leader, stepped to the microphone Monday, April 26, to outline strategies for nonprofit groups to get through hard economic times, he was the third speaker, a role he characterized as "nothing like following the Grim Reaper and his trusty sidekick."

He had been preceded at the lectern of Agenda:Alexandria, a nonpartisan issues forum, by investment adviser and former City Councilman David Speck and Tracy Rickett, chair of the city's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAC). Rickett and Speck had somber words about the difficult economy, but outlined possible ways to ease the pain. Carr called Alexandrians a generous community, and he talked about short- and long-term ways

its residents can come together to fill gaps in services and needs.

Rickett, emphasizing he does not speak for the BFAC, said the proposed City budget anticipates substantial loss of revenues and would balance them with service cuts ("reductions in hours and such") and personnel cuts that nearly double the number of the previous fiscal year. The City's main tax base, levies on residential and commercial real estate, is expected to shrink as property values shrink, he said.

"We are in the soup," Rickett said, "More than half the City's budget depends on real property." Under any of the three major scenarios of City revenue projections, budget shortages will persist, he said. Under the low-growth and medium-growth examples, shortages are expected through 2020, and even in the high-growth prospect, until 2016, he said.

BFAC is recommending Alexandria look closely at non-essential functions, he said.

"We have to do a better job of collecting data and figuring out what it means," he said.

Speck followed, calling the City one that "sees needs and tries to meet them — sees voids and tries to fill them." But as for economic woes, Speck said, "There is no real relief in sight .... This is a tough year and by the way, it's going to be worse next year." One problem he outlined was that — looking at Alexandria as a corporation — the City's competitors are all around it in a circle. Alexandria cannot grow in size and it has few areas suitable for in-fill development. Real estate taxes are "getting close to punitive," he said, and many older and middle-class residents are leaving, reducing the potential tax base.

One big thing people can do, he said, is "create forums and opportunities for significant discussion of how we do business." He recounted how, several years ago, he and several other Alexandrians created

Agenda:Alexandria as a nonprofit, nonpartisan forum for discussion of ideas designed to educate and inform the movers and shakers of the City.

Carr said coalitions can achieve what individual charities may not. "We all have to come together," Carr said. "The good news is, we are the top city for online giving," with the biggest response going to health-related causes and events, and the second-biggest to disasters. But the groups dedicated to volunteer action need to work together, he said — "get all the cylinders firing. Government, groups, individuals need to determine to be engaged." He cited Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically, or ALIVE, a charity formed by dozens of church congregations and individuals.

There are possibilities beyond donations of money, Carr said. One example is getting a volunteer group working to repair older automobiles to be given away to poor people so they can go to their jobs.

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### THURSDAY/MAY 6

**First Thursday.** 6-9 p.m. The Del Ray Business Association's first First Thursday. "Kids Creating Community" is the theme. Businesses along Mt. Vernon Avenue will have special events for children including

making a mural featuring what children feel make a great community. Featured non-profit is Community Partners for Children who will be taking donations of diapers for needy mothers. Bands featured for the evening will be School of Rock and the George Washington's Middle School Orchestra. Contact Pat Miller at 703-683-2570.

**Alexandria DMV Closed.** The Alexandria Department of Motor Vehicles Customer Service Center at

2681 Mill Road will be closed the morning of Thursday, May 6 until 1 p.m. for technology upgrades. Customers may continue to conduct DMV business through [www.dmvNOW.com](http://www.dmvNOW.com) or by calling 1-888-337-4782.

### FRIDAY/MAY 7

**Office on Aging Meeting.** 10 a.m. The Office on Aging will bring together representatives from police, fire and rescue, recreation and

others. Information and training will be offered to the other department representatives regarding hearing, vision and mobility loss and how the Center teaches its population to cope with these everyday challenges. At the Adult Day Care Center at the Lee Center on Jefferson Street.

### SATURDAY/MAY 8

**Skin Cancer Screenings.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Medical experts will not only screen patients but provide

education, follow-up treatments and teach patients about how to perform self-exams. In recognition of National Skin Cancer Awareness Month. At Inova Alexandria Hospital. Call 703-750-8812. Patients will be seen by appointment only.

**A Splendid Fabulous Affair.** The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's 24<sup>th</sup> annual gala dinner-dance and auction. At the Hilton Mark Center Alexandria, 5000 Seminary Road. Visit [www.AlexScholarshipFund.org/gala.php](http://www.AlexScholarshipFund.org/gala.php).

# War and Reunion

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sents a contradiction — one that became painfully evident last month during the firestorm surrounding Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell's declaration of April as Confederate History Month. Mallamo said the desire to commemorate the anniversary of the war must be carefully balanced in a way that presents the story through multi-sided prism. That includes the Confederate side of the story and the Union version of events plus the perspective of the slaves.

"The interpretation has got to include the good, the bad and the ugly," said Mallamo. "We want to tell the story without judgment and let people come to their own conclusions without telling them what to think."

**THE SESQUICENTENNIAL** will embrace nearly all of the city's historic sites, everything from the Freedom House, where slaves were once sold, to the Robert E. Lee Camp Hall Museum, which has the largest collection of Alexandria's Confederate paraphernalia. The city's efforts will be in close coordination with Virginia's state-wide effort, a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities known as "An American Turning Point: the Civil War in Virginia."

"Every effort has been made to ensure that this is not your father's Civil War project," said Paul Levensgood, president of the Virginia Historical Society, in a written statement. "This is a commemoration, not a celebration."

The signature event of Alexandria's sesquicentennial is certain to be the May 21, 2011 reenactment of the invasion of Alexandria, when Confederate James W. Jackson killed Col. Elmer Ellsworth before being killed by Union soldiers at the Marshall House. There's no shortage of other ideas about ways to commemorate the war: a boat cruise; a ball; a driving tour; a lecture series; a street guide; a cell-phone tour; a reenactment of a balloon ascension to gather intelligence; a reenactment of the Battle of Fort Stevens at Fort Ward; conservation of the Confederate memorial statue known as "Appomattox" at Prince and South Washington streets.



An 1862 engraving depicts Marshall House manager James W. Jackson killing Col. Elmer Ellsworth.

The Black History Museum is planning a number of events to mark the anniversary. One will be an exhibit called "Securing the Blessings of Liberty" that will explore the role of African-American soldiers. The museum will also continue recognizing the work of the Edmondson Sisters, two slave girls captured after an escape attempt on a boat known as "The Pearl." Yet another item on the agenda for the Black History Museum is creating a walking tour to focus attention on the city's African-American community.

**"Every effort has been made to ensure that this is not your father's Civil War project."**

— Paul Levensgood, president, Virginia Historical Society

"A lot of people look at this as the War Between the States, but that overlooks the role that slavery had in perpetuating the war," said Louis Hicks, director of the Black History Museum. "I'd like to see the sesquicentennial capture the human side of the war."

One long-planned event that could dovetail nicely with the sesquicentennial is the dedication of the Alexandria Freedman's Cemetery, the long forgotten burial place of nearly 1,800 African Americans located at the intersection of South Washington and Church streets. Last year, the Office of Historic Alexandria completed an archeological investigation of the site after demolition of a gas station and office building.

"It wasn't originally planned to be part of the sesquicentennial, but it's definitely appropriate to include this as part of the commemoration," said City Archeologist Pam Cressey. "It was created during the Civil War, and now we are going to reclaim it as sacred ground during the sesquicentennial."

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# OPINION

## Police Power Demands Transparency

Local police departments should open their books, release original documents, welcome public scrutiny and involvement.

First, we should say that we appreciate and support the police officers who serve and protect our communities. These are remarkable men and women who have dedicated themselves to community service even in the face of danger. They are entitled to a special level of respect.

Police in all communities also wield power unlike any other entity — the power to detain and question, the power to arrest, the power to respond with force when necessary, sometimes deadly force.

With that power, comes responsibility — the responsibility to operate openly and with transparency, the responsibility to make available the greatest possible amount of information, especially the responsibility to provide the public with a full picture of what happened when something goes wrong.

Somewhere along the way, police leaders in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax have gone astray in their control of information.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in the 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.” But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold “complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.”

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any document they can. The actual reports filed by po-

lice officers about any incident, available to the public and the press in almost every jurisdiction in America, are never released in Northern Virginia.

“I don’t think we have to justify it,” said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook.

A Fairfax County spokesperson asserted that it was only a few “individual reporters” who were interested in more information from the police.

“Conscientious and dedicated judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and law enforcement officers work in a system which is as transparent as it needs to be,” wrote Alexandria Commonwealth’s Attorney Randolph Sengel.

EDITORIAL

Sengel is mistaken.

“Incident reports like the ones the Virginia law enforcement authorities are saying can’t possibly be released across the country are being released across the country every waking minute of every day,” Charles Davis, director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, told reporter Michael Pope.

“In Florida, with the transparency level that we have, it helps law enforcement,” said Gerald Bailey, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. “It’s made us better agencies simply because we proceed knowing that our work product is going to be reviewed by the press, by the public and by the people who are actually involved in the cases we are working.”

This isn’t an academic exercise.

In the extreme example, Fairfax County police shot and killed an unarmed motorist in

### Join the Debate

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November, and have said that the shooting was justified. But they have refused to release the name of the officer who did the shooting, refused to release video from the patrol car near the shooting, refused to release any document at all that might shed light on what happened or why.

In everyday examples, a scan of police incidents within a mile of a Tysons Corner address reveals multiple drug offenses and sex offenses. But that’s all the information that is available — the label of the offense, the time, date and block where it occurred. If you as a resident want information on crimes like this near you, you should be able to see for yourself if these are minor or isolated incidents or part of a more serious pattern.

Police should not use a “blanket exemption” from public information laws to refuse to provide specific information about any crime or police activity from the public.

Next week in this space, you’ll learn how to find incidents occurred in your neighborhood, and how to ask the police for more information.

### LETTERS

#### Budget Recap

To the Editor:

The Alexandria City Council voted on Monday night to adopt a budget for next year without my vote. But I was justified in my dissenting vote. I was elected by Alexandrians to provide a different voice that has not been present on the Council for several years. I came into this process with a sense of optimism and a willingness to work with my colleagues. In the end, as I made clear throughout the process, I could not support a budget that increased the City’s spending over last year while also raising taxes and increasing personnel costs.

In February the City Manager presented his budget of \$534 million, which was \$4 million more

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### Global Youth Services Day

Several Alexandria children celebrated Global Youth Service Day on Saturday, April 24, by painting the playground equipment in front of George Mason Elementary School. Kathleen Lovain organized her Girl Scout Troop 3833 and friends (all current or former students at George Mason Elementary) to sand and paint the two climbing structures that are favorites



of young students at the school. Pictured: Volunteers gather around one of the playground structures as they begin the painting project. (Bottom row, from left): Anna Wolz, Kathleen Lovain, Savannah Ring, and Lily Warden. (Middle row, from left): Katherine Kromer, Isabella Lovain, Lucy Brinkman. (Top row, from left): Amanda Dorris, Abigail Warden, Kayla Shelley, Jessica Hirsch-Mayall, Maeve Naughton-Rockwell, Sierra Arnold. Volunteers not pictured: Emily Kiernan, Courtland Dorris, Brittany Shelley.

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than last year's budget of \$530 million. I became concerned about the increase in spending and additional taxes to Alexandrians in the most challenging economic environment of our lifetimes.

With federal income taxes certain to increase in the near future, it is important that we as local leaders do everything we can to protect your prosperity on a local level. If you have a family, a job or are part of the 57 percent of Americans that pay federal income taxes, your opportunities and freedoms are being taken away every time government expands.

This is the first City budget process I have participated in, and it is has not been an easy task. However, I was very clear throughout the budget process that I will not go to the taxpayers and say that I voted for a budget that does all three of the following: (1) increases the City's spending over last year; (2) raises taxes; and (3) increases the City's personnel costs. Without my colleagues willing to compromise on just one of these three important issues to the citizens of Alexandria, I was forced to vote against the budget.

My vote against this budget is

not a vote against the core services provided by the City. But it is a vote against a lack of compromise. I look forward to continuing to serve the fine citizens of Alexandria in the years to come. I hope the Council can come to a consensus next year and adopt a unanimous budget inline with the goal of One Alexandria.

**Frank Fannon IV**  
Councilman

## More at Fort Ward

To the Editor:

As always, I enjoyed reading the "Council Notebook" column in the April 29 Gazette-Packet. It is an insightful look at the work of the City Council.

You should know, however, that the "old Union artillery fort along Braddock Road" that the column references actually has a proper name — Fort Ward (named for James Harmon Ward). Fort Ward is one of 68 major forts that protected Washington from invasion during the Civil War, and is the only one actively interpreted

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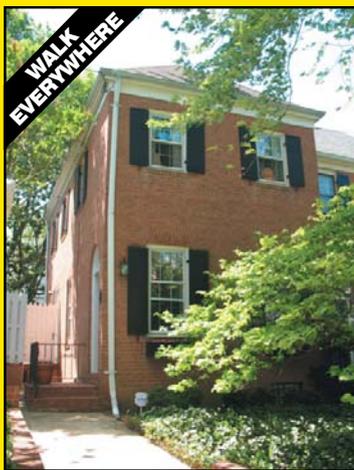
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# LETTERS

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(through the Fort Ward Museum run by the City of Alexandria). You can read about all these “old artillery forts” in a book co-authored by Wally Owen, one of the Museum’s curators, called “Mr. Lincoln’s Forts.”

Your column was correct that Lance Mallamo — along with his staff at the Office of Historic Alexandria — is working diligently to protect and interpret the remains of the African-American community that grew up around Fort Ward after the Civil War. You should know, though, that Lance and OHA are not alone — Jim Spengler and a team from Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, the Fort Ward Advisory Group (appointed by City Council) and the Fort Ward History Work Group are all involved in this important effort to preserve this significant piece of Alexandria’s past and share this story with other Alexandrians and with visitors. So while your column was technically correct that the old fence posts from Lance’s house are a fine temporary — and cost-free — solution to the problem of preserving the gravesites discovered so far, there’s a lot more going on at the “old

Union artillery fort along Braddock Road” than just that!

**Bill Schreiner**  
President, Friends of Fort Ward

## Prudent Budget

To the Editor:

On May 3, the Alexandria City Council approved its FY 2011 Budget which increased overall spending by .3 percent. Approval of the budget is likely the most important action we take each year as it is a true statement of our priorities concerning the expenditure of public funds and how they will be employed to serve our citizens. I believe by its action, the Council acted prudently and in the best interest of our citizens, increasing important spending categories which are part of our core public services and helping to ensure the basic infrastructure necessary to our City to meet increasing demands.

Our \$531 million blueprint started with the City Manager’s proposed budget which eliminated 67 positions, many of which were vacant, but nonetheless represent a savings over the current fiscal year. These reductions along with others approved by the Council permitted the Council to check spending,

keeping it fundamentally at its current levels. Most important, are the improvements which have been approved in the FY 2011 budget.

Notably, the Council increased spending to the Alexandria City Public Schools by generally 2 percent over this year in order to address increasing enrollment. We are committed to providing quality education for all of our youngsters, and this increase in tight economic times is further evidence of this commitment. In concert with the School Board, the Council also took necessary action to address unfunded future pension liabilities by setting aside funds in light of the General Assembly’s failure to adequately fund these obligations.

In a significant move to improve emergency medical response, the Council approved approximately \$1 million for two peak-time ambulances which will greatly enhance response time to those in need of emergency medical services. The Fire Department’s goal for response time is that 90 percent of emergency calls should have medic units’ on-scene within six minutes. Unfortunately, we only achieve this goal 62 percent of the time and an increasing num

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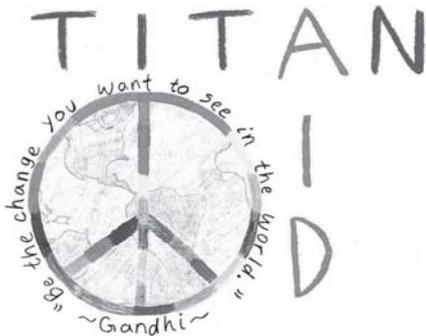
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ber of our emergency calls are handled by other jurisdictions under the regional mutual aid agreement. These new peak-time ambulances will greatly improve our abilities to meet our emergency goals, especially in the City's West End and provide the service our citizens both expect and deserve.

The Council also restored funding for two police positions in the popular and effective Community Oriented Policing program as well as a deputy sheriff position. These positions along with the new ambulances again show our commitment to public safety, a core local responsibility.

When it came to transit, the Council wisely provided additional funds to fund Alexandria's share of Metro expenses recognizing that mass transit is critical to our mobility as a City. We also restored \$100,000 to Alexandria DASH in order to avoid service reductions.

The council also took initiative to improve some of our basic infrastructure by approving a 1/2 cent increase in the property tax rate dedicated to addressing storm water runoff projects which have long plagued some of our neighborhoods. These resources will allow us to begin to tackle a long list of storm water projects which impact roadways and public lands. These funds will be reserved in a special revenue account and can only be used for storm water infrastructure projects. The Council

also rejected proposed cuts to street paving and sidewalk improvements, recognizing that we have just come out of the most challenging winters in recent memory and the condition of some of our streets deserve our attention and not less. I, for one, have never seen a pothole that got filled due to a reduction in spending.

The Council also chose to fund merit increases for the City workforce. The \$3.4 million designated for merit raises recognizes the overall quality performances by city workers who had not had salary increases for almost three years. Each employee will get an average increase of 1.8 percent. These professionals are the ones who are there when we call 9-1-1, who keep our City clean and safe, and who take care of our most vulnerable citizens. Many of our employees were also pulling double shifts as we confronted three record snowstorms this past winter. We are fortunate to have such a professional workforce.

I believe the Council made significant reductions, keeping spending in check, and most importantly provided the needed improvements to city services — education, emergency medical and basic infrastructure — while essentially maintaining almost the same level of spending.

Throughout the fiscal year we will continue to monitor City spending and, where possible, we will reduce any unnecessary expenditure.

**Kerry J. Donley**  
Vice Mayor



Saturday afternoon, team members, friends and families of the Michael Collins Gaelic Football Club welcomed the new season in the courtyard of the Hotel Monaco in Old Town. A special visitor, the Irish ambassador to the United States, Michael Collins joined in the celebration. Ambassador Collins recalls his days of playing Gaelic football while Restaurant Eve co-owner and executive chef Cathall Armstrong listens. Restaurant Eve, Murphy's Irish Pub, Pat Troys' Ireland Own are three of the club's sponsors. For more information call 202-360-7158 or visit [www.mcvagaa.com](http://www.mcvagaa.com)

## Trying To Uncover Consulting Fees

To the Editor:

On Monday evening, City Council passed the FY2011 General Operating Budget.

Unfortunately, a compromise was not struck that enabled me to support it in the form passed this year. I have had two primary issues with our budget — lowering our baseline past the previous fiscal year to en

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sure that there will not continue to be a perpetual need to increase the residential property tax rate and reductions in costs spent on consultants.

First, I wrote a memo in November 2009, asking for Council guidance to the City Manager to include a directive to not craft a budget that would require any increase to the residential property tax rate by setting our baseline back to FY2005 levels and adjusting expenditures upward based on community priorities as outlined in our strategic plan, despite increasing healthcare insurance costs, VRS payments and WMATA subsidies.

Second, I made a formal request for a budget memo that would outline the scope of services for individual expenditures in the Contracting Services and Consulting line item in our budget, a single line item responsible for roughly 10 percent of the general operating fund. Without this understanding, Council was put in a position where we lacked needed information to provide greater budget oversight for public benefit. This would also go along with the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Ad-

visory Committee ["BFAAC"]'s longstanding principle of increasing transparency in the budget process.

My requested guidance was not incorporated into Council instructions to the City Manager in November and unfortunately, Council did not have an understanding of the scope of services for individual expenditures contributing to this large contracting services and consulting line item prior to voting on the FY 2011 budget Monday night. Without better understanding what we would be paying for and having to increase the residential property tax rate to pay for it contrary to my earlier expressed desires, I was not comfortable to vote yes for the proposed budget.

Admittedly, in the spirit of true conciliation, as we started our deliberations as a Council in February, I realized that with the proposed budget the City Manager returned, it would be impossible to approve a budget with no tax rate increase, because the Manager's proposed cuts were not steep enough in our baseline to accommodate the uncontrollable increases (in millions) in health

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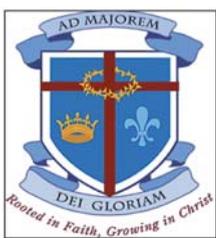
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I have not eaten such a delicious cream tea since the last time I visited Hampton Court.

Anne Caputo, Denise Bean, and Charlie Iovino were co-chairs.

#### KITCHEN CREW

Lucy-Lee Reed and Deborah Crabtree were leaders of the kitchen crew, on which Heather Hurley, Sandy Olexy, and Alice Russell served.

Dorothy Bakke, Tricia Bamford, Ruth Corlott, Nancy Davis, Sally Falatko, Sally Stone, and Mary Wallace did the set-up.

Serving the food and constantly refilling china tea-cups from china teapots were the most obliging and good-natured servers —



**The Altar Guild at Grace Episcopal Church hosted an afternoon tea to benefit the church's General Fund.**

Paulette Fitzgerald, Cynthia Puskar, Barbara Read, Mary-Lacey Reuther, and Ashby Rushing, with Denise Bean and Lucy Lee supervising.

On the clean-up committee were Deborah Crabtree, Cindy Diehl, Sheryl Dodd, Jacque Klein, Nancy Robinson, Ashby Rusking, Jan Spence, Linda Waskowicz, and Betty Yancey, with Denise Bean and Lucy Lee again supervising.

#### WHO WAS THERE

I saw former city manager Vola Lawson at a table with Michelle

Evans, Janet Barnette, and Marlee Grilli. Iris Brown and Gloria Scott were with Winnie Samuda.

Among the other tea-drinkers were Dakota Kelso Hut (she drank six cups), Lucy Kelso Hunt and Rachel Gibson Hunt.

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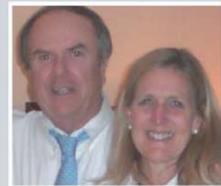
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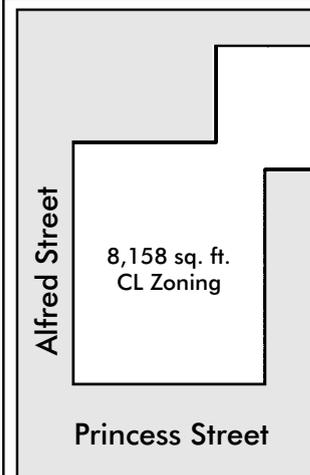
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# Schaeffer's Broadway Musical Draws Top Tony Nominations

Show adds To Drama League and Critics Circle nominations.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

"Million Dollar Quartet," the jukebox musical directed by Arlington's Signature Theatre Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer, had a great morning on Tuesday when the Tony Award nominations for the 2009-10 season were announced. The show pulled three nominations and they were in some of the biggest categories the awards cover.

The show was one of four new musicals out of the 10 that opened this season to be nominated for the Best Musical of the Year Tony Award. It also drew a nomination for Best Book for a New Musical and Levi Kreis, making his Broadway debut in an explosive performance as Jerry Lee Lewis, was nominated for Best Performance by a Featured Actor in a Musical.

Based on an actual incident — a day in 1956 when Carl Perkins ("Blue Suede Shoes,") Johnny Cash ("I Walk The Line,") Jerry Lee Lewis ("Great Balls of Fire") and Elvis Presley happened to be in the same recording studio in Memphis — the show tells its story crisply and cleanly in order to avoid distracting from the nearly three dozen historic rock 'n roll hits that constitute the score. As such, the script, or to use Broadway's lingo "the book," drew a Tony nomination for authors Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux. Since all the songs in the show are well known hits from the 1950s it was not eligible for nomination in the other major category, Best Score for a Musical.

Schaeffer attended last year's Tony Award ceremony along with Managing Director Maggie Boland to pick up the special Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. That award is always announced ahead of



Robert Britton Lyons as Carl Perkins, Levi Kreis as Jerry Lee Lewis, Eddie Clendening as Elvis Presley and Lance Guest as Johnny Cash in the musical "Million Dollar Quartet" on Broadway.

time, so there was no suspense as envelopes were opened. This year, three of those envelopes will be of special interest to him.

The competition for the Best Musical award comes from three very different shows. "Memphis" is a fictional tale of the early days of rock 'n roll which can be expected to be drawing from the same demographic pool for its audiences as "Million Dollar Quartet." A somewhat younger audience is probably drawn to "American Idiot," a punk-rock musical based on the album by the band Green Day. The fourth show, "Fella!" is based on the career of Nigerian Afrobeat legend Fela Anikulapo Kuti. It was nominated for 11 Tony Awards and is also competing with "Million Dollar Quartet" for the award for Best Book of a Musical.

The Tony nominations come in the wake of similar nominations for other New York theater awards including three for the

Drama League Awards in the categories Best Musical and Best Performance for both Kreis and Lance Guest who plays Johnny Cash. Kreis was also nominated for Best Featured Actor in this year's Outer Critics Circle Awards.

This is the second of the three musicals Schaeffer has directed on Broadway to draw attention from the Tony committee. George Hearn earned a nomination (but not the award) for his performance in the Schaeffer-directed "Putting it Together" in 2000.

The winners will be revealed on the national television broadcast on Sunday, June 13. Each of the four nominees for Best Musical will be given the opportunity to present a scene or song from their show.

"Million Dollar Quartet" is playing an open ended run at the Nederlander Theatre, 208 West 41st Street in New York. Tickets are \$56.50 to \$136.50.

# Composer Inspired by Fluidity of Nature

ASO presents 'Atmosphere as a Fluid System' by American composer Libby Larsen.

BY MERRIE LEININGER  
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Libby Larsen is one of only 20-30 people in the country who make their living purely from composing music for orchestras and operas.

Most people hold down a second job — most as a teacher at a university — but Larsen is one of the most frequently com-

missioned American composers, and also is in demand as a speaker. She has written more than 400 works, including operas, songs, orchestra and chamber music, and has more than 50 recordings of her music.

"I like to keep busy. There are so many ideas to pursue — and life is short," she said.

The Larsen work that will be performed by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra on May 22-23 is "Atmosphere as a Fluid System." Maestro and Music Director Kim Allen Kluge picked the piece because it fits into the season's theme: "Inspired by Nature."

Larsen described how a plane ride led to



Libby Larsen

the music: "One day, years and years ago, I was flying somewhere, plastered up against the window watching light on the clouds, and I saw a rainbow cone in the clouds, and although we were moving, the rainbow was moving with us, and I could see right down the center of the cone," she said. "I was fascinated by it, because I had never seen anything like it, and I began to study, I wanted to find out what it was.

Turns out it was something called Ulloa's Ring."

Larsen said "Atmosphere" is meant to

transport the listener into a cloud.

"Along the edges and in the middle of clouds, this fluidity is dynamic and we get tornadoes and hurricanes from this kind of thing. I wanted to write a piece from the inside of a cloud, and that's what this piece is — it moves all the time, it is very fluid and

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## When & Where

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's presentation of Libby Larsen's "Atmosphere as a Fluid System" is part of the celebration of women in the arts, Minds Wide Open, across the state of Virginia this year. Larsen's work will be performed twice — Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 23 at 3 p.m. — at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center in Alexandria. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) for further information or call 703-548-0885. Larsen's website is [www.libbylarsen.com](http://www.libbylarsen.com).

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### ONGOING

**Operation Prom Dress** is a program that collects prom gowns, shoes, purses, tuxedo shirts and jewelry to donate to people who could not afford to attend their proms. This year, the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center will be organizing the prom gown drive and serving as a collection site. If you are interested in volunteering and/or donating gently used or new goods to the cause, call McKenna Dilworth-Abdalla at 703-746-5533. While the bigger youth are going to their Proms, a Kiddie Prom is underway at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. For more information on the Kiddie Prom, contact Center Director, Elsie Akinbobola at 703-746-5475.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

**Tea Dances.** 1-3:15 p.m. Group class from 1-1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Latin and Swing music. \$11/person. At the Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

### THURSDAY/MAY 6

**Ms. Senior Virginia America** is searching for candidates statewide for this year's May Pageant, which will be held Thursday, May 6 at the Lee Center Kauffman Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Showtime is 2-4 p.m. Admission is free with a donation of \$10. A deadline for entries will be Feb. 8. Call 703-978-3663 and directions at 703-838-4343. The current Ms. Senior Virginia America, Maureen Ribble, will end her reign in May. The Pageant showcases women age 60-plus who live in Virginia and are U.S. citizens.

**First Thursday in Del Ray.** 6-9 p.m. Businesses along Mt. Vernon Avenue will have special events for kids. Bands featured will be School of Rock and the George Washington's Middle School Orchestra. Contact Pat Miller at 703-683-2570.

**Yoga for Tone.** Free first class for beginners at The Body in Balance Center, 1423 Powhattan Street, Suite 7, Alexandria. Call 703-518-4434.

**Celebration of Song.** 7 p.m. Hale/Davis UCM Benefit Concert — From Mozart to Broadway. Tickets are \$25/general, \$20/seniors, \$10/students. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood at Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-9546.

**Toast to Fashion.** 6:30-10 p.m. Proceeds benefit the programs of the Campagna Center. Tickets are \$45/advance; \$50/door. At the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. To purchase tickets visit [www.campagnacenter.org](http://www.campagnacenter.org) and click on Events then 11th Annual Toast to Fashion.

**Lynn Hollyfield and Grace Griffith.** 7-9 p.m. Free. Lynn Hollyfield and Grace Griffith celebrate the interconnectedness of life and nature through folk music that touches and lifts the human spirit. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

### FRIDAY/MAY 7

**Cinco de Mayo.** Dinner by Baja Fresh, and live music by the Black Moon Tonic Band. Includes dinner, dancing and a silent auction. At Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Preschool. Contact the preschool director Jennifer Krieger at 703-765-7867.

### SATURDAY/MAY 8

**"Rain in a Dry Land" Film Screening.** 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of "Movies with a Mission." At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-746-4356.

**Spring Carnival.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring inflatable obstacle courses and moon bounces, sack races, dunk tank, prizes and refreshments. Proceeds benefit Woodley Hills Elementary School, 8718 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria. Rain date is May 22.

**Tea & Chocolate: World Fair Trade Day.** Noon to 4 p.m. Free samples of fairly-traded Tea & Chocolate in celebration of World Fair Trade Day. Fair Trade ensures that artisans and



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**Chris Dudley, a countertenor who volunteers as an EMT with the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, will perform with the New Dominion Chorale's performance of "Chichester Psalms."**

### SUNDAY/MAY 16

**Beveridge and Bernstein.** 4 p.m. The 240-voice New Dominion Chorale conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge. The work will be "Symphony of Peace" for chorus, soloists and large orchestra, and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms." Tickets are \$25/general, \$20/seniors, \$5/students. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Alexandria Campus of NVCC, 3001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org) or call 703-442-9404.

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**Used Book Sale.** At Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

**Craft Fair.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local fiber artists, jewelers, and more will be showing off their wares! Event will also include a used book sale. Admission is \$1 and event is rain or shine. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**Build Your Own Rain Barrel.** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. At James K. Polk Elementary School, 5000 James Polk Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Environment](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Environment)

**Neighborhood Social.** 5-9 p.m. To celebrate Labels Exchange and Blueberry Art Gallery's collaborative retail, art and cultural venue. At 2417 Mount Vernon Avenue. Contact Monique Drummond by phone at 703-836-2211 or by email at [buyer@labelsexchange.com](mailto:buyer@labelsexchange.com). Online at [www.labelsexchange.com](http://www.labelsexchange.com).

### SUNDAY/MAY 9

**Mother's Day Tours.** Free. 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, Gadsby's Tavern Museum and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org). Call 703-548-1789. Or call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) and [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org).

**Candlelight Yoga.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Loretta Di Gennaro combines a vinyasa style of hatha postures and breath work with moving meditation, tapping into subtle energy centers for a transformative and relaxing experience.

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## TUESDAY/MAY 11

**Alexandria City Council Session.** 7 p.m. At Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Contact Jackie Henderson at 703-746-4550.

**Books to Film Discussion Group.** Will discuss the movie "Adaptation" (2002) and the novel The Orchid Thief by Susan Orlean. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call Mark Schwartz at 703-519-3498.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 12

**Fiesta Cinco de Mayo.** 6-8:30 p.m. Fiesta-style food and cocktails. Admission of \$55 includes food, drinks and music. Hosted by Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services. At Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, 3750 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-618-6362, email cincodemayoalex@aol.com or visit ANHSI's web site www.anhsi.org.

## THURSDAY/MAY 13

**"Sail into Service" Boomer & Senior Volunteer Fair.** 10 a.m. to noon. Baby boomers, retirees or semi-retirees, empty nesters and seniors who are looking for new and exciting things to do in and around the Alexandria area are invited to attend. More than 20 area non-profit groups and city agencies will exhibit at the fair to discuss their current volunteer needs. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Contact Jeannine Purdy at 703-841-3834 or



## SUNDAY/MAY 16

**Minds Wide Open.** 7 p.m. Folk/pop singer Lindsay Mac with special guest Margot MacDonald. Tickets are \$18/general, \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard St., Alexandria.

via email: jpurdy@ccda.net  
**Mateo Monk.** 7 p.m. Performs on acoustic guitar and flute, as well as vocals. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit myspace.com/mateomonk.

**Urban Garden Workshop.** 10 a.m. to noon. Jeremy Hager of Bartlett Tree Experts will discuss the components of successful soil. At the Carlyle House Historic Site gardens, Old Town Alexandria. Admission is \$20. Call 703-549-2997 to register.

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## SATURDAY/MAY 15

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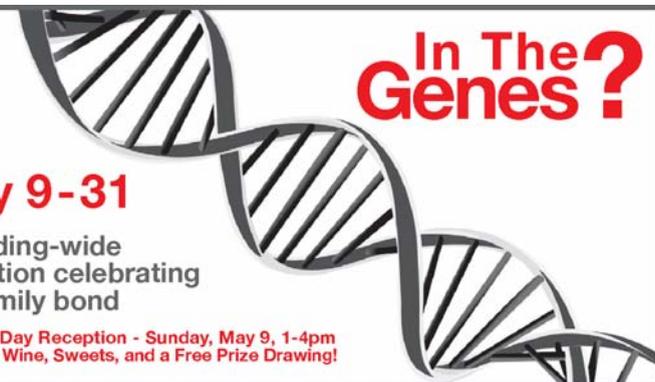
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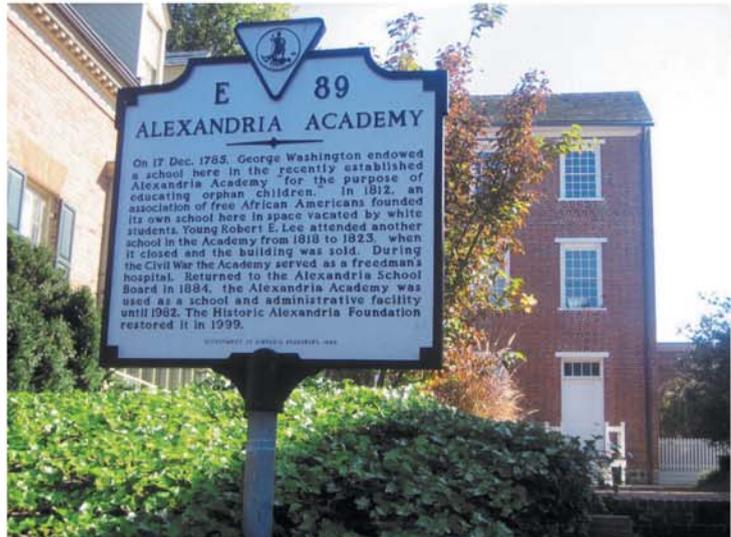
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## CALENDAR

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703-354-9467. At the upper level of the Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Rd, Alexandria.

**Armed Forces Day Tours.** 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. Admission is free to veterans and military personnel. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children over 11. Children under 11 are admitted free. For more information, visit www.leafendallhouse.org.

**Titan Aid Live.** 7:30 p.m. Benefit concert organized by T.C. Williams High School's Titan Aid Club to raise money for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. At the Birchmere, 3201 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$20. See www.birchmere.com, click on Order Tickets and then "Virginia Coalition." Proceeds raised will be donated to Architecture for Humanity.

**Blood Drive.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus. At 8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE www.my-redcross.org.

**Chrysanthemum Sale.** New cultivars + Old favorites. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. At Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Springs Road, Alexandria. Next to the Salvation Army location on Little River Tpk. Call 703-642-5173. Visit the web site, www.odcsmums.org

**Benefit Concert.** 7:30 p.m. The band featured is Virginia Coalition, several members of which are T.C. Williams alumni. Fund-raiser for earthquake victims sponsored by the Titan Aid Club at T.C. Williams. Tickets are \$20. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Buy tickets at www.ticketmaster.com.

**Riverfront Revolution Run/Walk and Wellnessfest Event.** At the National Harbor. The conference will offer expert speakers addressing holistic health strategies and practices for preventing unnecessary diseases and illnesses. Visit www.riverfrontrevolution.com. Contact Race Director and Organizer Mr. Gregory Taylor, 240-462-7983, taylor4life@mindspring.com.

**The Cotton Ball.** 7 p.m. to midnight. The evening will feature a musical revue of local talent performing oldies hits, and will include door prizes, a tasty buffet, and dancing. No ticket sales at the door. Sponsored by St. Joseph Church, Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. For ticket information, email StJoCottonBall@aol.com or call 703-768-2819.

**Old Cars in Alexandria.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Longtime locals may remember "Chevy Corner" at King and Henry streets, Bendall Pontiac, Herby's Ford, or Old Dominion Motors, which was once the second

largest Hudson dealer in the country. At the Lyceum parking lot, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Those who wish to exhibit vintage cars (model year 1980 or earlier) are asked to contact Jim Mackay at 703-746-4725. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

**Fencing and Martial Arts in Colonial times.** 2-4 p.m. Tom Leoni and Steve Huff show 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century fighting arts as practiced by officers, gentlemen and frontiersmen. Cost is \$10/adults, \$5/children. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 for reservations.

**The Soloists of Spring.** 7:30 p.m. Performed by the American Balalaika Symphony, under the direction of Peter Trofimenko. Tickets are \$20/advance, \$25/door, seniors and students/\$15. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. For tickets, call 703-751-1331 or visit www.ABSorchestra.org.

**Respite Day.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For Grandparents and other relatives raising children. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Preregistration is required by Tuesday, May 11. Call 703-324-3517 (TTY 703-449-1186) to register.

**Spring Plant Sale.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV), in cooperation with Virginia Cooperative Extension, will be one of the vendors at the annual Spring Garden Day at Green Spring Gardens Park. Visit Booth 13 for a wide selection of perennials, annuals, native plants and herbs, all grown by Master Gardeners. Proceeds support MGNV's horticultural education projects. Location: 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

### SUNDAY/MAY 16

**Music to Raise the Spirit.** 7 p.m. Wakefield Chorale presents its annual spring concert. At Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale. Call 703-451-7917.

**Minds Wide Open.** 7 p.m. Folk/pop singer Lindsay Mac with special guest Margot MacDonald. Tickets are \$18/general, \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria.

**Beveridge and Bernstein.** 4 p.m. The 240-voice New Dominion Chorale conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge. The work will be "Symphony of Peace" for chorus, soloists and large orchestra, and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms." Tickets are \$25/general, \$20/seniors, \$5/students. At

the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Alexandria Campus of NVCC, 3001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Visit www.newdominion.org or call 703-442-9404.

**Visit Historic Huntley.** 2-4 p.m. Enjoy this twice-a-year opportunity to visit Historic Huntley, a Federal-style unrestored villa built in 1825 for Thomson Francis Mason, a grandson of George Mason. At 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria.

**Container Gardening in an Urban Environment.** 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Fee is \$5/per workshop; advance registration required. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org.

### TUESDAY/MAY 18

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. Features a presentation entitled "Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions" by Christine Rose. Meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road in Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 19

**Swing Dancing.** 9-11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Hangover Royale. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

### THURSDAY/MAY 20

**Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant.** 2-4 p.m. Free admission. Suggested donation \$10. At Lee Kauffman Senior Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria. For directions, call 703-838-4343. For information, call 703-425-7258.

**Kate Waller Barrett Day.** 11 a.m. Dedication of commemorative plaque at the Kate Waller Barrett Library. Sponsored by Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Alexandria. At 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-836-8260.

**Wind Energy.** 7-9 p.m. Free. Wind Energy plays music for dancing, listening and enjoying, from the folk traditions of England, Ireland, Scotland and beyond, using Northumbrian smallpipes, silver flute and Appalachian dulcimer. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to www.torpedofactory.org.

### SATURDAY/MAY 22

**Scottish Singer Norman Kennedy.** 8 p.m. The 2nd Annual Jonathan Eberhart Memorial Concert. \$15/admission. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria.



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# Composer Inspired by Nature

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moving and full of shifting colors, so it's as if you as an audience member were inside the cloud, moving with the atmosphere."

Nature is where she most often turns to for inspiration. She described the piece for two violas that she is currently working on: "It's really about the moment of quiet in the night where the stars are bright. It's a suspended moment in eternity."

Despite working in an industry that values the voices of dead European men over productive women who work and live among us, Larsen said that she feels like there is certainly room for growth and ground-breaking music on American stages.

"It's an industry that has become a repackaging industry, and those of us who can add to that — contribute to the canon — are vital," Larsen said. "It's less than from the public, that perception of boards of directors and marketing departments that an audience will not come to a performance of something they don't know. It's not the accepted thinking in any other form of art — not music, movies, art — but really only the classical music world who have bought that mythology hook, line and sinker."

However, Larsen says she understands the restrictions that orchestras are often under, and how little time musicians have to learn a new piece of music.

"I like to challenge myself to make music that is interesting and idiomatic for the performers and resonates with the audience, in the way the notes are arranged. I don't try to write music people simply 'like,' but are engaged with."

She said being a woman in this demanding — and sometimes isolating — profession can be difficult, but she maintains contact with other women composers such as Jennifer Higdon, who just won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for composition.

"We have a wonderful community network, where we all e-mail. There is a league of women composers and wonderful trade associations. I support them where I can, but best of all is to be in communication, so we support each other," Larsen said.

Larsen said she respects other composers and musicians and is pleased when they enjoy her work, but she said she is thrilled when her work inspires audience members to reach out to her.

"I'm always delighted when someone who has heard my work goes out of their way to be engaged — sends an e-mail or says something to me in the grocery store. Because composition is when you make a shape out of sound and time, in order to communicate what it's like

to be alive. When someone communicates with me about my music, it's because I made this sound, and I feel like the work I do — which is an odd way to spend your life — has meaning."

Larsen, who lives in Minneapolis, said she took up long-distance running a couple of years ago in order to get out of the head space where she often loses time to music: "The sound is in my head, I hear everything in my head, and work in a different kind of time when I'm writing. Two or three

days can go by, and suddenly, I realize I really need to get out of the house and talk to people who are living in flat time."

Larsen said that keeping her life well-rounded only enhances her music.

"One can live an artful life, and the products of that artful life can be food, music, a perfect run, a fine interview, (art doesn't imitate life), they are one in the same. If your life is an artful life, you live a mindful life, where mind and emotion are in balance."

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### THURSDAY/MAY 13

**Second Thursday Art Night.** 6-9 p.m. Free. The Torpedo Factory celebrates women in the arts with opening receptions for exhibits featuring women artists in Target Gallery and The Art League Gallery and a modern dance performance by Karen Reedy Dance exploring the various stages of womanhood. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); 703-838-4565

### NOW THROUGH MAY 23

**Above the Curves:** A ceramic celebration of women through earthy forms. Curves are presented in clay art as Washington Ceramic Guild potters embrace womanly organic forms with delicate and intricate clay detailing. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Scope Gallery. The gallery is located on the ground floor Studio 19, 101 North Union Street Alexandria. Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-

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### NOW THROUGH JUNE 10

**To Point B: New Work by Frank Phillips.** At Angie Newman Johnson Gallery, Episcopal High School, 3900 W Braddock Road, Alexandria. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Call 703-933-4135 or [www.episcopalhighschool.org](http://www.episcopalhighschool.org).

### MAY 5 TO JUNE 6

**You Are Here by Susan LaMont,** contemporary realism artist. The show features four large works that examine the relationship between people and their increasingly complex environments. Reception is Saturday, May 8 from 5-7 p.m. Second Thursday reception is May 13 from 6-9 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.

### MAY 9-31

**In the Genes?** Free. Torpedo Factory artists explore the possibility of a "creative gene" with this building-wide exhibition that celebrates the family bond. Mother's Day reception is May 9 from 1-4 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Open Daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Open Thursdays until 9 p.m. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); or call 703-838-4565.

### MAY 6 THROUGH JUNE 7

**Teresa Oaxaca, "Classical Realism: New Works."**

Teresa Oaxaca, a 2005 graduate of HB Woodlawn and resident of Arlington, will have her recent paintings featured at The Art League Gallery, inside the Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria, in her solo exhibit. Opening Reception: Thursday, May 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. Gallery Hours: Daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 12 noon-6 p.m. Open Thursdays until 9 p.m. Exhibitions and events are free and open to the public.

### FRIDAY/MAY 7

**Anatomical Art Exhibit.** Dissection and illustration are as old as da Vinci and just as relevant today to animators and game artists who strive to create realistic characters. The Art Institute of Washington collaborated with the Howard University Medical school on this unique project. At the 1820 Gallery, 1820 North Fort Myer Drive Arlington. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

### MAY 7-31

**Metamorphosis.** Free. Artworks reflect change, discovery, growth, alteration, or modification; work which suggests personal, physical, emotional, or spiritual transformation. The exhibit features sculpture, paintings, mixed-media, and photography showcasing the diversity of artistic talent found in the Washington DC area. Opening reception is Friday, May 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. Presented by Convergence and Mount Vernon Baptist Church. At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260.

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Community members can donate dry-cleaned spring and summer formal dresses, shoes, handbags, jewelry, unused makeup (such as sample cosmetics) and shopping bags from department stores through Friday, April 30. Of particular need are formal dresses in sizes 18 and larger. Winter dresses, soiled or outdated items, casual dresses, or items for mature women will not be accepted. Donations can be brought to the following locations:

❖ Gold's Gym, 7770 Richmond Highway in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County, from 4:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

❖ T. C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the main office.

Students are served on a first come, first served basis, and all students from Northern Virginia schools — regardless of income level — are welcome. It is strongly recommended that parents accompany their daughters to participate in dress selection.

Shopping and dress selection will take place at the following locations:

❖ Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County.

❖ Friday, May 7, 5 to 8 p.m.

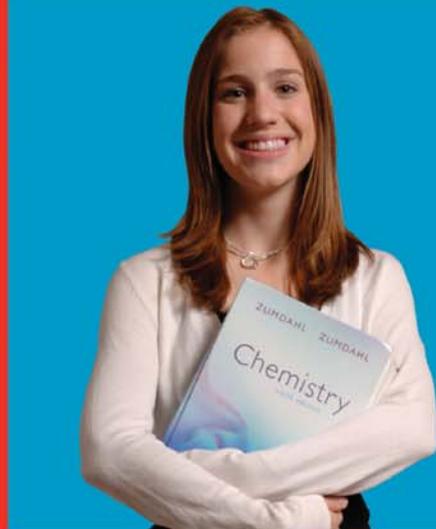
❖ Saturday, May 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

❖ Monday, May 10, 2:15 to 6 p.m.

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# ME & MY MOM

Readers submitted photographs for this Mothers Day gallery.



Happy Mother's Day to Matriarch Maudy Mays, age 90. She is pictured with her daughter the Honorable Blanche Mays Maness, her grand-daughter Nicole Hutchinson, and her great-grandson Brandon O. Hutchinson. They represent four generations of love. They surround the Family Patriarch Dr. Gilbert Mayes, age 90. They all live in the City of Alexandria. This picture was taken for a pictorial photograph at the Historic Alfred Street Baptist Church where all four generations are members. The Mays Family has worked and had grandchildren educated in the Alexandria City Public Schools over a period of 43 years. Maudy Mays has always been the driving force behind the family's civic, educational, spiritual work and family gatherings. She and her daughter Blanche are both recipients of the Commission on Women Awards.



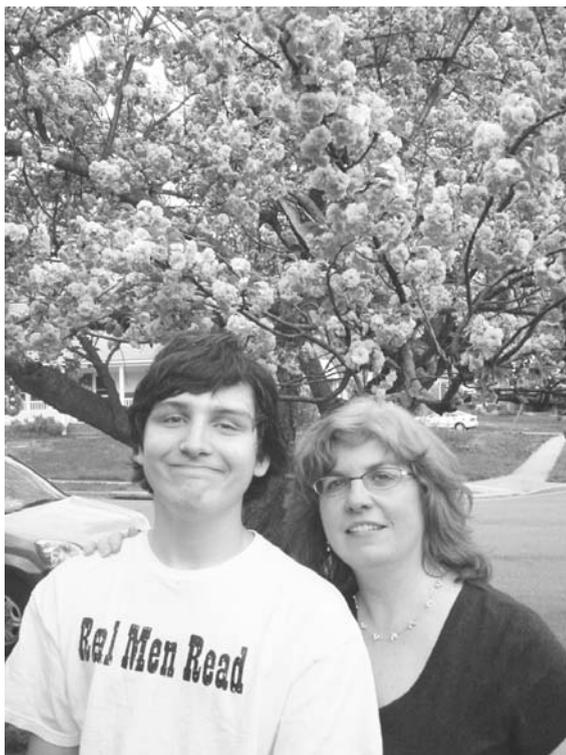
Grandmother Polly Bannerman, with grandson William; daughter Kristin Herrman with granddaughter Kaitlyn and daughter Kimberly Larsen with grandson Benjamin.



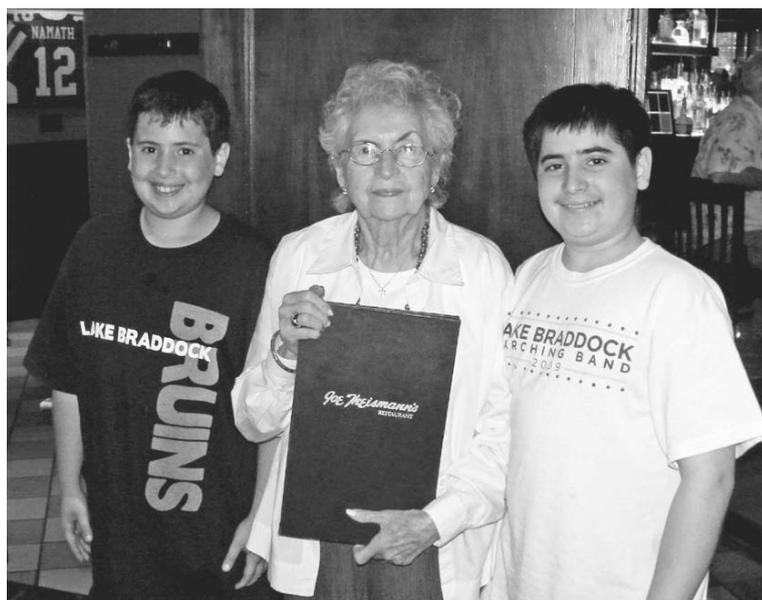
Hayden Kirkey (4 years 5 months) with Mom, Devon Streit in October 2009 in Cordes Sur Soleil, France. Hayden was picking dandelions and making wishes. Mom has just asked: "What did you wish for?" Hayden responds: "A red soccer ball." After returning home from France, a neighbor dropped off a red soccer ball for Hayden. The neighbor had no idea what had been happening in France.



Sam Hernly with his Mom Ann right after his nap.



Collin Marquis, 14, with mom Margaret Hagood, in front of their home in Alexandria on a recent warm spring day.



Arlene Hewitt (grandmother - called "Nene") with her two grandsons, ages 13 and 15, Michael and Teddy Rochlis. Photo was taken on April 25, 2010 at Joe Theisman's restaurant, in Alexandria. Grandma's night out with "her boys."



Laura Walker and her children Nick, Brettania, and Erin in Norway during a 2004 family vacation.

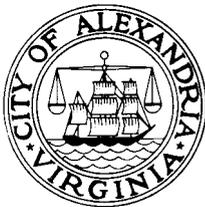


Four generations gathered together on Jan. 1, 2010, New Year's Day: From left, Jane Rosov, Lillian Tobin (holding Kelleigh Savannah Wright), and Carrie Wright. It was the first time Kelleigh met her great-grandma.

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### LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

The Board will hold a joint work session with the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review regarding the City Wayfinding Sign Program. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the City Council Work Room.

#### CASE BAR2010-0092

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 415 S. Washington St, zoned CL.  
APPLICANT: Dawn Marie Jarvis

#### CASE BAR2010-0093

Request for approval of addition/alterations at 415 S. Washington St, zoned CL.  
APPLICANT: Dawn Marie Jarvis

#### CASE BAR2010-0105

Request for approval of signage at 1320 Prince St, zoned CL.  
APPLICANT: Metro Auction and Consignments

Consideration of BAR approval of amendments to the Criteria & Standards for Administrative Approval of Signs in the Historic Districts.

Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 746-4666

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# OBITUARIES

## Houston H. MacIntosh



Houston MacIntosh, M.D., 73, longtime Washington area psychiatrist who was president of the Virginia Psychoanalytic Society, died Feb. 14, 2010 in assisted living at Goodwin House in Falls Church of progressive supranuclear palsy, a rare neurodegenerative movement disorder causing constant falls. He was an Old Town Alexandria resident.

Houston Hood MacIntosh was a modern-day Renaissance man: psychiatrist specializing in student mental health, Freudian psychoanalyst, investment guru, philanthropist, marathoner, musician, Shakespearean, and golfer. He was born in West Springfield, Mass., to a stamp and coin dealer father employing 50 and a homemaker mother. He attended Cornell University, graduated from the University of Rochester Medical School AOA (medical honor society) in 1961, and completed his psychiatric residency at Yale University in 1965.

After a two-year stint as chief of psychiatric service at Scott Air Force Base Hospital in Ill., Dr. MacIntosh returned to Yale in 1967 as a post-doctoral fellow in student mental health, later opening his first private practice in New Haven. He moved his practice, which spanned 36 years, to the Washington metro area in 1970 to study at the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute (now the Washington Center for Psychoanalysis).

Some of Dr. MacIntosh's psychiatric positions from the 1970-'90's were: consultant in Georgetown University's Student Health Service, attending physician in psychiatry at Sibley Memorial Hospital, and staff psychiatrist at St. Elizabeths Hospital. His psychoanalytic positions included training analyst for candidates at the

Washington Psychoanalytic Institute and clinic advisor to the American Running Association of the American Medical Athletic Association. He received the Community Service Award in 1989 for work on Open Line.

But the work Dr. MacIntosh will be remembered for is his 11 years (1995-'06) as consultant psychiatrist at Gallaudet University's Student Mental Health Center. Gallaudet collaborates with Howard University medical students to provide a weekly rotation on deaf mental health. Dr. MacIntosh allowed medical students to observe him with deaf students, then provided supervision after the live observation. The feedback on his training with this college and medical school population was so positive, reports Director Dr. Lauri L. Rush, that "although I was his boss, I had too much respect for him to ever call him by his first name."

Also a master of investments, Dr. MacIntosh was treasurer of four psychiatric/psychoanalytic societies, most recently the Forum on Psychiatry and the Humanities. Translating financial acumen into personal philanthropy, in 2006 Dr. MacIntosh and his wife established an annual women's studies lecture series at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Baltimore, where his wife is an alumna. Twenty-two years ago she had independently established a women's collection at the municipal Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Together, the MacIntoshes re-established the women's collection, this time in an academic setting tied to the curriculum. In 2009 they added a reading room to house the collection. This year's MacIntosh lecture in March was attended by almost 1,000 members of the general public. Their 2008 speaker, New York Times best-seller author Lisa See, is the daughter of Washington Post Book World reviewer Carolyn See. Whenever forms called for the

MacIntoshes to list number of children, Dr. MacIntosh wrote, "750 — all girls."

Marathoner, musician, Shakespearean, and golfer, Dr. MacIntosh completed 15 marathons (two Boston, two New York) with a personal best of three hours 13 minutes and 30 seconds. He attended the New England Music Camp as a child, was first chair cornet in the Massachusetts State Youth Orchestra, and later played trumpet in Cornell's Big Red marching band. For 10 years he was co-director of the Washington Shakespeare Reading Group. An ardent golfer, Dr. MacIntosh played classic courses in Scotland and England. At St. Andrews Old Course in 1902, he shot the same score as on his home course. Competitive until the end, he was one of just eight from a total of 250 Goodwin House residents to attend the 2009 Fairfax County Senior Olympics. The only one in a wheelchair, he participated with his team in wii bowling because he was unable to talk the others into wii golf.

Dr. MacIntosh appreciated Old Town for his neighbors, his officemates at Crilley Suites, and the bike path, where he ran 40 minutes daily rain or shine. He was a fan of the Boston Red Sox. He also enjoyed the leap-year birthday parties thrown for him, as his mother had done (so important for a Freudian).

His marriages to Sally Ann McFarland and Laurie Sills ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of 11 years, Diane Dippold MacIntosh of Alexandria; two children from his first marriage, William MacIntosh of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Laurie MacIntosh of Sacramento; and two sisters.

He was buried at New Cathedral Cemetery in Baltimore, Reverend Thomas Pesci, S.J., president of Loyola Blakefield, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to The Drs. Houston and Diane MacIntosh Women's Studies Lec-

ture Series, Notre Dame Preparatory School, 815 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286.

## Murray Louis Mayeux

Murray Louis Mayeux, age 90, of Bowling Green, Ohio died Saturday, April 24 at Heritage Inn in Bowling Green. Mr. Mayeux is survived by his wife, Patricia Gangwer Mayeux, five children, John Charles Mayeux, Beatrice Mayeux Dewing, Michael Britt Mayeux, Lucie Ellen Mayeux, and Amy Louise Mayeux, and three grandchildren: Joy Elizabeth Dewing, Melissa Mary Dolan and Justin Dale Dolan. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday at St. Aloysius Church, 140 S. Enterprise St. in Bowling Green.

Mr. Mayeux, a native of New Orleans, grew up in Marksville, La. He served in the Navy in World War II as a signals officer escorting merchant ships across the Atlantic. He achieved the rank of colonel in the Air Force Reserve while serving as industrial security officer for the Department of Defense in Washington D.C. He and his first wife, Elizabeth Britt Mayeux, met while studying at Catholic University in Washington DC and raised their five children in Alexandria, and in Brussels, Belgium where Mr. Mayeux was assigned to the NATO office of the US DOD.

He retired in 1979 and after the death of his first wife in 1990, he lived on his farm near Springs, Pa., where he joined the Lions Club in Salisbury. He moved to Bowling Green on his marriage to Patricia Gangwer in 1993. Pat and Murray were Friends of the Library and founding donors to Simpson Gardens. They volunteered with Bowling Green City Parks and Recreation Foundation, Bridge Hospice and Meals on Wheels. Mr. Mayeux was also active in the Exchange Club in Bowling Green.



## Half-Marathon

Runners make their way down Eisenhower Avenue as the running festival half-marathon kicks off at 7 a.m. on May 2.

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Elizabeth McIntyre (middle) with her daughters Anna Bossa (right) and Tori Bossa (left), both 14 years old, are in Washington D.C., enjoying the Cherry Blossoms on March 20, 2010.



Cheryl Anne and Alexis FuBao Colton



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Melanie Idler and daughters Sadie & Lucy enjoying the Cherry Blossoms this year.



Veronica Bruno with daughter Marilyn Bruno (2 now) and stepson Thomas Bruno (8 now) taken in June 2009 having a wonderful time, basking in the sun, in crystal clear calm water on the beach in Boca Raton, Fla.

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Sean Joy, Lisa Nanni Joy, Shannon Joy Patton, Hager Patton, Sheila Joy, and Erin Joy at Shannon and Hager's engagement party at the home of Amy and Ryan's Katz's in 2008.



Alberta Stokes (at far left) and (moving clockwise) Suellen Savukas, Deborah Stokes and Savukas' daughter Daphne Savukas. The three generations are in front of La Bergerie restaurant in Old Town.

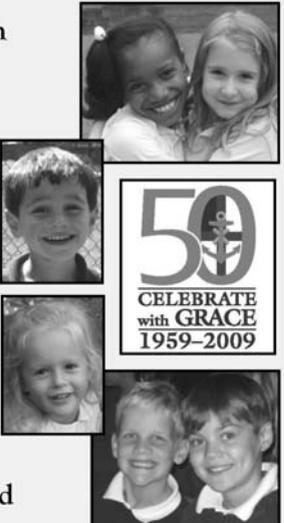
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Makena, Keegan and mom Tracey Polson of Alexandria enjoy a cold dip in the Atlantic Ocean at Melbourne Beach, Fla., March 2010.



Jenny Krese of Alexandria joins daughter, Elle, and son, Chip, in meeting Peter Pan at Disney World in March. Continuing the theme, the Krese Family also enjoyed a wonderful performance of Peter Pan by Alexandria's own Mount Vernon Community Children's Theater in April.

# Cameron, Roy Return from Injury, Spark TC

## Titan boys win T.C. Williams Invitational track meet.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**alcom Cameron approached the board as he sprinted down the triple jump runway during a July track meet. As the T.C. Williams rising senior prepared to leap, his footwork went awry, causing Cameron to jump off the wrong foot. Suddenly, he felt something snap.

Cameron went to a doctor, but received no explanation for the pain in his pelvis. Over time the pain increased. He struggled to walk up stairs.

"It was really bad," Cameron recalled.

After visits to a physical therapist and an orthopedist, Cameron was diagnosed with osteitis pubis, an inflammation of the pelvic bone. Recovery time for the injury: six months to two years.

Cameron couldn't train during the fall of his senior year and missed the entire indoor season. He said he started feeling better in February, seven months after the injury, but coaches brought him along slowly.

"It was hard for him not to actually go full speed," T.C. Williams assistant coach Rashawn Jackson said. "We actually had to hold him back from going 100 percent all the time because we didn't want him to have a relapse."

Cameron started to show progress while



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/GAZETTE PACKET

### Malcom Cameron has returned from osteitis pubis to excel for the T.C. Williams track and field team.

competing in mid-to-late April. He posted quality times in the 400 meters and the 300 hurdles during the MileStat.com Elite Track Classic on April 24 and was gaining confidence.

On May 1 at the T.C. Williams Invitational, he busted through.

Cameron won the long jump with a personal best mark of 21 feet, 10 1/4 inches, took third in the 300 hurdles with a PR time of 41.36 seconds, helped the 4x400 relay team take second (3:23.35) and helped the Titan boys win the team title.

"I'm glad that I healed a lot sooner than [two years]," Cameron said after the meet, "and I'm just happy to be back."

TC head coach Patrick Deville called Cameron "one of the best teammates you can have."

"It's really rewarding to see when hard work does pay off, even against the most

adverse of situations," Deville said. "We weren't sure whether he would be here but, man, we're glad he is."

Another Titan who returned from injury to make a big impact was Darnell Roy, who competed in six events during his first day back from a pulled hamstring. Roy finished second in the long jump (21-9), third in the triple jump (41-8 1/4), third in the 200 (22.88) and fifth in the 100 (11.45). He also helped the 4x100 relay team to second-place finish (43.69). Roy competed, but did not place, in the high jump.

"I was a little bit nervous in my first race," Roy said of the 100-meter dash, "and then after that it was all gone."

Chelo Abbe was also a key contributor for the Titans, including a second-place finish in the 800 (2:00.7).

"I think for running [in] the [4x800 relay] about an hour before, it was all right," he said of his 800 time. "I think if I had fresh legs I probably could have run 1:58."

Abbe also helped the 4x800 relay take first (8:14.11) and the 4x400 relay finish second.

Kentdrick Barnes was second in the high jump (6-1) and sixth in the triple jump (41-1). Nicholas Ahumada won the steeplechase (6:52.94) and was second in the pole vault (11 feet). Ayodesi Coker was second in the 100 (11.29).

Coach Jackson and several other TC alumni were at the meet, cheering on the Titans. Jackson, a 1992 TC graduate who was part of three state championship teams, said this was the first major invite he could remember the Titans winning in recent years.

"I think we turned the corner and we've



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

### Chelo Abbe (514) was a key contributor to the Titans' victory on May 1.

got a great group of young talent, too," Jackson said. "I told the seniors, 'You may not be here when we win the state championship, but you started the turnaround.'"

The T.C. Williams girls finished ninth. Maddie Christy won the pole vault (8-6), Lisa Toledo was third in the 3,200 (12:41.06) and the 4x400 relay team took fourth (4:20.58).

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Big Day For TC's Kilby

T.C. Williams senior outfielder and pitcher Matt Kilby threw a no-hitter against Lee on April 28 and recorded his school-record 70th RBI. Kilby, an all-region selection as a junior, also struck out 10 batters and hit his sixth home run of the season. T.C. Williams won 15-0 in five innings.

The Titans host Annandale at 6:30 p.m. May 7.

### Hershey Track and Field Meet

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' sports office will be hosting its annual local Hershey Track & Field Meet on May 16 at Episcopal High School's outdoor track at 1 p.m. Episcopal High School is located at 1200 North Quaker Lane. If there is inclement weather, the track meet will be held in the Field House at Episcopal. The mission of the Hershey Track and Field

Games is to provide a quality recreation and school program where children have fun and are introduced to physical fitness through basic track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing.

There is no fee to register for the track meet, but registration forms must be turned in to the youth sports office by May 7. Registration is easy, just complete the correct registration form based on the child's age and return the form to the youth sports office via e-mail or mail. On the day of the track meet, check in at the registration table and each child will receive a label for each event they have signed up for.

Participants can participate in the following events depending on their age group: (track) 50-meter dash; 100-meter dash; 200-meter dash; 400-meter dash; 400-meter relay; 800-meter run; 1,600-meter run; (field) standing long jump; softball throw.

Boys and girls ages 7-8 can participate in the 50-meter dash, standing long jump and the softball throw only. This age group will not advance to the district or

state meet.

Boys and girls ages 9-12 can participate in one field event and two running events and the relay; or two field events and one running event and the relay for a total of four events. Since ages 9-12 (400 relay) will not advance to the North American Final, those age groups will be allowed to participate in a relay as an extra event at the local, district and or state meet. First- and second-place winners in this age group will advance to the district track meet which will be held on June 5 in Fauquier County.

Boys and Girls ages 13-14 can participate in one field event and two running events; or two field events and one running event. Relays are considered running events for this age group. First and second place winners in this age group will advance to the district track meet which will be held on June 5 in Fauquier County.

For more information, call the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports Web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

## 5Qs

### Five questions with T.C. Williams senior forward Conor Boyle

**Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area that you've traveled?**

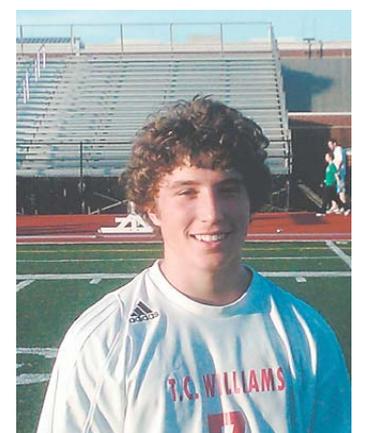
A: Hawaii, but I'm going to South Africa for the World Cup this summer.

**Q: What's the best feeling you can have during a soccer game?**

A: That one right there [referencing his game-winning goal in overtime against West Potomac]. That was the best feeling in awhile.

**Q: What are your plans for after high school?**

A: I'm going to the College of Charleston in South Carolina. I'm going through the Clearinghouse right now so hopefully I'm going to try to walk on and tryout for their team.



**Q: Who is your favorite music artist?**

A: Gucci Mane.

**Q: What is your favorite movie?**

A: "Goodfellas." I like gangster movies.

— JON ROETMAN

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## SPORTS

# Persistency Pays Off for Titans

Boyle scores 2nd consecutive game-winner, TC beats West Potomac.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams boys soccer team time and time again created scoring chances during its April 29 game against West Potomac. A free kick here. An accurate cross there. The Titans put the pressure on Wolverine goalkeepers.

But despite ample opportunities, TC found the net only once during regulation, and a resilient West Potomac team tied the score at 1 in the 75th minute on a goal by James Taylor.

“I was a little nervous, especially when they scored with 5 minutes left,” junior defender Nazzareno Spurio said. “It was demoralizing.”

The game went into overtime. One night after an emotional vic-



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

**Matthew Coda (8) and the T.C. Williams boys soccer team beat West Potomac in overtime on April 29.**

tory over Annandale, Titans head coach Martin Nickley had a message for his team.

“I thought we created a lot of good chances — both in the run of play and I thought we were dangerous on our set pieces, as well — and we just got unlucky not to finish some of those,” he said. “That’s the message that we tried to get across to the players: ‘You’re playing very well. Yeah, we gave

up a goal but we are playing a good match. ... You’ve just got to believe that you can keep going forward and you can keep creating those chances and we’re going to get one.”

The Titans listened. Eight minutes into overtime, it paid off.

Conor Boyle scored the game-winner, deflecting his shot off a West Potomac player for a 2-1 victory at Parker-Gray Stadium.

“Their defender hit it with his head and tried to clear it,” Boyle said of the action prior to the goal. “I was just standing there and it popped right under my foot. I took a step back, I swung my leg and it was going into the left corner. Their defender dove [for the ball to] hit his foot so it would go in but he ended up hitting it in the opposite side.”

Boyle also scored the game-winner the previous night in a 2-1 victory over Annandale.

T.C. Williams’ first goal came on a free kick by Mauricio Salvatierra in the 18th minute. West Potomac freshman goalkeeper Rafael Morales, who made several athletic saves during the game, was removed from the game moments earlier after receiving a yellow card.

Salvatierra, Boyle and sophomore forward Mansaray are the team’s top goal-scoring threats.

Nickley spoke highly of the Titan defenders, led by Spurio — “the real glue back there,” Nickley said — Andrew Frank, Will Longabaugh and Matthew Coda. Goalkeepers Matthew Crawley and Jose Flores have also played well, the coach said.

TC lost to Lake Braddock 3-2 on May 3, dropping its final Patriot District record to 3-2-2. The Titans travel to face Wakefield at 7 p.m. on May 7 and begin the district tournament on May 17.

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# LETTERS

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insurance costs, VRS payments and WMATA subsidies — none of which can be suppressed by our local government while at the same time funding what he proposed. This isn't just my opinion. BFAAC in its annual report said the budget represents "budgeting business as usual." And quite frankly, the largesse of our citizenry has become comfortable expecting what the City Manager proposed. In short, the tiger was let loose from the bag.

With this in mind, I did come to the table making good faith efforts to negotiate with my colleagues to get to a point we would all be able to support. Although the result was not a unanimous vote, we all made compromises and I am confident that we will continue to do so and to, working together, look for ways to increase our governmental efficiency moving forward.

With regard to my concern about consulting fee expenditures, I take great comfort in the fact that we unanimously approved a resolution directing our Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee to work with the City Manager and staff to look into what is behind the \$54.7 million line item on Contracting Services and Consulting this year to help us arrive at some greater efficiencies and to make this a best practice moving forward every year. Despite our actions as a Council supporting the issue I raised, in last week's editorial pages, former Council Member Tim Lovain wrote a riveting piece intended to criticize my stance on the need to reduce expenditures in the Contracting Services and Consulting line item in the budget.

While unappreciative of his writing tone and believe it quite unbecoming, I do respect Mr. Lovain's effect, be it intentional or unintentional, to more publicly elucidate this blind line item, which I consider a "black hole" in the City's Budget. The irony of Mr. Lovain's writing is that I agree, and on the record prior to his writing (tape of budget work session of Monday, April 26) with everything that he said about contracting being a wise best practice. Hence, what he has written about is neither novel nor an actual point of contention between us. Oftentimes there is more than 40 percent cost savings associated with contracting services since an employer does not have to absorb the cost of fringe benefits provided to employees to get the same level of service benefit. Michael Lee Pope's article in last week's Gazette Packet properly characterized the issue I take with the Contracting and Consulting line item in this year's proposed budget to be focused on consulting fee expenditures, not contractual services as discussed ad nauseum by Mr. Lovain. There is a clear delineation that needs to be straightened for the public benefit and to correct misperception. It is my hope that in writing here today, the point is clearer than the mischaracterization of my intent as discussed in these same pages last week.

The Contracting Services and Consulting line item is \$54.7 million, merely \$10 million larger than the initial FY2011 projected deficit, and responsible for roughly 10 percent of the City's General Operating Fund.

And according to a budget memo produced in response to my question about what is spent on contracting services versus what is spent on consulting, approximately \$17 million of the \$54.7 million is spent on consultants (and to date, we still do not know the scope of these services in total). Thus, this one combined line item for contracting services and consulting is larger than the roughly \$44 million gap the City Manager's proposed budget sought to be closed in part by increasing the residential property tax rate. The increase in the residential property tax rate would account for roughly \$20 million in revenue to fill nearly half the gap on the projected \$44 million shortfall. I would have considered it less than prudent to not question such a large, non-transparent portion of the budget that is in great part responsible for the increase to our residential property tax rate and am grateful that my Council colleagues, after our frank discussion on the matter during this year's budget deliberations, agree that we need to get behind this number.

While I am proud to be the member of a City Council that has taken the steps necessary to change this misnomer for future budget years, our action was not swift enough to effect change for FY2011. I did offer a substitute that accomplished all the things I considered good that did pass in this year's budget, just additionally fully restoring all three positions in the COPS Program and substantially cutting what we spend on consulting fees. However, it failed for lack of a second. While Mr. Lovain has sought to criticize me as a member of Council for raising this issue, I must admit my disappointment that he did not raise the same issue when chairing BFAAC prior to his election to City Council. And further, even once a member of City Council, Mr. Lovain did not ask questions that would have made everyone's understanding of the matters raised now better, but consistently voted for increases in spending and the residential property tax rate. In short, I consider it disingenuous that now a former member of Council would criticize a sitting member of Council for elucidating an issue for public benefit that when he sat in a position to effect change on the same matter declined to do so. Contrary to any manner of public opinion otherwise, when it comes to money matters, the devil really is in the details and it is these details that the current bipartisan council is now seeking to better understand for everyone's benefit, as we should, as we work to perfect "One Alexandria."

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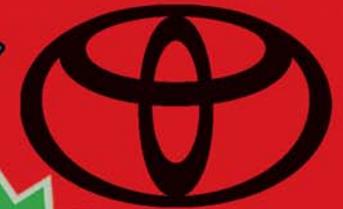
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### Just 50 Yards from the River

Gorgeous, all-brick, three-level, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath townhouse just 50 yards from Founders Park and the riverfront and three blocks to King Street. Renovated kitchen and master bath, hardwood floors throughout, separate dining area, high ceilings in living room with wood-burning fireplace and French doors leading to large fenced terrace. Finished attic, extensive storage, one-car garage and driveway parking.

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### What a Treasure

this three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath, early nineteenth century, brick home is! With wood floors throughout, an eat-in kitchen, second floor sitting room, charming deep garden and fabulous river views, this light-filled corner house with wood burning fireplace and extensive finish detail truly enchants the historian, the waterman, and even the Lee Street park aficionado.

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ARLINGTON

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### Swimming or Tennis?

This charming, Williamsburg style, two-bedroom, two-bath, brick townhouse in Fairlington boasts an updated white kitchen, charming Georgetown patio, and a quiet cul-de-sac location! Best of all, it is just about a two-minute walk to the community swimming pool, tennis courts, and Abingdon school. A package that is hard to beat!

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### Delightful Beauty

This Del Ray duplex is an ideal starter home. Fully fenced in back yard is landscaped with a deck for relaxing on summer evenings. Two spacious bedrooms upstairs, two bathrooms, and an updated kitchen. Plenty of space to spread out in the lower level family room, and utility room offers space for the handyman.

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