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As each name is called, the graduates cross the stage to receive their diploma from retiring Principal William Clendaniel. More photos, page 18.



## Farewell To TC

Mirna Membreno is congratulated by English instructor Peter Reddington on her way to the stage to receive the 2010 Principal's Award.

School board chair and vice chair Yvonne Folkerts and Sheryl Gorsuch, ACPS Executive Director of Secondary Education Margee Walsh applaud.



## Appeal Railroaded

Alexandria loses again to Norfolk Southern.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Score yet another victory for Norfolk Southern, the railroad company that's been in conflict with city officials since May 2008. That's when angry members of the Alexandria City Council confronted City Manager Jim Hartmann for failing to notify them of a newly operational hazardous materials facility on the

city's West End. Since then, the city has waged an unsuccessful effort to exert authority over the railroad, first with the Surface Transportation Board then with the Eastern District of Virginia. Now the Virginia Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has logged another loss, the cost of which City Attorney James Banks said was impossible to calculate at press time.

"The train left the station a long time ago, so to speak," said Ingrid Sanden, who was president of the

**"At some point we're going to have to decide whether we should continue this fight or stop the bleeding in terms of the cost."**

— Mayor Bill Euille

Station Civic Association when Norfolk Southern filed the original lawsuit against the city.

"And now we are stuck with it because no one cares."  
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## Dog-Gone Chains

New ordinance bars people from tethering dogs for more than three hours.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE PACKET

Don't chain Fido. That's the message behind a new city ordinance that City Council unanimously approved earlier this month. The new ordinance, now in effect, prohibits the tethering of dogs for more than three hours a day. Vice Mayor Kerry Donley raised the issue at

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**The city's new dog ordinance sets three-hour limit for tethering of dogs.**

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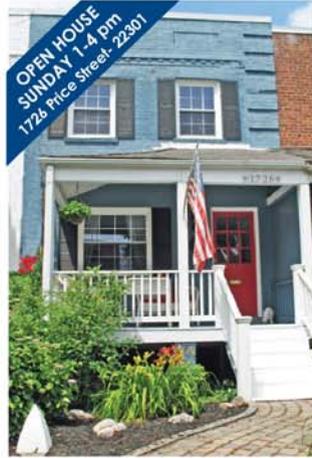
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## Metro Shakedown

Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell**'s efforts to appoint members to the Metro board have not received a welcome response at City Hall this week. Council members rejected the idea Tuesday night to McDonnell's attempt to withhold millions of dollars in Metro funding until after a decision is made on whether he can appoint two board seats on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

"This is a shakedown, ladies and gentleman," thundered Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. "It's just not honorable."

Councilwoman **Del Pepper** said the discussion of how the Metro board appointments work is a lingering source of consternation in Alexandria, which has an alternate seat. That means that Mayor **Bill Euille** only gets a vote if Arlington Board member **Chris Zimmerman** is not there. Pepper described the second-class status of Alexandria's role as "inappropriate."

"I know that this was a great concern of [former mayor] **Chuck Beatley** when he was the alternate," said Pepper, who once worked as an aide to Beatley. "That doesn't seem to be to be one bit fair."

Councilman **Frank Fannon** suggested a potential solution.

"Get the governor to appoint Bill," said Fannon, referring to the mayor.

## Happy Holidays

Snow seems like a welcome relief from the blistering summer heat this week, but council members considered two wintertime issues before heading into the summer break this week.

One was the after-action report from the massive snowstorms of late 2009 and early 2010. The report recommended creating three levels of response, ranging from urging motorists to drive cautiously to closing all roadways to non-emergency personnel. The three-tiered system could alleviate uncertainty in when homeowners were expected to shovel their sidewalks, ranging from 24 hours to 72 hours depending on the situation.

"That was a place of ambiguity that created a lot of problems for us," said Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. "The city has bigger problems do deal with, especially when you're getting into a level-three storm. As a summertime thunderstorm moved through the skies over City Hall Tuesday night, council member considered a second wintertime chill. This week, elected leaders received notification from the Campagna Center that the Washington Street nonprofit is considering removing its financial support of the 39-year-old Scottish Walk. The annual holiday tradition consumes resources of the cash-strapped nonprofit without much of a financial benefit, creating doubt about the organization's willingness to continue funding the popular December parade.

"I would hate to see the parade go and not ever happen again," said Mayor Euille. "Certainly, that's a discussion we need to have — if not the Campagna Center, then who?"

## Deadbeat Boards

What have the city's boards and commissions been up to this year? Those seeking answers in annual reports from the appointed bodies won't find answers in many cases. That's because one third of the 60 or so board and commissions have submitted the required annual reports to the council. Councilman **Paul Smedberg** said Tuesday that he expected to see an increased level of compliance with the rules.

"We're really getting serious about this now," said Smedberg. "If commissions or chairs of commissions aren't following through on the expectations, then there's going to be consequences."

## Complete Count

Unlike other jurisdictions in Northern Virginia, Alexandria was able to increase its response rate to the 2010 Census this year. City leaders credited the boost in participation to a communications strategy that included iTunes cards and tote bags used to promote the Constitutionally mandated headcount. The return of Census forms in Alexandria was 73 percent, a point better than the national rate and a percentage point better than Alexandria's 2000 rate of return. "We really focused on the hard-to-reach population," explained planning director **Faroll Hamer**. "That's what made this such a success."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS

# Tails High Gets Help from Beyond

Event with pet psychic raises \$1000 for cat rescue.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER  
GAZETTE PACKET

Apparently our pets have a lot they want to tell us — if only we could hear them. Last week, pet psychic Diane Roadcap donated her services to help some clueless humans understand their pets while raising money for Tails High, a cat rescue and adoption organization.

There was the chatty black cat Neal who told Roadcap the family was going on vacation to North Carolina this summer: true. She blabbed that her mommy had some stomach issues recently: true. And that mommy had a childhood friend that died of an immune disorder: also true. Neal would have been very happy to continue her chat with Roadcap had it not been for the next appointment's arrival.

Kennedy, an adopted 30lb Norwegian Forest Cat told Roadcap he was sent to help his mommy heal.

And Shadow, who yowled every few minutes at night, just wanted his mommy to turn down the TV.

Wendy Kilpatrick said her jaw dropped when she heard that. "It was true," Kilpatrick said. "Shadow is my mom's cat. Mom has had trouble breathing so she stays up, and the TV is on most of the night. It doesn't bother me when I stay there because I have trouble sleeping and the TV can be comforting."

Tails High was founded and is staffed by volunteers who say they find joy in placing stray, abandoned, or homeless cats and kittens in permanent, loving homes. The core team used to be part of another cat rescue organization. Last October they broke off from the first group to start Tails High.

According to Board Member Kelley Cislo who oversees adoptions, Tails High just took off.

"Unfortunately, there's no shortage of product on the market," she said. "It's never ending, but we try to do what we can."

The Tails High philosophy is to cast a wide net and "hopefully, we can get a lot of support," Cislo added.

A new program they're just getting off the ground is "Oldies But Goodies."

Cislo explained Tails High gets a lot of requests to take older cats that are harder to get adopted. Often it's because of health concerns, but all their cats available for adoption get a wellness check from the vets at Paws, Purrs and Exotics.

"I thought, why not match our senior cats with senior citizens," she said. "Seniors may not have had experience with cats, so if we can visit retirement



PHOTOS BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER/GAZETTE PACKET

Diane Roedcap gets down with Tshotchke the Schnoodle after their session.

communities and get folks to take a cat in their arms — even for just five minutes, then maybe the next time they might agree to foster the cat which we hope might lead to adoption."

The fund-raising event, which included opportunities to adopt or foster some of the Tails High rescues, was held at Paws, Purrs and Exotics

Animal Hospital, the official veterinary hospital for the non-profit. Tails High feels the June 19 event was a success.

"We had a family take home four kittens for our foster-to-adopt program," Cislo said. "They will decide which one they want to keep in a few weeks." There was also a young couple who took an application to adopt one of the cats — they had to check with their landlord to make sure they can have pets.

Cislo added that they are very thankful to Roedcap for the 20 back-to-back pet readings that yielded \$1000 for Tails High.

And for those who might be wondering, Kilpatrick reports that night her mom and Shadow both slept soundly through to the next day.



Bri Markle of Maryland was at the event with her grandmother to check out the kittens.



Alexandrian Edythe Richards with Kennedy, her adopted 30lb Norwegian Forest Cat.

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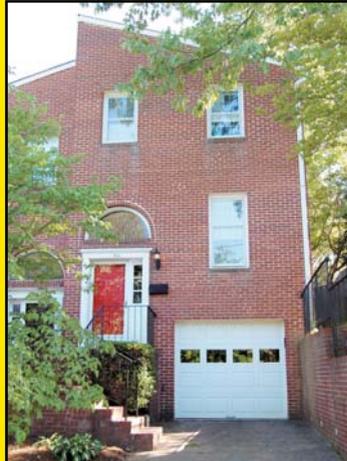
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# Welfare Tops Spending

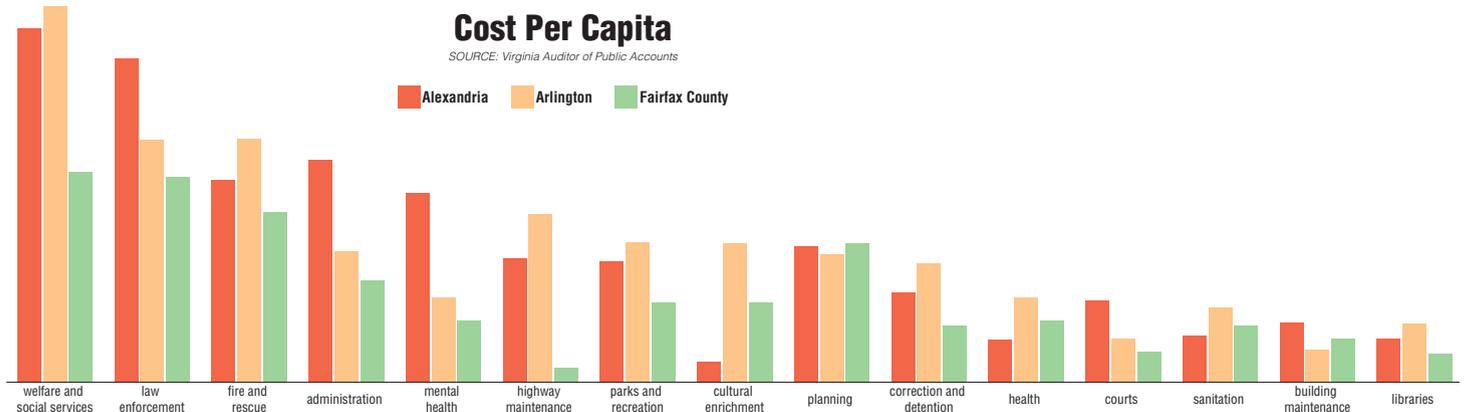
Social services form the bulk of per capita non-education spending in Northern Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria spends more for welfare and social services than any other category outside education, according to a recent report by the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts. And because of drastic differences in size and demographics, city taxpayers spend about twice as much per capita for welfare and social services than neighboring Fairfax County.

"Arlington has allowed a whole lot more density than we've allowed here in Alexandria for many years, although that's beginning to change now," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "That makes a big difference in terms of the money that's available."

Because Fairfax County enjoys a considerable economy of scale in terms of population, its per capita spending levels tend to be smaller than mid-size communities such as Alexandria and Arlington. And while the two smaller and more urban jurisdictions tend to be similar in size and demographics, spending priorities between the two Northern Virginia communities highlight differences. For example, Arlington



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Spending levels represent all revenues, including local, state and federal.

ton spends more on firefighters while Alexandria spends more on police.

"Northern Virginia jurisdictions have a reputation as high-spending communities," said Bill Ahern, director of policy for the Washington-based Tax Foundation. "On the other hand, property taxes in Northern Virginia are not that high on a national scale."

THE SPENDING figures that appear in the Auditor of Public Accounts report are compiled information received from local juris-

dictions. They reveal some disparities about how Alexandria spends money compared to Arlington and Fairfax. For example, Alexandria spends more per capita on mental health and inspections. But Arlington spends more per capita on cultural enrichment than the other two jurisdictions. Other than schools, all three jurisdictions spend more for welfare and social services than any other category.

"The war on poverty has backfired," said Arthur Purves, president of the Fairfax

County Taxpayers Alliance. "We pay people to be poor, then we reward them for having children out of wedlock."

Both Alexandria and Arlington generally spend much more per capita than Fairfax County in most categories, especially the top-dollar categories such as administration and mental health. Arlington leads the way in several areas, including highway maintenance and parks. Alexandria pulls ahead in other line items, such as administration

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- 2. Tai chi group at 10
- 3. Stop by library before lunch?
- 4. Pottery class—1:00
- 5. Scrabble club at 3:00

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Asian Night in the dining room!

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## PEOPLE



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### Art Market

At the opening of the monthly Alexandria Art Market, Box Boy artist Paul Bierman poses with a few of his decoupage creations. The market will be held the first Saturday of the month through November in the Colosanto Center on Mt. Vernon Avenue. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### PEOPLE NOTES

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**Phil Flewallen** of Alexandria was named one of 214 store finalists in its fourth annual King of the Blues, the nationwide search for the next great undiscovered blues guitar player.

Phil Flewallen and other store finalists will gather on June 24 at one of 25 district final competitions at Guitar Centers across the country to perform in front of a panel of judges and compete for a slot in the regional finals that take place on July 15. If he makes it all the way to the finals and is crowned Guitar Center's King of the Blues, he will receive \$25,000 in cash and other prizes.

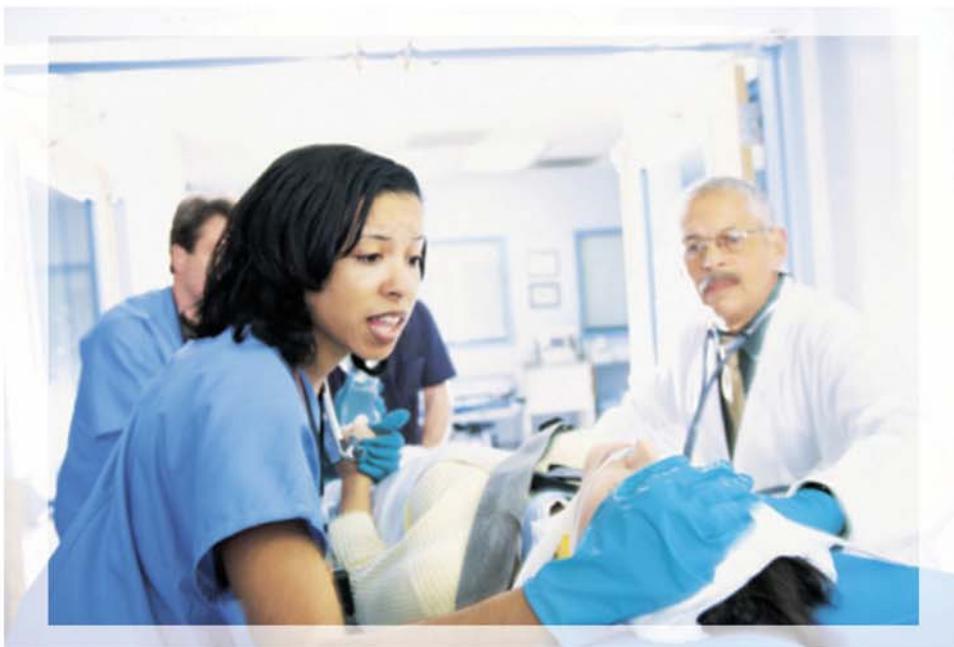
**Matt Lycas** of Alexandria is one of 19 American students chosen to attend the summer science program at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Lycas applied for the 42nd annual Dr. Bessie Lawrence International Summer Science Institute (ISSI) to pursue his passion for biomedical re-

search. He hopes that his experience this summer will bring him closer to his future goal of a career in science.

For the past year, Lycas has worked with a team at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., in the cancer research center and on the production of density models of the surface proteins on the virus HIV's virions. He also spent last summer working as a student intern at Family Healthcare of Fairfax, where he observed and sometimes helped with procedures ranging from routine checkups to minor surgeries.

One hundred local teens just completed this year's grant cycle with the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Jewish Youth Philanthropy (JYPI) Program. The JYPI program provides the opportunity for teens to engage in the grant-making process and to become active community leaders. Included in the group of teens were three Alexandria students - **Maddy Naide** (Mark Twain MS, Beth El Hebrew), **Emma Kemler** (T.C. Williams, Beth El Hebrew) and **Nate Archer** (St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, Rodef Shalom).

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## Scholarships For TC Seniors

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria presented scholarships with a total first-year value over \$355,000 to 178 seniors in the T.C. Williams Class of 2010 at the June 9 Awards Program.

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**Molly Fitzgerald, T.C. Williams Class of 1988, presents Scholarship Fund of Alexandria awards to Bethlehem Adimasu who will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University, Elesabet Abebe who will be attending UVA Wise, and Veronica Adomaa who will be attending the Alexandria School of Practical Nursing.**



**Mark Funn, T.C. Williams Class of 1984, Carlton Funn, and Tracye Funn, T.C. Williams Class of 1981, present the Joan B. Funn Memorial Scholarship to Hiwotie Demissie who will be attending Richard Bland College.**



**Duncan Morhardt, T.C. Williams Class of 1996 and Estegent Firdaweke, T.C. Williams Class of 2005, present the Albert Hazen Smith Memorial Scholarship to Joyvell Henry who will be attending the University of Virginia.**



**Susan Guillory presents the Battelle Memorial Institute STEM Scholarship to William Longabaugh, who will be attending Amherst, and Matthew Kilby, who will be attending the United States Naval Academy.**



**Chuck Oliver, plant manager for Mirant Potomac River, presents the Mirant 21<sup>st</sup> Century University Scholarship to Farishta Boura who will be attending George Washington University.**



## Helping Nonprofits

ACT for Alexandria celebrated its 2010 grantees with a luncheon on Thursday, June 10 at Union Street Public House in Old Town Alexandria. Since its inception in 2004, ACT has distributed almost \$700,000 into capacity building grants to help nonprofit organizations invest in infrastructure-based programs and organizational needs to increase Alexandria nonprofits' effectiveness and sustainability. The 2010 recipients include: Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc., ALIVE!, Center for Alexandria's Children, Community Lodgings, First Night Alexandria, Friends of Guest House, Higher Achievement, New Neighbors Education Center, SCAN of Northern Virginia, Senior Services of Alexandria, The Child and Family Network Centers, The Reading Connection, and Wesley Housing Development Corporation.

## Fugitive Controls

Alexandria can breathe easier — next year.

That's when new technology may be installed at a coal-fired power plant on the city's waterfront. The improvement to air quality comes thanks to a \$34 million settlement city officials reached back in 2008 with Atlanta-based energy company Mirant. Essentially, the money is buying two or maybe three "polishing baghouses" for boilers at the power plant that will reduce particulate matter released into the atmosphere.

"We have to remember where we started from, which was Mirant basically saying, 'There's no way you can install this technology at this facility,'" said environmental director **Bill Skrabak**. "It took us a little longer to get here, but we're happy with the final recommendation."

Progress has been slow since the City Council approved the settlement two years ago. Since that time, very little has changed at the plant. A plan to install drip pans was put on hold after state officials required permit modifications. And the cost of a new windscreen to control fugitive dust more than doubled after city officials realized the condition of the soil at the site. Councilman **Paul Smedberg** said Tuesday that the delays have led to a loss of confidence among many in the community.

"If we were surprised by soil, I can only imagine what we're going to be surprised by when we actually get into that facility and really look at how this thing is going to work," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**. "Are we due for more surprises?"

## Repaving King Street

The city's major business thoroughfare is about to get a facelift, but not without some measure of inconvenience.

This summer, King Street will be repaved from the river to the rails. The project is expected to cost about \$1.2 million and turn the business district into a one-way thoroughfare for three to four weeks this summer. City officials say motorists should expect detour routes to snake through Old Town.

"We are preparing a very extensive outreach campaign," said transportation director **Rich Baier**. "We'll be on Facebook and Twitter as well as door hangers and handouts and we'll be meeting with the associations along the street."

Baier said that the communications strategy will be launched closer to the start date, so it's timed to more closely align with the project. Baier also said he hopes the outreach effort for King Street will be more effective than the one launched last year, when one mile of Washington Street was repaved.

"On Washington Street, we had a couple dozen calls," said Baier. "King Street is going to be a lot trickier."

## A Lagging Indicator

Office vacancy rates are the highest they've been in years, higher than at any other time since the city began tracking them in 2003. According to budget analyst **Eric Eisinger**, some of the upswing is based on newly opened office space that remains vacant. But that's only half the picture. Eisinger says the dramatic rise in office vacancy rates over the last two years represent a weak economy.

"The demand for office space is weaker now than it's been in many years," said Eisinger. "Generally, it's a lagging indicator. So I'd expect to see it increase until we start to see hiring pick up again."

## Looking for Work?

Alexandria is fortunate to have an unemployment rate that's about half as much as the national average, a sign the city is somewhat more recession-proof than the rest of the country. But that's all academic if you're one of the more than 8,000 people in Alexandria currently looking for work.

That's one of the reasons U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) is hosting a federal jobs fair later this month. The event, including a keynote address from USAJobs program director **Kim Bauhs**, will take place on June 28 at T.C. William High School between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## BUSINESS



Curtis Blues with the maracas girls.

PHOTO BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER/GAZETTE PACKET

## Grand Opening of Arlandria Market

Fresh food and sunshine bring out Sunday shoppers.

The Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market opened last Sunday with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony, live music, and a variety of fresh, nutritious food. Located at the site of the old Duron Paint Store, the market is part of an overall vision to expand and improve Four Mile Run park and the surrounding neighborhood.

On his blog, councilman Rob Krupicka says the market is a great example of what happens when the community comes together and works on a joint project.

"This market is the result of vision and volunteers. Nothing else," he wrote. "It's a sure sign of a strong community when it can pull together to create something like this."

Volunteer architects have already drawn up plans to convert the Duron Paint building into a shell building without air conditioning, heat or electric lighting. The wall that faces the market area will be knocked down to add a large barn-like door. Future phases include outdoor stages, recycled concrete walkways and planters with native plants.

On opening day there were eight vendors, many of whom were sold out of product by noon. Organizers say they expect to expand to 15 over the next few weeks. Plans also call for a "community tent" where non-profits set up and work with the community on a number of projects.

The Four Mile Run Farmers Market, located next to the old Duron Paint Store at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., is open Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from now until November.

— SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER



Taking a little break in the shade of the Community Tent are Market Manager Travis Hester, Volunteer Kelly Carmichael, Market Manager Kevin Beekman and Judy Noritake, chair of Parks and Recreation Commission and one of the Architects Anonymous.

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Councilman Rob Krupicka talks with Sandra Rodriguez about her plot in one of the area's first community gardens. Rodriguez was on hand to help with Spanish to English translation.

PHOTO BY MELISSA GARCIA

# BUSINESS

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The Design Center at JCK Las Vegas has named **Mystique Jewelers** of Alexandria as one of its top retailer choices at the fourth annual JCK Design Center Awards. The Designer Retailers Awards recognized the Top 50 retailers based on the following three criteria: Educating the consumer on the quality and value of designer jewelry; displaying and merchandising designer products for maximum salability; and being committed to fair business practices.

Mystique Jewelers of Old Town, Alexandria, was named the recipient of the JCK Events Designer Retailer Award.

**Any Lab Test Now** has opened its newest location in Old Town Alexandria. The new facility is located at 321 S. Washington Street. Any Lab Test Now offers thousands of standard lab tests in a retail setting. The facility performs blood, urine, and hair follicle analyses for thousands of medical lab tests including drug, paternity, men's and women's wellness, STD/HIV and more. The facility's hours of operation are 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For

more information, visit [www.anylabtestnow.com/Alexandria\\_Va](http://www.anylabtestnow.com/Alexandria_Va).

**Sarment & Associates** of Alexandria, experts in dental implants and treating periodontal disease, have announced that its office is now equipped with a state-of-the-art, three-dimensional Cone Beam Computed Tomography scanner (CBCT). Sarment & Associates is located at the Alexandria Professional Center, 4660 Kenmore Ave.

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# OPINION

## Support Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Act

Senators Webb and Warner should step up to support water quality.

BY STELLA KOCH  
AUDUBON NATURALIST SOCIETY

The Chesapeake Clean Water Act, which will guide the protection and restoration of not just the Chesapeake Bay but the Potomac River and local streams in Northern Virginia, is expected to receive committee vote in the U.S. Senate in late June.

Our streams and the Potomac are the source of our drinking water. We canoe, fish, and swim in these waters and hike along side them. They also provide sustenance and a home for a myriad number of other creatures. They are the source of the waters of the Chesapeake.

By setting fair and equitable requirements throughout the Chesapeake Bay region for clean water in all streams, this bill will require both farmers and those living in towns and cities to do their fair share for clean water.

For decades, we have witnessed the degradation of our local streams by polluted runoff. When rain from storms falls onto concrete roads, parking lots, and suburban yards, it picks up pollution. This runoff carries fertilizer, pesticides and other nasty pollutants after each and every storm into our local water. While stormwater management has controlled some of the runoff in recent years, it has not kept pace with the growing impacts of development.

Our communities have spent money and time to improve their streams. The counties of Arlington and Fairfax, along with the City of Alexandria have conducted careful studies of their streams and spent significant money and effort to implement stream restoration and protection programs.

But it has not been enough to stem the tide of degradation.

We need to increase our efforts. Innovative, more effective stormwater management must be used. New pollution controls will need to

be installed in sites that previously had none. Aging stormwater pipes and structures will need to be replaced. The public demands that wastewater from toilets, tubs and sinks in homes and businesses be treated to a high degree of cleanliness. Equal resources have to be committed to treating stormwater runoff if we are to have clean water in our streams, the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.

This proposed legislation takes the first step for this new collective effort. It sets attainable goals and requires that both new development and redevelopment control stormwater runoff.

The federal government through this legislation will provide \$1.5 billion to invest in our local communities for stormwater control and other clean water needs.

We need our U.S. Senators, Jim Webb and Mark Warner, to support the Chesapeake Clean Water Act, by doing so they will be choosing clean water for the Chesapeake Bay region.

*Stella Koch is Virginia Conservation Associate, Audubon Naturalist Society.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Visionary Action Needed

To the Editor:

BRAC 133 is a regional disaster in the making for all Northern Virginia counties as its effects will lit-

erally intersect with Alexandria, Fairfax County, Falls Church, Baileys Crossroads, Shirlington, Fairlington, and Arlington County — as well as anyone trying to pass through this intersecting area.

Up until Rep. Jim Moran's amendment there has been no

laudable action or interaction by any of our elected representatives and officials, from bordering Mason District Supervisor, Penny Gross to Alexandria Mayor Euille, from VDOT to DOD.

The most visionary — and necessary — solution with the least

environmental and traffic impact is to delay occupancy until mass transit light rail can be connected to the already planned Columbia Pike Street Car Line which will run from the Pentagon to Skyline Plaza and Northern Virginia Community College - Alexandria Campus only a few blocks from BRAC 133. Without such transportation (and/or a similar light rail connection to King Street Metro— approx. 1.5 miles away) every other Band-aid adjustment will create havoc to an already stressed and politically neglected area.

Those of us who live within this area are extremely grateful for Rep. Moran's singular action and note that it is imperative that we contact Senator Warner and Senator Webb insisting upon their support. We support the delay ... we hope for visionary action.

**Terry D. Kester**  
Alexandria

## Same Side on Pension Costs

To the Editor:

In a story about ensuring the sustainability of city pension costs, your paper got the story completely wrong. Instead of being on opposite sides of the need to manage pension costs, as portrayed in your paper, Councilman Fannon and I were on the same side on this issue. Anybody paying attention to the debate at the council meeting in question would have

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**Helping Wildlife** Grace Breitenbeck, 10, hosted a "Snack shack"/Lemonade stand on June 5 in the Beverley Hills neighborhood to benefit the National Wildlife Federation's efforts to help Gulf Coast animals affected by the oil spill. Through the generosity of Beverley Hills neighbors and her classmates at Charles Barrett Elementary School, Grace helped to raise over \$1,200 for the National Wildlife Federation.

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OPINION

# Can't Give Up on Any Student

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



“There are no throw-away children.” Dr. Ron Ferguson, from Harvard’s Achievement Gap Initiative, shared this thought with an audience of parents, teachers and community members last week.

Who could argue with this point? Surprisingly, some do.

Dr. Ferguson recently discussed with students and teachers at T.C. Williams High School his findings from a TC survey that measured student and teacher engagement. What he found seems so obvious in principle but lacking for some in practice: there is a strong correlation between student success and how much students perceive that their teachers care about them and believe in them. This was true across all grade levels, races and ethnicities, genders and socio-economic status.

The idea that there are no throw-away students is fundamental to who we are as educators. I can’t imagine that my fellow columnist, Chris Candio, chief hospi-

tal administrator for Inova, would suggest throwing away some patients. So, how could we think of allowing educational euthanasia? Just as physicians do all they can to help patients be well, so must educators do all we can to assure that all students do well. This doesn’t mean that all patients and students are treated the same.

Dr. Ferguson described how we might succeed with one set of protocols for 80 percent of our students who are achieving at high levels. For the next 10 percent, we need to try something different. And for the next five or ten percent, something different again. The success of individuals and of our democracy itself is dependent on how well we do in education.

Perhaps we in education need a modern day Hippocratic Oath:

“I will apply, for the benefit of my students, all measures that are required.

“I will remember that there is art

to education as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh ‘the surgeon’s knife or the chemist’s drug.’

“I will not be ashamed to say ‘I know not,’ nor will I fail to call on my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a student’s recovery.”

To provide caring, engaging, and significant attention to individuals is not only common sense but is research-based. Individuals are at the core of our T.C. Williams Transformation Model.

While most students will not be thinking about school over the next two months, many teachers and administrators will take advantage of the summer by participating in a wide variety of professional development opportunities designed to help us better connect with students on an individual level. These include training on differentiated instruction, co-teaching, assessment, cultural competency, instructional strategies, using data, teaching problem solving, critical thinking, reading instruction and more.

Beginning this fall, new Profes-

sional Learning Plans (PLPs), for every teacher and administrator in ACPS, will link professional learning and performance evaluation to positive student outcomes. In other words, teachers and administrators will be given the resources and the tools to improve the delivery of instruction, and this will be measured against increased student performance. PLPs will be built around divisionwide and school-specific goals that are already established through our Strategic and Education Plans. Our programs, curriculum, teaching, budget, etc. are all being aligned with our division goals.

Student needs have increased over the past two decades in Alexandria. More students today than ever before are homeless or in foster care. More students are recent immigrants and English language learners, and more students require special education services. We also have very high-achieving students who need more opportunities to excel. Teachers are meeting these challenges by learning to adjust to the needs of today’s students. We won’t give up on any of them.

LETTERS

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understood that.

Thank you for running this letter and correction.

**Councilman Rob Krupicka**  
Alexandria

## Calcutta on The Potomac

To the Editor:

If no one else will do it, then I’ll drop the offal in the punchbowl. To have not one but three Democratic Party council members exult for approving an awful increase in human and automobile density for Alexandria should trigger reflux among reasonable people; not glee.

Recall Euille, Krupicka, Pepper are the same cheerful but misguided myopics who approved placing dense housing next to a longstanding railroad hazardous fuels offload facility; a really massive office structure along HW 95 without consideration of the traffic consequences and arrogantly refusing to acquire five acres of choice property for use by all as a park instead allowing it to be con-

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PEOPLE

# Mr. Perkins, Take a Bow

Band teacher retires after 20 years.

BY GRACE POWELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

The students walked down the hallway, murmuring things like “man these hallways used to seem so big.”

Some of them weren’t kids any more. They had graduated George Mason Elementary School a long time ago and were now in high school or college.

But they all came back to surprise a teacher nearly everyone described as the best they ever had.

On June 16, Keith Perkins officially retired after 20 years of being George Mason Elementary School’s favorite band teacher.

After the last music concert of the year, parents, teachers, students and friends stood to cheer for Perkins while his former students filed in the gym to shake his hand and give him hugs.

“He didn’t just play one role, sometimes he played the role of mentor, encourager.”

— Joan Perkins

say ‘Hello I’m Johnny Cash.’ “That’s the coolest thing I’ve ever seen,” he thought.

From then on he learned everything he could about music. “It was basically just asking questions [and] taking every opportunity,” he said.

Perkins brought cool to George Mason Elementary School. The band kids played the cool songs, like Ricky Martin’s “La Bomba,” “The Pink Panther” and “We Will Rock You.”

Students say that the band even received the loudest applause of all the music groups.

**YET RIVALRY ASIDE,** Perkins was known for making music fun.

For example, the fifth grade advanced band, called The Jazzy Generals, got to wear blue jeans, white t-shirts, sunglasses and a baseball hat (backwards if they wanted to) during their band concerts. This was Perkins idea.

“He started our love of music, he was very passionate about it,” said

“I’m happy but sad,” Perkins said later. “Sad to leave this all behind.”

Perkins’ love for music started early. One day, four-year-old Perkins saw a man on the television turn around and



Patrick White, Claire McNabb, JW Wilson and Christina Mudarri came back to surprise Keith Perkins. The college students were members of the fifth grade Jazzy Generals.

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Gopi Pitcher, now a senior at James Madison University.

Perkins’ passion for music reached to other areas such as the Jam Jam morning announcements.

“He was really creative,” said Haley Southee, a recent graduate of T.C. Williams High School and a former member of Jam Jam. “He was always so funny and so sweet, I always just looked forward to his class,” she said. “She is now pursuing film at The School of Visual Arts in New York.

“He didn’t just play one role, sometimes he played the role of mentor, encourager,” Perkins’ wife Joan said.

“He was like my Dad,” said Jack Kilby, a senior at The University of Virginia. “He motivated kids.”

Parent Donna Munoz said her children sometimes struggled academically in school. “Being able to be in band was the

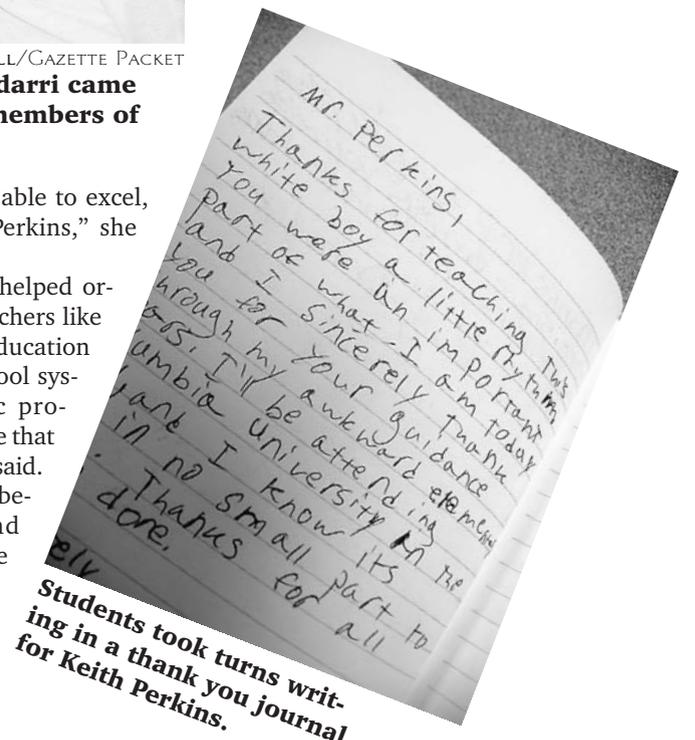
beginning of them being able to excel, but it’s because of Mr. Perkins,” she said.

Elizabeth Agnew, who helped organize the event, said teachers like Perkins are why music education is so important. “The school system tends to cut music programs, but they need to see that you can’t do that,” Agnew said.

Perkins is studying to become a pastor now and while he’ll miss the “Louie Louie,” “New York New York” good old days, he feels it is time to move on. “No regrets,” he said.



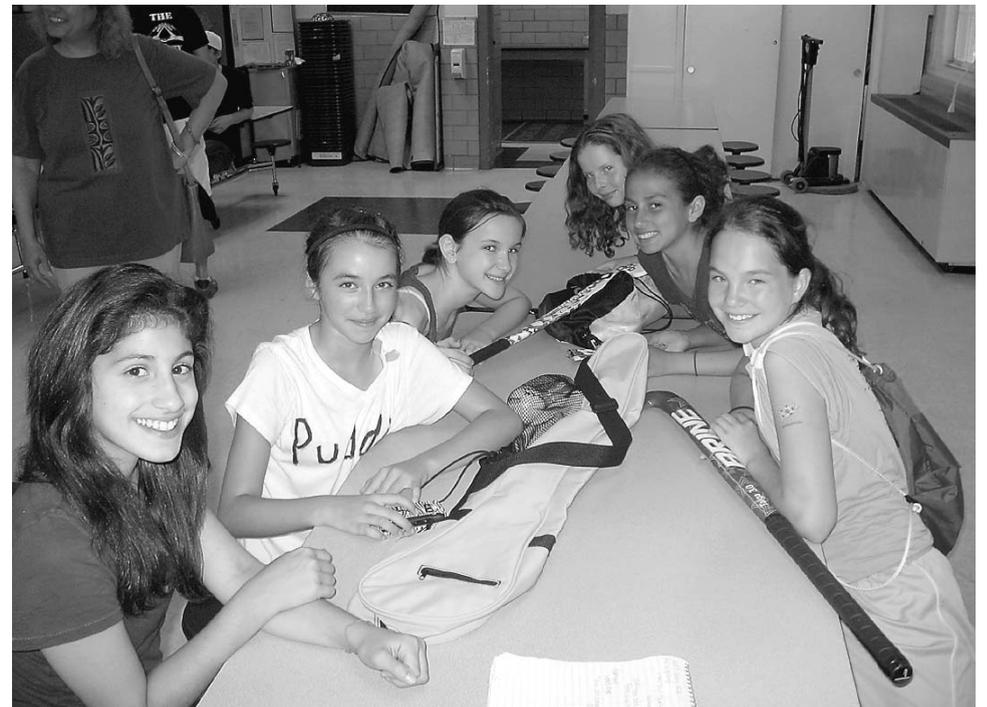
Keith Perkins greets students after the band concert.



Students took turns writing in a thank you journal for Keith Perkins.



Elizabeth Agnew gives Keith Perkins a plaque, next to Perkins is his wife Joan.



George Mason Elementary School sixth graders Hana El-Baba, Seeley Lutz, Olivia Braun, Isa Lousin, Philomena Fitzgerald and Tatiana Gold were all members of the band.

# LETTERS

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verted into five ostentatious McMansions for use by a few.

Their latest injury to the city is the conversion into concrete canyons of the last largest undeveloped parcel of land in Alexandria. Their decision will allow evermore human beings to be crammed into an area served by one existing major road and by maybe one future Metro station. Adding insult to injury is Krupicka crowing about forecast tax revenue from the to-be-built housing structures. Wondering about the costs for city services to this concentration of humanity in these structures is clearly not part of his decision matrix.

Among people who believe a commitment to green solutions means less concrete, who recognize the city's fixed boundaries mean there is a finite capacity to stuff human beings into Alexandria, and who believe our city employees have the capacity to find enough savings so taxes for city residents do not need to be increased; the glee these council members displayed is like loud laughing at a solemn funeral.

These council members are more than political caricatures of the tax & spend Democrat. They are real people; they are the very same ones who recently raised taxes to increase spending, and they are on our city council acting as if it's their divine right make Alexandria the equivalent of Calcutta on the Potomac.

**Jim Roberts**  
Alexandria

## King Street Beautification: Chapter Two

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago my published letter commended those storefronts on King Street and neighboring blocks that had taken steps to improve the cleanliness of the sidewalks as well as adding flowers and greenery, while urging all others to join in and become good community partners as well.

Since that time, my daily strolls have made me smile but have also made me frown. It is so neat to see how much cleaner all the sidewalks have become, which means more and more establishments are sweeping their walks. But I was dismayed to note that the city has almost no trash containers that have concave tops containing sand so that cigarette smokers can smother and dis-

pose of their butts. Since smokers are forced to go outdoors, it is incumbent on the city to provide proper disposal units. No wonder the brick walks are littered since a smoker is naturally going to throw the burning cigarette down to put it out—and then not too likely to pick it up and find a trash can. It was reported that eating and drinking establishments have this problem in spades. So, now another partner in this beautification effort must be the city itself — providing these containers, as well as recycling units other than in front of City Hall.

But what is really impressive is that we are headed in the right direction. The Chamber of Commerce and garden organizations have begun by restoring and planting tree wells around the area. Now we need each and every business to maintain those out front, to water the greens and to clean their sidewalks on a regular basis. And with new restaurants opening every day, it is vital that we get ahead and stay ahead in our maintenance efforts. We residents want to be able to brag that we live in a very beautiful as well as a very clean historic city.

**Linda Couture**  
Alexandria

## 'Career-Making' City Council

To the Editor:

It is to Alexandria's local press' credit that it was not physically present for the city council's orgy of self-congratulation over the Potomac Yards project. I was present to witness many of the same officials whose vaunted "hopes and dreams" did not work out with the Mark Center, Carlyle, etc. redux their and their predecessors' Pollyanna-ish rhetoric about "career-making votes" for which taxpayers will be stuck paying, particularly if (as with Mark Center, Carlyle, etc.) reality doesn't work out quite in keeping with their rosy projections. Wall Street, where derivatives were invented, likes the city council's Potomac Yard development scheme, and may end up owning who knows how much of city assets if the city's rosy projections prove wrong. The city's "\$32 million gamble" on the new Metro station alone works out to \$320 per household or more depending on how over-optimistic time proves the city council was.

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# Alexandria Loses Again to Norfolk Southern

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In a ruling written by Judge Robert King, the appeals court affirmed the previous ruling issued in April 2008 by Alexandria federal Judge James Cacheris. The 22-page opinion rejects arguments made by the city that Cacheris erred in his ruling that federal statutes preempt the city's power to regulate when and how often liquid ethanol can use city streets. Mayor Bill Euille, who once vowed to take the case "all the way up to the United States Supreme Court," said that he hasn't yet decided what the next step should be.

"It's a little premature for that right now," said Euille. "At some point we're going to have to decide whether we should continue this fight or stop the bleeding in terms of the cost."

Even before the city's appeal was filed, more than \$350,000 had been paid to outside counsel at Kaplan, Kirsch & Rockwell. If the mayor sticks with his original proposition, the legal bills to the Connecticut Avenue firm would inevitably mount well into the future as the case slowly worked its way through the federal appeals process.

"Frankly, it's not an option that would be worth our spending the time and effort and money on these kinds of cases," said Banks, who said he was unable to respond to repeated inquiries about the exact cost of the lawyers in the case. "It's unlikely that the Supreme Court would grant review, and it would be a fairly expensive propo-



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**Norfolk Southern owns the Van Dorn Yard, where liquid ethanol is pumped from rail cars to tanker trucks.**

sition to pursue it even further."

**THE LEGAL DISPUTE** erupted in the summer of 2008, when the city issued Norfolk Southern a permit it didn't ask for and didn't want. The permit limited the number of ethanol-laden trucks that could use city streets each day to 20 and limited hours of use from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday. Unwilling to submit to local zoning, the railroad filed for a declaratory judgement against the city in Alexandria's federal court. Judge Cacheris sided in favor of Norfolk Southern, ruling that Alexandria did not have authority to regulate hazardous materials.

"We believe that Judge Cacheris reached on finding that the purpose of the haul route was to close

the plant down," said Assistant City Attorney Chris Spera after the city filed an appeal last spring. "We don't think there's evidence to support that conclusion."

When the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments in March, an attorney representing the city tried to make the case that the city had dominion over its own roads — essentially responding to concerns from Cameron Station residents who were unnerved to have the class 3 hazardous materials less than 1,000 feet from Tucker Elementary School. Today, about 70 trucks carry ethanol from Van Dorn Yard to the Capital Beltway each day.

"When the facility opened, the city was faced with a problem, obviously, and the record reflects this, there were people in the city who objected to the facility," said attorney Eric Pilsch, who represented the city before the appeals court. "The city also recognized it had to deal with the cards it was dealt and do what it felt it needed to do to address the presence of these ethanol-filled trucks."

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN** took issue with the city's line of reasoning, arguing that the Alexandria's permit was a thinly veiled effort to regulate a hazardous material city leaders are on record opposing. In court filings and before the three-judge panel, railroad officials maintained that federal preemption of local authority applies to prevent a patchwork of different laws and regulations from taking effect every time liquid ethanol moves from one jurisdiction to another.

"If you don't have these preemption provisions, everybody is going to do exactly what Alexandria is doing," said Gary Bryant, the

lawyer representing Norfolk Southern. "The last thing we want is to give the authority to make rules for handling hazardous materials to 50 different states and hundreds if not thousands of different localities. Otherwise, can you imagine, we would need several rail cars just to carry the manuals with all the rules."

The three-judge panel agreed with this sentiment.

"Several courts have recognized that requiring a rail carrier to obtain a locally issued permit before conducting rail operations — generally referred to as 'permitting' or 'preclearance' requirements — will impose an unreasonable burden on rail transportation," Judge King wrote in last week's decision. "Here, for example, the City has the power to halt or significantly diminish the transloading operations at the Facility by declining to issue haul permits or by increasing the restrictions specified therein."

The ongoing cost of the litigation has prompted some criticism of city officials willing to throw money down the drain on a weak case. Councilwoman Alicia Hughes raised the issue last year during her campaign for office, repeatedly criticizing the litigation as a needless waste of money. Now that the city's argument has been rejected by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, Hughes says it's time to ditch the legal bills to Kaplan, Kirsch & Rockwell.

"I am unsurprised by the court's decision and remain in view consistent with my sentiments articulated more than a year ago that the cost of this litigation is a waste given that the law is not and has not been on our side," Hughes said in a written statement this week. "If there is to be a platform that gives relief we seek, it must come through a change to federal law, change made possible by congressional rather than court action."

Although it has no bearing on the Norfolk Southern situation, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) sponsored legislation in 2008 that would create additional layers of public notice before a hazardous materials facility could begin operations. Many who live in Cameron Station were already

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### FRIDAY/JUNE 25

#### Dedication Ceremony for Statue of Edmonson Sisters. 9:30 a.m.

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## Timeline

♦ **June 20, 2006:** Norfolk Southern Vice President David Lawson meets with Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille about the railroad's desire to transform the Van Dorn Yard from an "intermodal facility" into a loading station where liquid ethanol was pumped from rail cars to tanker trucks.

♦ **June 3, 2008:** City officials issue Norfolk Southern a permit it didn't ask for, limiting when and how often hazardous materials can be transported on city streets.

♦ **May 15, 2008:** City Council members are informed for the first time by City Manager Jim Hartmann about the hazardous materials facility, which had already been in operation for more than a month.

♦ **June 16, 2008:** Norfolk Southern sues the city of Alexandria, claiming that the haul-route permit violates federal preemption of local authority.

♦ **May 27, 2008:** Mayor Bill Euille vows to take the case against Norfolk Southern "all the way up to the United States Supreme Court."

♦ **Feb. 17, 2009:** The Surface Transportation Board sides in favor of Norfolk Southern, ruling that Alexandria does not have regulatory authority over the railroad.

♦ **April 15, 2009:** Judge James Cacheris sides with Norfolk Southern, denying the city's argument that it had authority to issue a haul-route permit limiting when and how often the hazardous materials could be transported on city streets.

♦ **May 13, 2009:** Alexandria officials file a notice of appeal with the Fourth Circuit of Appeals in Richmond, claiming that the Cacheris erred in his ruling.

♦ **March 24, 2010:** A three-judge panel for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond hears oral arguments in the case.

♦ **June 16, 2010:** The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals sides in favor of Norfolk Southern, affirming the earlier decision by the Eastern District of Virginia.

shocked by a bitterly contested zoning dispute against an asphalt plant that neighbors say leaves an unhealthy dust in the air. So finding out that a class 3 hazardous substance pumping station was operational within earshot of Tucker's playground was a devastating blow to many. Moran's legislation can't change that, but it may help other communities have better communication in the future. Many who live on the West End feel a sense of betrayal.

"Seems like a pattern on the West End," said Sanden, the former civic association president who once led rallies against the ethanol loading facility. "Cleaning up messes after they are made is much harder than trying to prevent the mess from happening in the first place."

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## 3-Hour Limit on Chaining Fido

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ter being approached by the Animal Welfare League. The league initially wanted a two-hour ordinance, but some were concerned about the potential for unintentionally violating the ordinance while having lunch.

"I think it does a good job of moving us toward a goal that we all share without being overly intrusive or frustrating the efforts of responsible dog owners to keep their pets safe," wrote Animal Welfare League Chairman Gordon Kromberg in a letter to City Council members. "None of us want dogs in our city to spend their days alone on a short chain."

Former City Manager Vola

Lawson recommended the potential ordinance to the Animal Welfare League after reading a feature in "Animal Sheltering" magazine, an industry publication for humane society directors and animal control managers. The former city manager says she remembers two different occasions during her time at City Hall when animals were left outside all day long without food or water during the hottest days of summer. That's why she felt the ordinance was such an important step forward for a more aggressive enforcement.

"You can't just chain a dog up and leave him there all day," said Lawson. "Not in this city."

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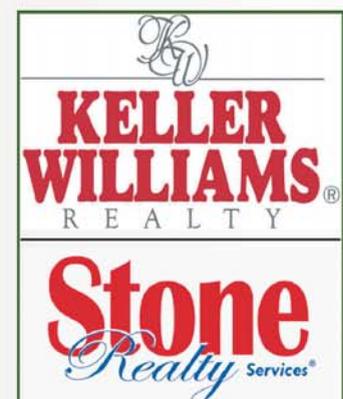
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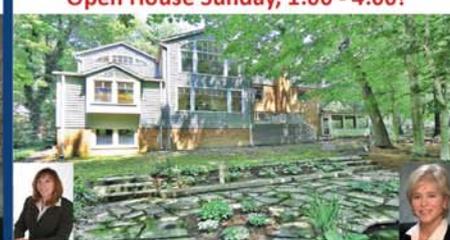
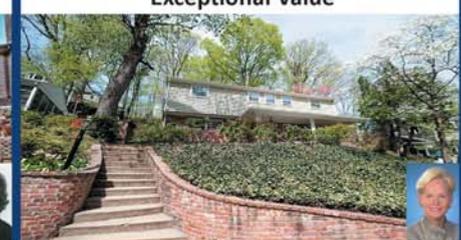
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Staff members pursue a roving beach ball during the ceremony.



ACPS Superintendent Dr. Mort Sherman gives Mirna Membreno a congratulatory hug.

# Farewell to TC



Farishta Boura with her diploma stands while her classmates return from the stage.



500-plus students received diplomas at the graduation on Thursday.



The gymnasium at the high school was filled to capacity for graduation.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

**The T.C. Williams** classes of 1970 through 1979 are organizing an alumni reunion picnic/cookout, "Mighty Titans of the 70s." It will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. at Castle Park in Fort Belvoir. Respond on the link <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/event.php?eid=126497370694934>.

**The 1960 class of George Washington High School** (now a middle school) is having its 50th Reunion in Alexandria, Oct. 8-10. Contact persons are Carolyn Weaver Whitaker, 386-447-5420, [gwhs60carolynw@yahoo.com](mailto:gwhs60carolynw@yahoo.com) or

Doug Garthoff, 703-683-2584, [dgarthoff@verizon.net](mailto:dgarthoff@verizon.net).

**Fort Hunt High School Class of 1980** is having its 30th reunion this July 30, 31 and Aug. 1. On Friday night, July 30, all Fort Hunt alumni are invited to the Village Wharf in Hollin Hall for an ice-breaker to kick off the reunion weekend. Saturday night is the Class of '80 celebration in Old Town. On Sunday is the all-alumni picnic/barbecue at Fort Hunt Park, featuring a live band, games for the children, etc. Contact Leslie Howerton Jones at 850-481-0431 or visit [www.fhhs80.com](http://www.fhhs80.com).

**Host families are needed** for 25 high school French students visiting Alexandria. If you are interested in learning about new cultures, sharing the American way of life, and have an extra bed/space for sleeping, you would make a great host family. Students will be

here Aug. 1-21. Students will be participating in three activities as a group per week with the remaining time with the host family. For more information, email [rachael@parlezvous.org](mailto:rachael@parlezvous.org).

Some 18 Alexandria residents have been named to the fall semester Dean's list at **Radford University**.

They are Lorielyn Agustin Abdon, senior nursing major; Theodore Paul Rynn, senior psychology major; Johannah MacKenzie Mosley, senior dance major; Cameron John Cash, senior criminal justice major; Amanda Jagusiak, senior theatre major; Audrey Lynn Lewis, senior art major; Bailey Jo Walsh, junior accounting major; Deanna Marie Kelson Doyle, sophomore art major; Joseph Charles Shaul, senior psychology major; Lehra Nic Bogino, senior biology major; and Leanne Michelle Medders, senior elementary education major.

Also, Emily Sohyoung Besse, freshman pre-business major; Rebecca Erica Long, freshman geology major; Kimberly Jolynn Crawford, freshman psychology major; Nicole Leann Massar, junior elementary education major; Stephen Andrew McFarland, freshman media studies major; Stephanie Morgan Joseph, senior early childhood and special education major; and Nikita Vahabzadeh, freshman pre-business major.

**The University of Mary Washington** has announced its dean's list for the fall semester of the 2009-10 academic year. The following Alexandria students are among the 681 students who have been named to the dean's list:

Madina Ahmadzai, a senior, from Alexandria  
Shama Ahmed, a senior, from Alexandria  
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Alexandria  
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Claire Copps, a senior, from Alexandria  
Elizabeth Crowe, a sophomore, from Alexandria  
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 Victoria Wong, a junior, from Alexandria

**Boston University** awarded degrees to 1,445 students in January 2010. Receiving degrees were Michael H. Goulding, Master of Science in Project Management; James Cho, Master of Science in Computer Information Systems; Thea L. Sapienza, Master of Science in Project Management; Selviana Bates, Master of Criminal Justice in Criminal Justice; Erik O. Holo, Master of Arts in International Relations.

**Three Alexandria residents** have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semester. Students recognized for this honor include: Erin T. Coffey, Elizabeth M. Crow and Dale S. Placek.

**Miami University** awarded 698 degrees to students during fall commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 18, 2009 in Millett Hall. The following were candidates for graduation:

- ❖ **Patrick Frank** of Alexandria
- ❖ **Allison Lee Underwood** of Alexandria

The following Miami University students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for first semester 2009-10 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance.

- ❖ **Lauren Elise Steinberger** of Alexandria
- ❖ **Patrick Frank** of Alexandria

The following residents have received degrees from Western Governors University:

- ❖ **Carol Hughes of Alexandria**, who was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree.
- ❖ **Jean Manirakiza of Alexandria**, who was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree.

The following students were named to the High List, Episcopal High School's academic honor roll, for the first semester of the 2009-10 school year.

- ❖ **Elizabeth Stuart Agnew**, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton C. Agnew of Alexandria.
- ❖ **Pendleton Clark Agnew, Jr.**, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton C. Agnew of Alexandria.
- ❖ **Olivia Hathaway Black**, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Black III of Alexandria.
- ❖ **Hunter Joseph Fairchild**, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fairchild II of Alexandria.
- ❖ **Anne Caperton Page**, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Page, Jr. of Alexandria.
- ❖ **Angelique Lynn Phillips**, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence T. Phillips of Alexandria.
- ❖ **Charles Davidson Snow**, senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey D. Snow of Alexandria.
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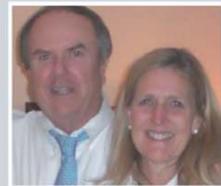
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113 LEE ST S	5	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,540,000	Townhouse	0.13		OLD TOWN
500 SUMMERS CT	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,500,000	Detached	0.21		ROSEMONT
612 KINGS CLOISTER CIR	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,476,500	Detached	0.17		KING'S CLOISTER
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225 NORTH LEE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,139,000	Townhouse	0.02		QUEENS ROW
118 QUEEN ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,075,000	Townhouse	0.02		QUEENS ROW
505 PRINCE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,075,000	Townhouse	0.05		OLD TOWN
1605 WALLESTON CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,020,000	Detached	0.41		WALLESTON COURT
17 SPRING ST E	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$990,000	Detached	0.15		ROSEMONT
601 LEE ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$985,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLD TOWN
521 TENNESSEE AVE	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$974,900	Detached	0.19		BEVERLY HILLS
3815 FORT WORTH AVE	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$950,000	Detached	0.25		SEMINARY RIDGE
720 SOUTH VIEW TER	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$950,000	Detached	0.78		GLENMORE
2711 MOSBY ST	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$899,000	Detached	0.20		DEL RAY
104 MONROE AVE E	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$865,000	Detached	0.15		COTTAGE PARK
1741 POTOMAC GREENS DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$860,000	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC GREENS
108 QUAY ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.03		OLD TOWN
1725 POTOMAC GREENS DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC GREENS
108 MASON AVE W	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$835,000	Detached	0.15		DEL RAY
715 GIBBON ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$825,000	Townhouse	0.05		GOLDFARBS
1804 JAMIESON AVE	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$825,000	Townhouse	0.02		CARLYLE CITY RESIDENCES
329 SAINT ASAPH ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$815,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLD TOWN
401 RAYMOND AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$800,000	Detached	0.09		DEL RAY
3628 ORLANDO PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$800,000	Detached	0.27		BEVERLY FOREST
1691 HUNTING CREEK DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$795,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLD TOWN GREENS
4 LURAY AVE W	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$785,000	Detached	0.15		ROSEMONT
400 PENDLETON ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$785,000	Townhouse	0.02		OLD TOWN
411 PITT MEWS CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$769,000	Townhouse	0.03		PITT MEWS
1113 ROYAL ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$765,000	Townhouse	0.04		HEARTHSTONE
3 GLENDALE AVE W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$753,750	Detached	0.13		ROSEMONT
627 TIVOLI PASSAGE WAY	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$745,000	Townhouse	0.03		PORTNERS LANDING
743 FAYETTE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$740,000	Townhouse	0.02		BRADDOCK LOFTS
403 QUEEN ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$729,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03		OLD TOWN
15 WALNUT ST E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$725,000	Detached	0.10		ROSEMONT PARK
800 OVERLOOK DR S	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$720,000	Detached	0.22		BEVERLY HILLS
608 TENNESSEE AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$719,000	Detached	0.16		BEVERLY HILLS
5023 WAPLE LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$712,000	Townhouse	0.04		CAMERON STATION
286 MURTHA ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$712,000	Townhouse	0.04		CAMERON STATION
1133 QUAKER HILL CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$700,000	Townhouse	0.04		QUAKER HILL
260 MURTHA ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$695,000	Townhouse	0.03		CAMERON STATION
301 DEL RAY AVE E	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$690,000	Detached	0.13		DEL RAY
22 BRADDOCK RD W	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$690,000	Detached	0.17		ROSEMONT
1309 QUINCY ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$690,000	Detached	0.16		MCKENZIE LEWIS PROPERTY

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**Alex/Wessynton \$765,000**  
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## REAL ESTATE NOTES

**Kim Farina of Weichert, Realtors' Alexandria/Old Town office** was named Manager of the Year for the region for 2009. The award recognizes and honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional management skills and led their office to achieve outstanding results in 2009. The region consists of offices throughout Virginia.

Farina joined Weichert in 1992 and has been a real estate professional for 20 years. She is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Alexandria/Old Town office that specializes in providing high quality real estate services to clients.

Agents from **Weichert, Realtors' Alexandria/Old Town office** have raised \$3,000 for and will participate in Rebuilding Together's program to reconstruct a local home and work to alleviate the pressure low-income families are experiencing. Additionally, the money raised will go toward supplies to assist the build.

**Linda Wolf**, sales associate with **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Alexandria**, has been nominated for the Spirit of NRT Award. Coldwell Banker parent company NRT presents the award to sales associates who demonstrate a high level of professionalism in relationships with clients and colleagues.

Wolf has been a Realtor for more than 10 years; she became the "Rookie of the Year" in her first year and today is one of the top real estate agents in Northern Virginia and in the top 1 percent nationally.

**Sue Massey and Doris Monticone** have joined **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** in Greater Washington, D.C.'s Alexandria office. Massey worked previously for Golubin and Warwick. Monticone formerly worked for Realty Executives and has a decade of real estate experience.



From left to right: James M. Weichert president and founder of Weichert, Realtors, Paul Christman, Senior Vice President, Kim Farina (front) Weichert Manager of the Year, James Weichert, Jr., Vice President (behind Farina), Bruce Green, Regional Vice President and Jace Botti, Head of Residential Sales.

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**Century 21 New Millennium** is the No. 1 ranked Century 21 company nationwide, surpassing more than 3,700 offices in 2009 production. New Millennium is also the top ranked Century 21 in the Mid-Atlantic region and it nationally ranked number 80 in Realtor Magazine's top 100 companies list.

**Carol Cooke** has been awarded the Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR) designation from the National Association of Realtors after successfully completing specialized training in working directly with buyer-clients. She is a Realtor in the Alexandria office of **Tom Pleimling Realty, Inc.**

**Delaine Campbell**, Realtor, has been selected for the 2009 Best of Alexandria Award in the Real Estate Agents category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country.

**Mt. Vernon Avenue LLC**, a real estate development firm, announced that its City of Alexandria's Human Services building at 2525 Mt. Vernon Avenue has achieved LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council under the Existing Buildings (EB) Rating System. It is the first LEED EB building in Alexandria and the eighth in the state of Virginia.



PHOTOS BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER / GAZETTE PACKET

**Andrea Fus of Alexandria is thrilled at her daughter Annik's success on the Baby Euphonium.**

## Learning About Music First-Hand

**ASO's annual Children's Arts Fest features instrument "petting zoo."**

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER  
GAZETTE PACKET

Young children were banging on drums, clashing cymbals, ringing bells, tooting brass horns and plucking the strings of violins and cellos at NOVA Community College's Alexandria Campus on Sunday, June 6, and their parents couldn't have been more pleased.

It was all part of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's annual Children's Art Fest that included an hour of art, music and movement projects. A favorite activity was the "petting zoo" where children were invited to touch, feel and even play child-sized orchestra instruments. Middle and high school student musicians volunteered to help the little ones.

In addition to music, there were art stations where budding artists silkscreened movie posters and made musical instruments from cardboard, balloons and rubber bands. Art activities were provided by The Torpedo Factory Art Center, Del Ray Artisans, and The Art League.

The concert following the activities was the culmination of a program in which the symphony's professional musicians give one-on-one help and mentoring to high school string students. For the first time, ASO had a guest conductor, Vaughn Ambrose, lead music teacher and director of bands at Francis C. Hammond Middle School in Alexandria.

The Children's Art Fest took place at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center on the Alexandria campus of NOVA Community College and was made possible with the support of The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation and Dominion Power.



**Alexandrian Aaron Schroeder, 15, says he had a good experience playing with the ASO. His ASO mentor, Robert Spates of Silver Spring, said of Schroeder's playing, "He's fearless!"**



**Elena Gutierrez of Alexandria strums a guitar.**



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# The Grille Piano Bar Turns 25

Morrison House Piano Bar still playing for the young at heart.

BY DYLAN YEP  
THE GAZETTE

During the twilight hours of a hot, summer night last week, approximately 60 people gathered under a tent in an Old Town Alexandria alley. Those in attendance were there to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Grille, a restaurant and piano bar located in the Morrison House hotel on S. Alfred Street.

The anniversary celebration featured roasted pig and a seafood bar created by The Grille at Morrison House Chef, Dennis Marron, a tribute to pianist Pat Rohrer, who has been playing at The Grille for more than two decades, and musicians who have performed at The Grille for many years. Sitting at candlelit tables and surrounded by festive party lights, patrons enjoyed an eclectic mix of show tunes, old time favorites and pop songs like “Thanks for the Memory,” “For Once in My Life,” and “Delilah” — all songs which are heard at The Grille on a regular basis.

Bob Smith of Bowling Green, Va., is one of the musicians who comes to The Grille on a regular basis. He served as the official White House pianist for Presidents Nixon through Clinton, and was a sergeant major of the U.S. Army Chorale. Smith has been commuting 80 miles from his home to play at The Grille two nights a week for the past two years.

“I like it when nothing is planned. You never know who’s going to come and sing and it’s a challenge for me to make sure that I can give them the best accompaniment possible,” said Smith.

Other performers who have distinguished themselves as crowd favorites include regulars Rachel Jackson, Tim Day, Michael Blaney, Jim Seeley and Bob Powers — all local residents.

“The point of piano bars is that there should be some sense of intimacy and you get that here,” said Powers, a performer of the piano bar for nearly 20 years well known at The Grille for his rendition of “Delilah.”

Jackson recalled the first time she visited Morrison House. “I was having dinner in the dining room and I heard the piano start to play this beautiful music in the other room ... I heard people start to sing and I went into the piano room and never returned to the dinner table.” She did not know anyone at The Grille the first time she attended, but was drawn to the sense of camaraderie among performers and patrons. “It’s like having a party with all your friends.”

However, the most popular performer of the night was Pat Rohrer of Alexandria. Rohrer is a pianist with several decades of experience. She plays everything from Irving Berlin to Frank Sinatra, has no problems playing without sheet music and even transposes music to different keys for singers without hesitation.

Rohrer said she has always loved playing in shows and did so for many years at Bishop Ireton High School where she served as the school’s music director and show accompanist. Coincidentally, fellow performer



**Bob Powers (with mic) has sung “Delilah” hundreds of times at the piano bar over the past 20 years.**

## To Go

The Grille at Morrison House  
Address: 116 S. Alfred St., Old Town Alexandria  
Dates: Tuesday-Saturday 8-11 p.m.  
Website: www.thegrillealexandria.com  
Phone: 703-838-8000



**Performers Jim Seeley and Tim Day stand behind Mary Ellen Holcomb prior to their performances that night.**



**The trio of Rachel Jackson, Bob Powers, and Jim Seeley is a familiar sight to those who frequent The Grille.**



**Morrison House general manager, Robert Hannigan, and The Grille general manager, William Smith, present a gift to veteran pianist Pat Rohrer.**

Jim Seeley was heavily involved in the Bishop Ireton drama department and worked with Rohrer before they would again meet at The Grille.

During the anniversary celebration, Rohrer was presented with a framed picture of herself with messages from piano

bar regulars written around the photo’s border in honor of her 22 years at The Grille. Following the presentation, the crowd honored Rohrer by singing, “For She’s a Jolly Good Fellow.” When asked if she would like



**Eileen Marousek and Susan Merritt Nelsen have been going to the piano bar for several years and rave about it.**



**Former White House pianist, Bob Smith performed at the anniversary.**



**Guest of honor, Pat Rohrer, has been performing at The Grill for 22 years.**

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### JUNE 24-26

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**[title of show].** Presented by Signature's ARK Theater. Tickets are \$52 to \$76 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or visiting [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org). Show times are Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. At 4200 Campbell Avenue (22206) off I-395 at the Shirlington exit.

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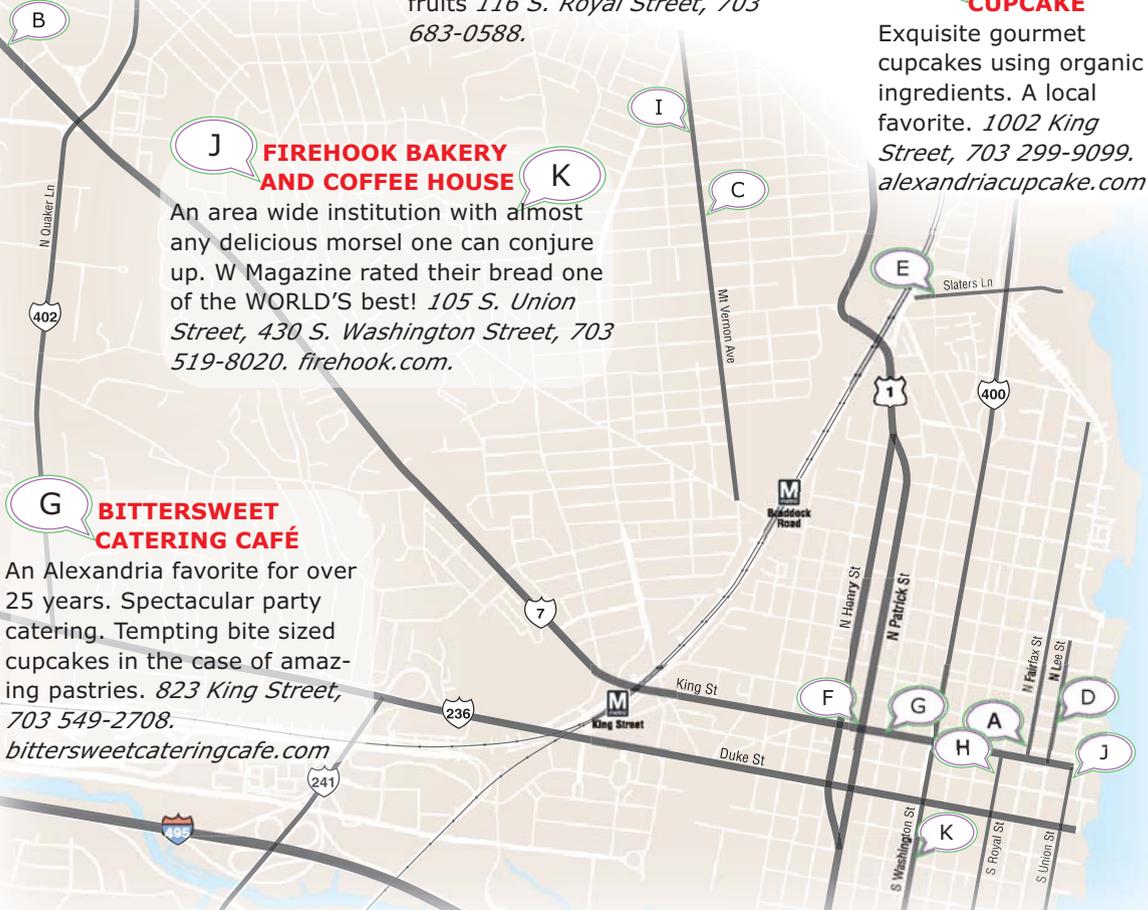


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## SUNDAY/JUNE 27

**Seven Sopranos.** 7 p.m. Presents a Classical Cabaret — Think Renee Fleming meets James Brown. Then imagine operatic solos arranged for 7 soprano voices and you begin to get a hint of the experience. At The Lyceum, 220 N. Washington St., Old Town Alexandria.

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## FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

**Tea Dances.** 1 to 3:15 p.m. Group class from 1 to 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.

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 21

**Summer Dance and Fine Art Program.** Saturdays. Cost is \$350 for 10, two-hour classes. Students study dance for one hour followed by a one-hour fine arts class. For children ages 3 to 9 divided into three age groups. Contact Virginia Britton, Director, The Alexandria Ballet, at 703-379-8997 or 703-568-4425 or visit [www.thealexandriaballet.com](http://www.thealexandriaballet.com)

## THURSDAY/JUNE 24

**Alexandria Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.** 6 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. dinner. The honored guest and keynote speaker will be Gov. Joe Manchin of West Virginia. Special guest Congressman Jim Moran. Call 703-549-3367. At the Hilton Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

**Benefit Shopping Night.** 5-9 p.m. Ten Thousand Villages is hosting a benefit shopping night. Some 15 percent of all purchases will be donated to the Children's Home Society and Family Services, a nonprofit dedicated to helping children without families find safe, loving homes through adoption. On King Street in Old Town Alexandria. Visit [tenthousandvillages.com](http://tenthousandvillages.com).

**SummerQuest: A Puppet Show.** 11 a.m. Free. The Barrett Branch Library will host a puppet show, "A Fisherman and His Wife," part of the Alexandria Library's SummerQuest program. At 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1703.

**Musical Bingo Party.** 1-3 p.m. Free. Prizes and refreshments. At the Hermitage Senior Center, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-797-3815 to reserve a seat.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 25

**Mambo Combo.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Specializing in Latin and Caribbean dance music. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-

SHOW (7469).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 26

**Religious Arts festival.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Exhibits by liturgical artists, workshops and presentations. At Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. Contact Dr. Marilyn Johns at 703-461-1760 or Dr. Jim Sirbaugh at 703-521-3057.

**Love Alive.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Live music, hot dogs and drinks, a used clothing give-away, a Social Services Fair, a Health Care Fair, balloon sculpting, face-painting, and moon-bounces. Youth activities include 3-on-3 basketball and volleyball. At First Assembly of God, 700 West Braddock Road in Alexandria.

**Vision and Hearing Screenings.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Sacramento Day, 8800 Pear Tree Court. Sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Evening Lions Club. Also accepting used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Contact Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

## Parker Gray Roundtable

**Community Day.** 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Features barbecue, refreshments, music, Recreation Center open house, and health fair; and workshops on Parker-Gray history, employment programs, substance abuse prevention, summer recreation programs and more. At the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., Alexandria. Contact Jack Browand at 703-746-5504.

**Community Wellness Day.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family games and activities, Whole Foods, family nutrition information, LARGEST cycling and body pump class, activities in the XRCade where children play electronic physical activity games, and more. At the YMCA, 420 East Monroe Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-838-8085 or [www.ymcadc.org](http://www.ymcadc.org).

**Community Day.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. UCM's Sacramento Neighborhood Center holds 10<sup>th</sup> annual Community Day celebration, "Block Party 2010." BBQ, games, contests, karaoke, face painting, vendors and community resources. At Pear Tree Village, 8800 block of Route 1.

**Civil War Camp Day and Skirmish.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Costumed interpreters will take part in Civil War artillery and camp demos. At 2 p.m., uniformed re-enactors representing Union and Confederate units will engage in a tactical skirmish. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$10 for families with children. At Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4848 or visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

**5K Walk-a-Thon.** 8 a.m. Hosted by YoungLives DC. At Fort Hunt Park,

Picnic Area C-003. Registration is \$25/person. To register, go to [www.younglivesdc.younglife.org](http://www.younglivesdc.younglife.org), or contact Metro Area Director Sharon Holland at 571-276-0401 or Virginia Committee Chairman Tonya Green at 703-568-3541.

**Del Ray Music Festival.** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free. Jazz, blues, swing, folk, country, Reggae, and rock. Atlantic Records recording artist Chelsea Lee and headliner the Justin Trawick Group. Food and kids' games. At the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Call 703-346-1468. Visit [www.delraymusicfestival.com](http://www.delraymusicfestival.com).

**Pick Out The Native Plants.** 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15. Curator Brenda Skarphol will provide an in-depth look at what you can create with native plants. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 to register.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 27

**Summer Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. Free. Violinist Benjamin Scott and pianist Brad Clark performing works by Stravinsky, Howard Blake and Arvo Pärt. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

**Vienna Community Band.** 7 to 8 p.m. Free. A concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or [www.npw.gov/gwmp](http://www.npw.gov/gwmp) and go to "News and Fun Things to Do."

**Enter The World of The Dragonfly.** 9 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$6. Join a naturalist and make discoveries about the life cycle, behavior and identification of Huntley's many dragonflies and damselflies. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525 to register.

**New Asperger's Social Group.** 3 p.m. Young adults and high school students in Alexandria with Asperger's Syndrome will meet for bowling. To RSVP, email [alexaspie@gmail.com](mailto:alexaspie@gmail.com).

## MONDAY/JUNE 28

**Federal Jobs Fair.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Congressman Jim Moran is holding a Federal Jobs Fair with Keynote Speaker Kim Bauhs of USAJobs/U.S. OPM. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King street, Alexandria.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 29

**Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Membership Appreciation Reception.** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Indigo Landing Restaurant, 1 Marina

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**Vacation Bible School.** 6 to 8:30 p.m. At Good News Baptist Church 5940 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Registration: 703-329-2990.

**Civil War Kids Camp.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$200 per child. For boys and girls ages 8 to 12. At Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4848 or visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 29

**Hands-on-History Tent.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Discover what life would have been like 250 years ago as the colonists became Americans! At the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Contact Heather Dunn at Carlyle House Historic Park, [hdunn@nvrpa.org](mailto:hdunn@nvrpa.org) or 703-549-2997.

## FRIDAY/JULY 2

**The English Channel (British Music from 60's and 70's).** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. The English Channel authentically recreates British music from the mid '60s to the mid '70s. Every song they play sold millions of records in its day. Tune in to The Channel to go back to where you once belonged. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance)

## SATURDAY/JULY 3

**Teddy Bear Parade.** 10 a.m. to noon.

Children should dress themselves and their teddy bear (or favorite stuffed toy) as a figure in American history. Children ages 3 and up may participate. Participants can enter one of two age groups: ages 3-6 and 7-11. Three winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be selected in each age group. Admission is \$5/child marching in the parade. Register now by calling 703-548-1789. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org). At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden.

## Villamay Fourth of July Parade and Celebration.

10 a.m. Neighbors will gather in front of the home of Marjorie and David Spires at 7302 Admiral Drive, Alexandria, for drinks and a sing-a-long. Children will be present with bikes and scooters decorated. A parade will begin around 10:30 a.m. will end at the Belle Vista-Admiral Drive cul-de-sac with a visit from an ice cream truck and a fire truck.

## SUNDAY/JULY 4

**Summer Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. Free. Pianist Alexander Beresovsky performing works by Schumann, Scriabin and Chopin. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

**Organ Fireworks, Hot Dogs & Lemonade.** 11:30 p.m. Free. Goodwill offerings accepted. Douglas A. Beck, Music Director. At St. Paul's Old Town, 228 South Pitt Street. For more information call 703-549-3312.

**Mount Vernon Fireworks.** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Made-for-daytime smoke fireworks fired over the Potomac River. Concert, cake, demonstrations by First Virginia Regiment and more. Admission is \$15/adults; \$7/children. At Historic Mount Vernon. Go to [Visit.MountVernon.org](http://Visit.MountVernon.org).

## A Walk to Remember Our



**Children.** 8 a.m. For families who have lost a child of any age or cause. Starts at Crystal City Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington. Sponsored by The Compassionate Friends, a national support organization that helps families reach a positive resolution of their grief. Call Susan Johnson at 301-949-2158. Registration is \$20 for the walk.

**Independence Day Worship.** 9:30 a.m. St. James' Episcopal and Epiphany Lutheran Churches invite the Mount Vernon community to a combined worship service. The service will include Holy Communion and Patriotic Music featuring a special guest soloist, Katherine Oros. Pastor Brent Thalacker will be officiating at St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Following the service all will walk down to Epiphany Lutheran Church (5521 Old Mill Road) for a pie, ice-cream and a fireworks celebration. Call

## SUNDAY/JUNE 27

### In the Company of James Madison.

3 to 4:30 p.m. Join this conversation with the fourth President of the United States! President Madison will focus on the most recent domestic and foreign events of June 1810 and will also discuss his Cabinet, moving into the President's mansion, and his relationship with his wife Dolley. Be a party to the public debate in the company of James Madison, as presented by John Douglas Hall, at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Reservations are recommended, and tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for high school/college students. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703-746-4242.

703-780-3081 or visit [www.stjamesmv.org](http://www.stjamesmv.org).

## TUESDAY/JULY 6

**Catherine's Ring.** 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Talk on a Historic Link to Our First President. Richard Klingensmaier, Historian, will discuss how the discovery of a gold memorial ring has served to focus a new light on the momentous events surrounding the death of George Washington. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.morrisonhouse.com](http://www.morrisonhouse.com) or call 703-838-8000.

## JULY 6 THROUGH AUG. 10

### Zenergy's Summer Yoga for Teens.

Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. At Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$10/class. Drop in anytime. Bring a

yoga mat and water (mats are available for \$10). Contact instructor Susan Doyle at [zenergy.yoga@cox.net](mailto:zenergy.yoga@cox.net) or call 703-933-1986.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 7

### Swing Dancing.

9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$6. With DJ Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

**Musical Bingo Party.** 1-3 p.m. Free. Prizes and refreshments. At the Hermitage Senior Center, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-797-3815 to reserve a seat.

### Salsa at Sunset-an Evening of Edibles.

6:30-8 p.m. \$16. Learn how to grow and cook with different kinds of peppers from kitchen gardener, Cindy Brown. You and fellow enthusiasts will sample delectable garden treats and then take a pepper to grow in your own garden. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 to register. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org).

## FRIDAY/JULY 9

**Pie Tasters (Ska).** 7:30-8:30 p.m. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance).

**Inside North Korea.** 7 p.m. A National Geographic documentary film hosted by Lisa Ling (sister of detained American journalist, Laura Ling) presented and discussed by representatives of LiNK (Liberty in North Korea.) Resistance, ideology, brainwashing, and survival all interwoven in the film. Chapel at the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Donations accepted. Refreshments. 703-721-0595 or [gpourchot@yahoo.com](mailto:gpourchot@yahoo.com).

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# The Grille Piano Bar Turns 25

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to make a speech, Rohrer humbly thanked those in attendance and politely declined.

"The Grille has been a community crossroads over the years. Performers have been singing with us 10 or even 20 years. They're the ones who keep it alive year after year," said Robert Hannigan, general manager of the Morrison House.

Although The Grille may not be as well known as other venues in the area, it has found a spot in the hearts of many who spend an evening enjoying the piano bar. Several nights a week, locals and tourists alike gather in the cozy piano bar where they sit at the bar or in cushy red club chairs with wood paneling listening to performances by musicians, professional singers, and fellow patrons on open mic nights — somewhat of an upscale karaoke.

"I wanted to bring back some of the life of the sing-a-long piano bar, which I think is a rare item these days — hence why we're doing this," said William Smith, The Grille's general manager.

Hannigan recounted one of his favorite moments at The Grille. A bride and groom had just left their reception and were staying the night at Morrison House. Still dressed in gown and tuxedo, the couple was encouraged to check out The Grille. Jim Seeley of Alexandria, a regular performer at the piano bar, was singing that night. As soon as the bride and groom walked in, Seeley began singing "Some Enchanted Evening." The patrons of The Grille stood up and began singing along. The bride was so moved, she cried.

While this may not happen every night, it is certainly a testament to the performers and those who patronize the piano bar every week. Regulars, like Eileen Marousek, Susan Merritt Nelsen, and Nancy Gasparovic rave about the piano bar. "It's an extension of my living room," said Marousek, a local real estate agent. Nelsen met her husband at the piano bar. Gasparovic, a resident of Southern Maryland, purchased a second house down the block from The Grille just so she could see Rohrer play on a regular basis.

Although The Grille attracts a slightly older crowd than some of the more popular spots in Alexandria, it's not for lack of charm or energy. Perhaps Natalie Gilbert, a 20-something and one of the youngest in attendance, put it best when she said, "it's where people



**Pat Rohrer and her former Bishop Ireton High School co-worker, Jim Seeley, performed several songs together.**

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**The Grill at Morrison House piano bar before a night of singing and musical performances.**

go to get young."

As the evening came to a close, laughter and group singing could still be heard as the piano played one last song. Of course, it is clear that many of the performers, locals, and tourists alike would once again gather at The Grille to continue singing long into yet another night. °

Proceeds benefited the Band of Parents, an organization comprised of families impacted by neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer. Band of Parents works with the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, a facility that treats more children with the disease than any other hospital in the world. Morrison House chose this charity in honor of its director of catering, Annee Gillett, whose niece is currently being treated for the disease.



**Natalie Gilbert, Jana Gilbert, Eileen Marousek and Skip Groupe enjoy yet another night at The Grille at Morrison House.**

## FINE ARTS



**JULY 8 TO AUG. 2**

**Megan Coyle's Solo Exhibit, Stories in Paper.** Opening Reception and Artist Talk: Thursday, July 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Her images are not paintings, but collages carefully crafted from small pieces of magazine photos. Gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Sunday, Noon-6 p.m. At the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).



**Deborah Ellis of Alexandria** won first place and \$1,000 in the Bethesda Painting Awards during the exhibition's opening at the Fraser Gallery. The Fraser Gallery is located at 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E, in downtown Bethesda and gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday from 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. The exhibition will be on display through June 26, 2010.

**Painting by Deborah Ellis of Alexandria.**

**SATURDAY/JUNE 24**

**The artist Hiro of Alexandria** will be painting a 24-foot mural on canvas entitled, "Kimono & Barbed Wire: Breaking Barriers," at 11 a.m., and continuing with contemporary Japanese brushpainting/calligraphy and concluding with an artist-talk from 4-5:30 p.m. The mural painting visualizes the experiences of Japanese Americans dealing with issues of race and culture, civil rights, incarceration, justice and identity. At the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, in the Asian Pacific American section, on the Mall in D.C.

**JULY 5-30**

**Reading Silk: A Living Sculpture.** Free. The Reading Silk installation is a "living sculpture" consisting of hundreds of small silk leaf-shaped forms spun by live silkworms with the collaborative efforts of local students and teachers, and led by artist Elsbete Dixon. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit <http://www.readingsilk.com>.

**JULY 2 THROUGH JULY 18**

**Global Rhythm Exhibition.** Opening reception is July 2 from 7-10 p.m. This juried exhibit features 2D and 3D art inspired by specific locales. At the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Details at [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) or [GlobalRhythm@matthewcuenca.com](mailto:GlobalRhythm@matthewcuenca.com).

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**NOW THROUGH JUNE 27**

**Undecided: A Dialog between Artist and Viewer.** This all-member, all-media show gives Del Ray Artisans a chance to observe how viewers respond to their art by asking them to submit titles for the artworks. At the Del Ray Artisans gallery, Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

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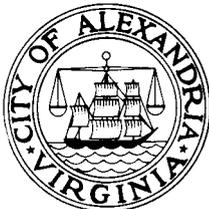
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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review  
Old & Historic Alexandria District

### LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

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

#### CASE BAR2010-0149

Request for approval of alterations at 227 S Fairfax St, zoned RM Residential.  
APPLICANT: William Cromley

#### CASE BAR2010-0150

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 701 Chetworth Place, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Paul Denola

#### CASE BAR2010-0151

Request for approval of addition/alterations at 701 Chetworth Place, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Paul Denola

#### CASE BAR2010-0152

Request for approval of alterations at 413 Green St, zoned RM Residential.  
APPLICANT: Glen & June Zauber

#### CASE BAR2010-0153

Request for approval of signage at 800 Slaters Lane, zoned RC Residential.  
APPLICANT: CIAM-Slaters, LLC 3147 By ABC Imaging

#### CASE BAR2010-0154

Request for approval of alterations to previously approved plans at 900 N Washington St, zoned OCM(50) Commercial.  
APPLICANT: Columbus Street, LLC By Robert Brandt

#### CASE BAR2010-0155

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 803 Cameron St, zoned CD Commercial.  
APPLICANT: Bruce & Donna Henry By Dimond Adams Design Architecture

#### CASE BAR2010-0156

Request for approval of addition/alterations at 803 Cameron St, zoned CD Commercial.  
APPLICANT: Bruce & Donna Henry By Dimond Adams Design Architecture

#### CASE BAR2010-0157

Request for approval of alterations at 211 1/2 S Fayette St, zoned RM Residential.  
APPLICANT: James Barnette

#### CASE BAR2010-0119

Request for approval of alterations at 724 Gibson St, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Todd Hollis By Old Town Windows & Doors

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

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

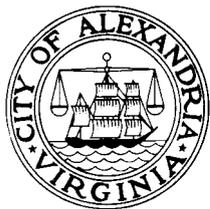
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## Legal Notices

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**Proposed Base Flood Elevation Determination for the City of Alexandria, VA** The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and on the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP.



### LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS, City Hall  
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BZA CASE #2010-0016  
506 N. PAYNE STREET  
RB, RESIDENTIAL

Mary Jones, owner, by John Linam, Jr., architect: Variance to construct a one story rear addition reducing the required open space from 800 square feet to 721 square feet. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2010-0018  
907 PRINCE STREET  
CL, COMMERCIAL

Stephen and Jasmine Milone, owners: Variance to (1) reconstruct an existing two story rear addition and replace a shed roof to a flat roof 4.00 feet from the east side property line and 3.35 feet from the west side property line and (2) construct a rear balcony 4.62 feet from the east side property line and 3.93 feet from the west side property line. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

### OBITUARY

Ella Fairfax Haar

On Tuesday, June 8, 2010 of Washington DC; Beloved daughter of the late Herbert Raymond Haar and Geraldine Fairfax Haar; sister of Jane Randoff Schutt and the late Herbert Raymond Haar and Anne Frances Halsey. Graveside service at Pohick Church Cemetery, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton VA, 22079, on Wednesday June 23, at 1pm.

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Cassie McLaughlin; Gincy Carosi, member Alexandria Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees; Stacy Carter, guest, and Karen Moll, host of event.

## Society Supports Hospital

The Inova Alexandria Hospital's 1872 Society hosted a garden party luncheon May 26 for prospective members of the Society. Karen Moll hosted the event at her home and garden.

The 1872 Society is comprised of more than 200 members who make annual contributions to support the work of the hospital. The co-chairs of the Society are Suzanne Backus and Becky Siegel.



Chris Candio, CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital; Connie Sprigg, guest, and Suzanne Backus, co-chair of the 1872 Society.

## Welfare Tops Non-School Spending

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and building maintenance. The disparity on per-capita spending for mental health in Alexandria is particularly noteworthy, with the city spending about three times as much as Fairfax County.

"Mental health is a top priority in Alexandria," said Mary Anne Weber, chairwoman of the Alexandria Community Services Board. "Some of the council members are committed, and the community always comes out in droves for mental health services during the budget public hearings."

**PART OF THE STORY** is based in statistics. Fairfax County is one of the largest jurisdictions in the

county, boasting a population of more than a million people and a lower rate of poverty than Arlington or Alexandria. By contrast, Arlington has only one fifth the population as Fairfax. And Alexandria has only

one seventh the number of people as its relatively mammoth neighbor. In many areas around the country, this kind of imbalance has prompted discussion of consolidation of services between neighboring jurisdictions. Not here.

"Alexandria and Arlington have an obsessive civic pride," said Ahern of the Tax Foundation, who lives near the border of the two jurisdictions. "I can't imagine Arlington and Alexandria ever having serious discussion about consolidating to reduce per-capita spending."

**"Arlington has allowed a whole lot more density than we've allowed here in Alexandria for many years, although that's beginning to change now."**

— Councilwoman Del Pepper

# OBITUARIES

## Adrienne Brodie

Adrienne Michelle Lewis Brodie departed this life on June 17, 2010. She was born on July 30, 1970 to Barbara Rice Lewis and Arthur Lewis in Alexandria. Adrienne married David Brodie, Sr. in October 2005. Services will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church Worship Center, Saturday, June 26, 2010. Visitation is 10 a.m. Funeral Service is 11a.m. Services entrusted to Lewis Funeral Home.

## Maxine E. Bishop

Mrs. Maxine E. Bishop, 79, 1609 Camelot Drive, in Fayetteville, N.C, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, June 14, 2010 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grand-

mother and friend to all.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie E. Lee.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her husband, Steve G. Bishop of the home; three sons, Randolph M. Bishop, Sr. and wife, Dianne of Broadway; Steve G. Bishop, Jr. of Durham; and Jonathan W. Bishop of Alexandria, VA; two grandsons, Randolph M. Bishop, Jr. and wife, Heather of Wake Forest; and Darby Len Bishop and wife, Joy of Zebulon; five great-grandchildren, Shelby, Shelley, Samantha, Haleigh and Gavin.

The funeral service was conducted on Friday, June 18, 2010 in Rogers and Breece Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Guy Bianco officiating.

## Alvin Gardiner Dodd

Alvin Gardiner Dodd, 83 of Alexandria, died at Mount Vernon Nursing Center.

Alvin was a member of the Mason's, Scottish Rights, and Shiners. He was a WWII Navy veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Susan Dodd; one daughter, Sandra Walker; one son, Daniel Gardiner Dodd; one brother, Joseph Dodd; two grandchildren, Erinn Dilday and John Chorovich; and one great grandchild.

A life celebration service was held at Cunningham Funeral Home, 811 Cameron Street, Alexandria, on Saturday, June 19, 2010. Interment followed at Bethel Cemetery in Alexandria.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

### Taylor Run

#### GARDEN PARTY

At Home in Alexandria, a citizen's group which likes to be called AHA!, held a garden party at the Old Town home of Margaret and Richard Moose.

Dr. Judith Jones, chairman, became interested in the problems of old people unable to stay in their homes because she saw the difficulties in her geriatric practice.

"Nobody wants to go to a nursing home," she pointed out, explaining that many end up there not because of physical condition, but because services are hard to find. AHA! intends to organize a group called a "village," to provide services.

#### MAGIC VISITOR

A man wandering around with clippers suddenly began producing flowers and toys out of thin air.

"He said he was substituting for the real gardener," said Susan Kellom, "and started producing things from nowhere. It was breath-taking." He was Douglas Schwartz, longtime friend of Anna Karpp. He came all the way from New Mexico to help the party.

#### PEPPER PRESENT

Among the guests enjoying the party was Council member Del Pepper. "I think AHA! has a great

future in Alexandria," she said. "I intend to support it."

#### WHO WAS THERE

Jane King, chairman of Alexandria's Commission on Aging, Ben Kellom, vice-chair, Nancy Macklin, Doris and Don Mela, Margaret Mitchell, Janet Macidull and Ann Kaupp of the AHA! board, and Katherine Bingler were also there.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

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# TC's Barnes, Coker Enjoy All-Star Experience

**DB Barnes makes key tackle, Coker plays slot receiver, special teams.**

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GAZETTE PACKET

**T**.C. Williams defensive back Kentrick Barnes made a key fourth-and-goal tackle and nearly intercepted a pass. Receiver Aziz Coker was hit more in one week of practice than he was during his three-year TC career. While the Titans were on opposite ends of punishment distribution, they both enjoyed their experience as members of the Northern Region all-star team.

Facing the best players from the Northwest Region, Barnes and Coker helped the North pull out a 20-17 overtime victory during the 2010 Region Rumble All-Star Football Game on June 19 at South County Secondary School.

Barnes' biggest impact came with less than nine minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. The Northern Region led 14-6 but the Northwest had the ball on the North 8-yard line facing fourth-and-goal. A timeout was called before the play and the speedy Barnes entered the game in place of a linebacker to cover Northwest receiver Christian Ocasto (Potomac). Ocasto ran an out



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

**T.C. Williams and Northern Region defensive back Kentrick Barnes made a key tackle on fourth-and-goal in the fourth quarter of the 2010 Region Rumble All-Star Football Game on June 19 at South County Secondary School.**

pattern and caught a pass from quarterback Bo Revell (Battlefield), but Barnes dropped Ocasto at the 5, giving the ball back to the Northern Region.

"I was excited. I had gotten into the zone," Barnes said of his mindset before taking the field for the fourth-down play. "That was my whole thing before I went on the field: get in the zone. I got in the zone, I made sure that I wasn't thinking too much and I

just let it come natural."

Barnes broke up a second-quarter pass and nearly came down with an interception.

"I EXPECTED it to be challenging like it was," he said of playing with and against some of the top talent in the state. "I knew that with all the great athletes we had that I had to go out and play my hardest in or-

der to stay on the field. They gave everybody a shot and depending on how you played they decided whether you were going to be on the field or not.

"I played my heart out and tried to do the best I could. It was amazing. The speed and all the athletes, it really challenged me. I figure if I can play with them I can go on to the next level and play."

Barnes said he is going to try to walk on as a cornerback at West Virginia University.

Coker played receiver and special teams during the game. The speedster played outside receiver during his TC career, but was moved inside to slot receiver for all-star practices and the game. The result: more contact.

"I got hit a lot," Coker said. "It was kind of new to me. [During practices there was] no mercy."

Coker quickly got over some pregame doubts when he stepped on the field.

"I thought they were going to be way better than me," he said. "But when we stepped on the field we were all the same caliber."

Coker said he will try to play football at either VMI or Norfolk State University next season.

**THE GAME ENDED** one play into the North's possession in the first overtime. After the Northwest kicked a field goal in the overtime's opening possession to take a 17-14 lead, North quarterback Connor Reilly (Woodson) on first-and-goal connected with  
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Alexandria Lax Club's U11A Boys Win Title

The Alexandria Lacrosse Club's U11A boy's team took home the championship for the Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League on June 13. The Alexandria team entered the playoff tournament as the second seed after a regular season finish of 6-0-2. Alexandria won its first two playoff games by scores of 8-3 over Vienna and 8-0 over Great Falls. In the finals, Alexandria faced the No. 1-seeded team from Manassas, which finished the regular season 8-0.

As expected, the Manassas team was the strongest team Alexandria faced all season. The Manassas players were fast, skilled, and well coached. Manassas took a 3-2 lead into halftime after scoring consecutive goals toward the end of the half. Alexandria started the second half strong by scoring two quick goals and grabbing the momentum. As the third quarter wore on, Alexandria added another goal to take a 5-3 lead, but the Manassas team was not ready to give up. Alexandria looked in trouble toward the end of the third quarter as Manassas started to win the ground balls and take control of the field. By the fourth quarter, Manassas had tied the game at 5.

But the Alexandria defense led by Austin Plaster dug in and shut down the Manassas attack. With less than two minutes to play in the game, coach Bruce McCulloch called a time-out after a Manassas penalty. Alexandria took the field with a player advantage. Timothy Saunders started the play from midfield. He quickly passed to Riley Larsen, who ran toward the goal and found Connor McCulloch on the left side of the goal. McCulloch, who had been smothered all day by the Manassas defense, was looking to shoot but found David Volz breaking free from behind the goal. McCulloch laced a pass to Volz who bounced the score in from just outside the crease to give Alexandria the 6-5 lead. With less than a minute to play, Larsen added a security goal on another feed from McCulloch to seal Alexandria's 7-5 win. Saunders, Brody Dickson and John Colucci also scored for Alexandria on the day, while goalies West Shaw and Jack Siegel combined for nine saves.

The championship is a milestone for the Alexandria Lacrosse club. The Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League is the premier league in a geographic area that covers counties as far south as Spotsylvania and as far West as Loudon. The A-level league represents the highest level of play available in all Northern Virginia.

### Aces Snap 2-Game Losing Skid

The Alexandria Aces rebounded from consecutive losses to defeat the Southern Maryland Nationals 6-5 on Monday at Mann Field. The win improved the Aces' record to 7-10.

Alexandria produced the winning run with a two-out rally in the bottom of the sixth. With two down and nobody on, Nick Allen (George Mason) singled and David Wood (Elon) reached base on an error. Ran Ravnaas (Georgetown) followed with an RBI single, scoring Allen for a 6-5 lead.

Chris McNulty (Penn) picked up the win in relief for Alexandria. The left-hander allowed two hits and one earned run in 2 1/3 innings while striking out two. Kyle Wigmore (High Point) earned the save, pitching two hitless innings.

Through 17 games, Ravnaas leads the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League with 12 RBIs and is tied for the league lead with two home runs. Alexandria's Will Davis (Penn) is fourth in the league with a .371 batting average. Allen is seventh at .349.

On the mound, Alexandria's Max Knowles (North Carolina Wesleyan) leads the league with 23 strikeouts and is tied for the lead with three wins. The left-hander is 3-1 with

a 1.45 ERA in four starts. He's allowed 20 hits and seven walks in 31 innings.

Kyle Zimmer (San Francisco) is fourth in the league in ERA at 0.66.

Alexandria hosts the Bethesda Big Train at 7 p.m. June 24.

### Mark Vincent Basketball Camp

The Mark Vincent basketball camp will be held at Walt Whitman Middle School. First session will be held from July 12-16. Second session will be held from July 19-23. Tuition is \$200 per camper. Camp hours are from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day except on the last day; it will end at noon. Boys and girls ages 7-15 are welcomed to attend.

For information regarding summer basketball camp, e-mail at markvincentbasketballcamps@gmail.com

### Youth Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is seeking volunteers to coach youth track and field, football, tennis, swimming and rugby.

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T.C. Williams and Northern Region receiver Aziz Coker played offense and special teams during the 2010 Region Rumble All-Star Football game on June 19 at South County Secondary School.

## DB Barnes Makes Key Tackle

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a diving Brandon Johnson (Lake Braddock) in the back right corner of the end zone for the game-winning touchdown. Players from the Northern Region piled on one another near the spot of Johnson's catch, celebrating victory after an emotional game that included trash talking from both teams.

Johnson, a first-team all-state selection at wide receiver, wasn't pleased with sharing playing time and decided to voice his opinion to the Northern Region coaching staff — his coaches from Lake Braddock.

"Me and [Hayfield's] Antoine [McCallum] had been splitting time the whole game and I was getting a little bitter about it," Johnson said. "I told them, 'Look, put me in in overtime, let me run the corner [route] and I'm going to score.' [Offensive coordinator Chris Weiler] trusted me and I did it."

Johnson caught three passes for 35 yards and two touchdowns from Reilly, a Patriot District rival during the season.

"As soon as the safety turned his back," Connor said of the game's final play, "it was wide open."

Reilly, who will play football at Temple next season, completed 21 of 43 passes for 231 yards and three touchdowns en route to team offensive MVP honors.

The game was a defensive struggle for the most part as the teams combined for seven turnovers. Each team finished with less than 40 yards on the ground, due in part to players having only one week to practice with one another. Defenses were hitting hard and emotions were running high.

"There was a lot of chatter between the two sides," North starting left tackle Matt Cunningham (West Potomac) said. "We were definitely talking to each other. It was getting pretty intense."

The Northern Region took a 7-0 lead when Reilly connected with Edison wide receiver Christian Washington for a 21-yard touchdown with 3:24 to play in

the first half. The Northwest Region responded on its ensuing possession with an eight-play, 67-yard drive that used only 2 minutes and 20 seconds. Revell ended the march with a 3-yard touchdown keeper, but the Northwest continued to trail as Woodson linebacker James Johnson blocked the extra point.

The Northern Region extended its lead to 14-6 when Reilly found Johnson in the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown with 11:53 to play in the fourth quarter.

The Northwest Region drove deep into North territory minutes later, but was turned away when Barnes tackled Ocasto at the 5 on fourth-and-goal.

A 21-yard punt on the North's ensuing possession set up the Northwest at the North 32-yard line. After Revell was sacked by the North's Andrew Embree (Madison) on first down, Revell launched a 39-yard touchdown pass to Jared Johnson (Forest Park) with 6:54 remaining in the fourth. Keith lined up at quarterback and scored on keeper during the

ensuing two-point conversion attempt to tie the game at 14.

Yorktown safety C.J. Bartholomew intercepted two passes and earned team defensive MVP honors. He also handled kicking duties, connecting on a pair of extra points. The National District Defensive Player of the Year shared Barnes' enthusiasm about showing he belonged.

"When I got out on the field I was like, 'I'm with the best players in the region, I've got to prove myself right here,'" Bartholomew said. "Honestly, I just came out with a sense of emotion where I've just got to be the best player I can be and prove myself in front of all the best players."

If Barnes didn't already possess the confidence to play at the next level, his performance for the Northern Region all-stars might have done the job.

"Watch for me at West Virginia," he said. "I'm a walk on, but they're going to have to look up to me."

**"The speed and all the athletes, it really challenged me. I figure if I can play with them I can go on to the next level and play."**

**— T.C. Williams and Northern Region defensive back Kentrick Barnes**

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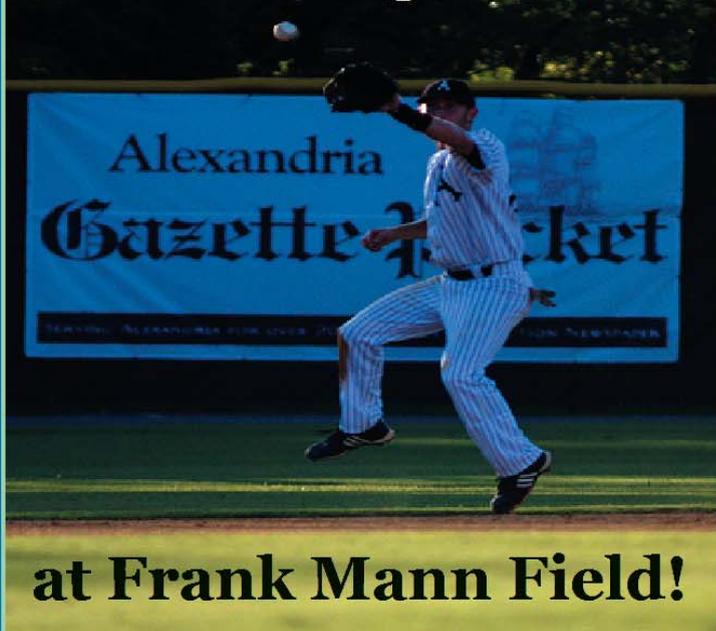
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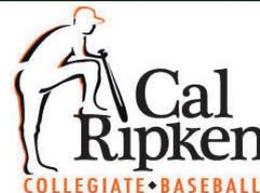


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# SPORTS

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## Wahoos Swim Team

The Wahoos Swim Team Program offers youth ages 6-18 of all abilities the opportunity to develop their own potential. The Wahoos swim program will promote individual achievement and team camaraderie in an atmosphere of friendly competition. Developing and experienced swimmers alike can refine their freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, turns and starts with an experienced coaching staff. Swim meets are scheduled every Saturday morning from mid-June through early August. Practices for the participants are held beginning June 1 until the Alexandria City Schools are out for the summer break at Chinquapin Center from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning June 28, the participants will have the option of practicing at Chinquapin Center from 7:15-9:15 a.m. or in the afternoons at Old Town Pool from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. The cost for the program for City residents are \$125 for the first child and \$100 for each additional swimmer. The non-resident fees are \$150 for the first child and \$125 for each additional child. Swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters continuously. For more information on the clinics or the summer basketball league, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or visit the youth sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

## Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs, 110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16. Registration fee is \$25. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification Card upon registration. For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Youth Sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

## Youth Basketball Fundamental School

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is now accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Fundamentals School for boys and girls ages 5-12. The school will run on Saturday's from July 10-31 at George Washington Middle School located at 1001 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Participants will learn the fundamentals of ball handling, shooting, passing, dribbling and rebounding.

### MILITARY NOTES

The Army bid an official farewell to **Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling**, son of the late, long-time Old Town Alexandria residents Lorna and Roswell Yingling, in recognition of his 35 years of dedicated service. His retirement ceremony was held at the headquarters of the Army's largest command, Army Forces Command, where he had been the deputy chief of staff G3/5/7 (equivalent to a large civilian corporation senior vice president for operations) since Decem-

ber 2007. A native of Alexandria, Maj. Gen. Yingling is a graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Class of 1970. He began his Army career in 1974 when he was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery upon his graduation from the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Army Pvt. Edward G. Hooks** has graduated from the Infantryman One

Registration fee is \$40 per child. Register early: deadline is June 30 or as soon as sessions are filled. For more information, contact the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

## National Junior Tennis League

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is accepting registrations for the National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) for boys and girls ages 8-16. The program will run June 28 through July 27 at the tennis courts at George Washington Middle School, Patrick Henry Recreation Center and George Mason Elementary School. Participants will learn the fundamentals of tennis in a fun and exciting environment. Participants will meet new friends, expand their minds and get important exercise. Registration fee is \$25 per child. For more information, contact the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

## Washington Mystics Fundamental Camp

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities conjunction with the WNBA Washington Mystics is accepting registrations for the Mystics Summer Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7-16 year old. The camp will run July 12-16 at the William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Avenue. Participants will receive professional instruction emphasizing the proper technique of individual skills and development of fundamentals. Campers will receive a camp t-shirt, camp photo, drawstring backpack, certificate of appreciation and much more. The registration fee is \$210 per child. Register early, the deadline is soon or as soon as the camp capacity is filled. For more information, contact the class program office at 703-5414 or the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the recreation department website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

## House of Hoops Basketball Camp

The House of Hoops Basketball Camps offers basketball fundamental-centered camps for children between the ages of 7-14 years old. All of The House of Hoops coaches have playing and/or coaching experience on higher levels of basketball ranging from high school to the NBA.

The camp will run 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 28-July 2 and July 6-July 9. The cost is \$160 per child. For more information, contact the class program office at 703-5414 or the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the recreation department website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Hooks is the son of Edward and Fiona Hooks of Holmes Run Parkway, Alexandria. He is a 2007 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

**Army National Guard Pfc. Matthew S. Ferguson** has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga. Ferguson is the son of Sharon Ferguson of Alexandria.

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# RECREATION



Silkworm in hand of Kejuan Ferguson.



Silkthread of Curtis Twin.



Silkworms posing for the camera.

## Silkworms Anyone?

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA  
ACTING CENTER DIRECTOR, NANNIE J. LEE  
RECREATION CENTER

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is known for its creativity in program design and offerings. The latest feather in its cap has to deal with the topic of silk and worms — well, silkworms to be exact. The workshop created by Elsabe Dixon, a native South African, shared her love and respect for the

creatures responsible for giving us so much comfort and beauty. Silk is one of the finest of materials, valued in many cultures as the material to aspire to when judging one's wealth and worth. Let's face it, silk is simply gorgeous, but the worms they come from are not so, say, gorgeous. I think a better adjective would be "earthy."

Mrs. Dixon used both her skills as an educator and artist to capture and engage the youth in the story of silk. Dixon teaches at the Madeira School in its Arts Department.

We were happy to host her workshops because she has invited the center's participants to be a part of her Living Sculpture installation at the Torpedo Factory.

Dixon had the children re-enact the discovery of silk by Emperor Huang Di who accidentally dropped a silkworm into his tea and saw how it curiously turned into a shiny fiber.

Well, Mrs. Dixon made this story come alive with silk scarves, tree branches and other props as she instructed the children

on how to reenact the story. They became an active participant within their own learning experience, something we stressed in our neighborhood centers.

If you want more information about the Living Sculpture Installation at the Torpedo Factory, please contact Elsabe Dixon directly at 703-746-5533. The children would not have had this awesome experience if it had not been for Cheryl Anne Colton, acting director of the Durant Center, a place where art truly thrives and lives.

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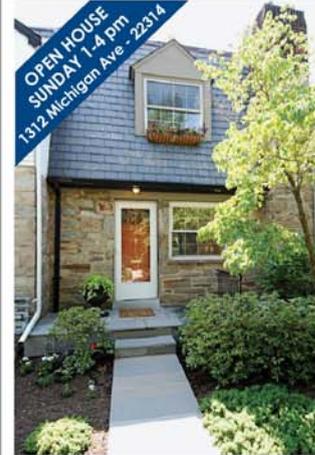
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