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Volunteers Sherry Billingsley and Felicia Mensah make repairs to a Wesmond Drive home.



**Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, center, installs a smoke detector in a Lynhaven home under the watchful eyes of Chaquita Jordan and Tracy Lovelace as part of National Rebuilding Together Day April 30.**

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## National Rebuilding Day, Locally

RTA volunteers are “angels” to homeowners in need.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
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**A**fter 10 years of dialysis, Old Town resident Michael H. finally received a kidney transplant last November. But then the legally blind 51-year-old suffered a heart attack and struggles to maintain the home that has been in his family for six decades.

Across town, single mother of three Soad D. tries to cook for her family in a kitchen where the cabinets are falling off the walls. And on Quaker Lane, 84-year-old Arminta W. cares for her 92-year old husband William, who has been confined to a wheelchair for 30 years.

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House captain Ken Ward of First Baptist Church ask for a volunteer to help with clearing the gutters on the roof.



**Michael H., who is recovering from a recent kidney transplant and stroke, points to his mother in a family portrait that hangs in his childhood home. The South Pitt Street home was made safer as part of National Rebuilding Together Day.**

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## Unanimous Vote Increases Taxes Add-on tax for businesses rejected.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

crease.

“I don’t think anybody got everything they wanted,” said Councilwoman Del Pepper. “That’s what good government is all about.”

Council members decided to get along to go along this year — a departure from last year, when the Republican Councilman Frank Fannon and independent Alicia Hughes voted against the budget. Hours of work sessions and reams of memoranda culminated in a carefully crafted series of compromises. At the end of it all, council members struck a deal to raise the tax rate 2 cents from 97.8 cents

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## Titanic Dreams Scholarship Fund gala sends T.C. teens to college.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
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**T.C. Williams principal Suzanne Maxey watches as Mayor Bill Euille draws the winning raffle ticket for a new Toyota Rav4 donated by Jack Taylor.**

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### History Speaks

Historic and plaque, this wonderful renovated house offers original floors, moldings, fireplaces mantels and stairs. A new kitchen, complete with tile flooring, custom cabinets including a wine storage cabinet is outstanding. A master suite with dressing room, many closets and marble bath is also a recent renovation. The large garden features a fountain and many flowers.

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## COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

### BRAC to Square One

Alexandria is running out of time to find some kind of solution for the 6,300 daily commuters that are about to swamp the intersection of Shirley Memorial Highway and Seminary Road. Hoping to delay the opening of the Washington Headquarters Service, U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) staged a press conference in the shadow of the building to encourage the Alexandria City Council to use a recent report from the Department of Defense's inspector general as leverage to file a lawsuit against the Pentagon seeking an injunction.

There's only one problem. City Attorney **Jim Banks** said the time for that has already passed.

During a Monday night session at City Hall, Banks told council members they wouldn't have a leg to stand on in court. That's apparently by design, with the Base Closure and Realignment Commission law written to avoid legal challenges by crafting a 60-day statute of limitations. That window of opportunity opened and closed years ago, leaving Banks to recommend against pursuing Moran's suggested legal recourse.

"It's unlikely that Alexandria would be able to maintain a successful lawsuit under these circumstances," said Banks, who recommended against pursuing a lawsuit. "I believe that the ability for the city of Alexandria to mount a successful — even a vaguely successful — cause of action is limited."

When the employees arrive at the Washington Headquarters Service for the first day of work in September, the region is expected to be snarled in gridlock — with some commuters experiencing an additional one to two hour delay each rush hour. At least two members of the City Council used Monday's public session to signal they are willing to consider a lawsuit despite the city attorney's analysis.

"I actually think that the city should take a real serious shot at a lawsuit," said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**.

"I think there may be options available to us that we should consider," added Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. "I do think it's incumbent on us to look at every possible opportunity to delay the move into this facility."

### Meet the New Boss

As they formally appointed Budget Director **Bruce Johnson** interim city manager Monday night, members of the City Council decided it was time for a little hazing. Budget staffers were still putting the final touches on a memorandum, so the elected leaders had to kill a little time before raising taxes.

"Should we ask for his birth certificate?" joked Councilman **Paul Smedberg**.

"We want the long form," added Councilwoman **Del Pepper**.

"I think officially now, everyone can blame Bruce Johnson for everything," explained Councilman **Rob Krupicka**.

### Cascading Interims

In his first executive decision as interim-designate-city-manager, Johnson has decided not to keep his old gig while carrying out the duties in the corner office at City Hall. Instead, he has tapped Finance Director **Laura Triggs** to fill in as chief financial officer during his time as the city's chief executive. That leaves her job temporarily vacant, with a series of deputies stepping in to fulfill her duties while she's fulfilling Johnson's duties.

Meanwhile, Johnson said, he hasn't yet taken a seat in the plush chair located at stage left in the City Council chambers.

"It'll be weird," Johnson said Monday night, eyeing the seat of power.

"Oh, that reminds me," said City Clerk **Jackie Henderson**. "You need a name plate."

Mayor **Bill Euille** says he expects the City Council to announce a permanent replacement before the end of September. Names within the organization that have been mentioned as potential candidates for the job include Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks**, Assistant City Manager **Debra Collins** and Fire Chief **Adam Thiel**.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



Michelle Manket, Harlan Trevithick and Julia Lippman.



Jim Clark, Bruce Johnson and Russ Bailey.

## Gala Fuels Scholarship Fund

FROM PAGE 1

said executive director Susan Yowell. "This year we will provide \$375,000 to send 175 Class of 2011 graduates to college and an additional \$450,000 on renewal grants. Our goal for these students is completion, not just access to education."

Since its inception in 1986, the Scholarship Fund has raised \$7.8 million to help more than 3,400 financial need students. The fund also administers additional "named" scholarships that recognize achievement in specialized areas.

Long-time supporter Jack Taylor once again donated a car to be raffled off at the gala and the winning ticket belonging to Barbara Bartow was drawn on stage by Mayor Bill Euille. Bartow, who will have her choice of either a 2011 Toyota RAV4 or \$20,000 in cash, bought her ticket at Lorraine Aprile salon in Old Town.

"I am so excited," said salon owner and gala committee member Lorraine Aprile. "I sold the winning ticket two years ago when



Kate Moran and Cathy Puskar pause for a self-portrait.



British-born Lorraine Aprile, with husband Miles Holtzman, wears a fascinator in honor of the Royal Wedding. For the second time in three years, Aprile's salon sold the winning raffle ticket for a Toyota RAV4 donated by Jack Taylor.

I first got involved with the fund. As a business owner in Alexandria, I wanted to do something to give back to the community and since many of my clients are parents to T.C. students, this was a good fit."

In addition to the raffle, highlights of the evening included a slide show presentation prepared by T.C. photography students and a surprise performance by cast members of the school's recent production of "Rent."

"We felt it was important to showcase some of the students in this year's gala," Yowell said.

"These are the students we're helping to realize their dreams of a college education."

## Time To Spring2ACTION

### Online initiative sets \$100,000 goal.

The three-day series of events known as Spring for Alexandria gets a new addition this year with Spring2ACTION, an online grassroots giving event that seeks to encourage donations to local organizations.

"This program was first tried in Minnesota," said John Porter, executive director of ACT for Alexandria, the organization spearheading the new initiative. "Community organizations across the state raised over \$20 million in the first year. We came up with a way to try it on a much smaller scale and hope we can have the same impact here in Alexandria."

Similar to a telethon, the online community giving event runs May 5-7. "For three days, we're asking Alexandrians to come together and support local nonprofits doing life-changing work in our community," Porter said. "We're hoping to raise \$100,000 and engage 1,500 people during the event.

Nonprofits will receive prizes for the most number of unique donors and every donation made gives your favorite organization the chance to win even more money through matching donations."

Spring2ACTION begins at 8 a.m. on May 5 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on May 7. Log on to [www.Spring2ACTION.org](http://www.Spring2ACTION.org) during that time to make a donation to one of 40 Alexandria nonprofits. Individual donors will be randomly selected as ACTION Heroes, earning an additional \$100 for their designated charity and prizes for themselves.

"We're really excited about this event," said Porter, who noted that an online leaderboard will display real time donation results. "We'd like to engage of course those who have donated in the past but our hope is to bring more new donors to local organizations." For more information or to participate in the three-day online giving event, visit [www.Spring2ACTION.org](http://www.Spring2ACTION.org).

— JEANNE THEISMANN

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

### BRAC to the Future

Another week, another BRAC attack.

That's been the thrust of Arlington School Board Chairwoman **Libby Garvey**'s campaign for the last month. In her campaign to snag the Democratic nomination in the three-way primary to replace retiring Sen. **Patsy Ticer** (D-30), Garvey is hoping to take advantage of widespread anger about the traffic gridlock that is certain to choke the city's West End when more than 6,000 employees start commuting to the Washington Headquarters Service each day.

It's an attack aimed squarely at her primary rival, **Rob Krupicka**, who was serving on the Alexandria City Council when the city government endorsed the Mark Center site as a possible location for the military installation under the Base Closure and Realignment Commission. This week's installment on the ongoing drama has Garvey responding to statement Krupicka issued last week explaining that he was "shocked and dismayed" when the Department of Defense chose the Mark Center location over one in the Eisenhower Valley.

"Why didn't he take the lead in favoring a different location?" Garvey asked in a statement released Tuesday. "It's all well and good for the councilman to say he was opposed to this project from the beginning, but it's quite another matter to find that opposition anywhere in the public record before the council issued its opinion."

Krupicka said that he was making public statements against the decision as early as April 2009, seven months after the Department of Defense selected the Mark Center site. And when Alexandria City Attorney **James Banks** has recommended against the city seeking a court injunction against the Pentagon Monday night, Krupicka said that a potential lawsuit "is still on the table." The councilman said he would like to use "every option" available to delay the opening of the building, although he stopped short of saying whether or not he would support a lawsuit. "This race is about moving forward," said Krupicka. "I'm pushing to make sure we do everything we can to delay this as long as possible."

### Dueling Releases

Republican **Patrick Murray** is setting himself up for another campaign against U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) in 2012, issuing a steady stream of statements about everything from the ill-fated add-on tax in Alexandria to the war in Libya. This week, it was the death of **Osama bin Laden**, titled "Justice Has Been Done."

"This is an immense success and congratulations are in order to our armed forces, the intelligence community and the Obama administration, who carried out this mission," Murray said. "As long as we stand together, we can defeat any foe, overcome any challenge."

Since losing to Moran in November, Murray has started appearing at Chamber of Commerce events and City Council work sessions. Considering the major criticism of his candidacy was the lack of connection to the community — a feature of his resume that prompted Moran to call him a "stealth candidate" — it's a strategy that could neutralize that line of attack. But as Moran's press release on the death of Bin Laden made clear, the 11-term incumbent is not shy about going on the attack.

"Bin Laden's death further raises serious concerns about Pakistan's role in the war on terror," Moran said. "The location of the operation, just outside their nation's capital and in range of a major military facility, calls into question key aspects of our strategic alliance."

### Door to Door

It's a feature of campaigning as old as democracy itself — going door to door.

Candidates slog through driving rain and sweltering heat while dodging vicious dogs and risking having doors literally slammed in their face. But it's the best way to meet potential voters and gain the signatures necessary to get on the ballot.

"One thing I've learned in my years campaigning," said Del. **Adam Ebbin** (D-49), "if a person says they don't want to talk to you, the best thing you can do is move on."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



**Chiropractor Jason Rueggeberg performs an electronic spinal check on Velisa, a visitor to the NAACP Health Fair.**



**Health and wellness experts Terry Dixon, Shaun Edens, Marsha Banks-Harold and Malyssa Howard participate in the NAACP Health Fair.**

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

## Health Fair Makes Fitness Fun

### NAACP holds annual multicultural event.

The Alexandria branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in partnership with Oakland Street Baptist Church, held its annual multicultural Health Fair April 30 as part of its outreach to educate residents on health and wellness issues.

"Our goal is to empower the community to take more interest in our health," said James Williams, vice president of the NAACP Alexandria branch. "Pre-

vention and education alone aren't enough. It takes learning about proper eating and exercise as well."

More than 17 different health organizations partnered with the NAACP for the fair, which provided free blood pressure screenings, Sickle Cell testing, blood glucose and cholesterol testing, hearing and vision screenings, confidential HIV testing and risk reduction counseling and general fitness, wellness and nutrition information.

"We've had a great turnout," Wilkes said. "Hispanic, black, white, Asian — this really brought the community together as a whole."

— JEANNE THEISMANN

## Let's Do Brunch Board of Lady Managers raises funds for new hospital equipment.

The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital held its 13th annual Sunday Brunch May 1 as part of a multi-year fundraising pledge to raise more than \$500,000 for new anesthesia machines for the hospital's surgical services department.

"It's been a great turnout for us today," said Board president Cynthia Puskar. "More than 170 people came out to support us and we raised \$8,000 towards our goal of \$500,000."

Founded in 1872, the Board of Lady Managers established Alexandria's first hospital in 1873. The original Alexandria Infirmary expanded over the years and eventually merged with Inova Health



**Inova Board of Lady Managers president Cynthia Puskar, left, enjoys the annual fundraising Sunday Brunch with Cathy David, Mary Smirnow, Cathy Puskar and Jane Hughes. The event raised \$8,000 for new anesthesiology equipment for Inova Alexandria Hospital.**

JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Systems in 1997. Through yearly fundraising efforts, the Board has upgraded hospital technology and equipment and provided access to transportation and medicine for patients.

Recent pledge campaigns provided enhancements to the hospital's cancer center, defibrillators for the cardiac care unit, nursing scholarships, support for cardiovascular interventional radiology and the purchase of Giraffe Omni Beds, which are computerized isolettes for the neonatal intensive care unit.

"Our current multi-year pledge of \$522,000 will purchase anes-

thesia machines for the hospital's surgical services department," Puskar said. "That's the life and breath of every surgical patient. In December, we presented the hospital with the first pledge payment of \$116,000 which funded the purchase of two anesthesia machines."

The event was held at Union Street Public House, where co-owner Jay Test donated the brunch in support of the Board.

"The restaurant is happy to do this," Test said. "Helping the Board of Lady Managers is one of our favorite causes."

— JEANNE THEISMANN

# NEWS



COURTESY PHOTO  
Mayor David Romley in Afghanistan, 2001



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET  
Fox News foreign correspondent Jennifer Griffin at the Alexandria Breast Cancer Walk last fall.

## Locals React to Death of Bin Laden

**Excitement followed by reflections on tomorrow.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**s reaction to the death of Osama bin Laden continues to be reported around the world, two Alexandrians who have experienced the war on terror first hand share their reaction when they first heard the news of the death of the mastermind behind the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

David Romley, recently retired after serving more than 20 years in the Marine Corps, was at sea on the USS Peleliu on 9/11 and was one of the first conventional forces on the ground in Afghanistan:

"I screamed at the top of my lungs and woke up my 2 year-old girls who were sleeping soundly (silly me). Immediately afterward, I contacted my Marine friends who I served with in Afghanistan when we first attacked the Taliban and Al Qaeda in November 2001. Sadly, not all of those Marines I served with are still alive. In general, I believe there will be a monumental - albeit gradual - shift to the way in which our citizenry thinks about the current war. I believe history will remember it as being 10 years long - from 2001 to 2011. Of course, that won't be exactly true. We will always battle terrorism. Yet, this single event gives us our government the political capital to reduce the financial and human resources we currently apply to military operations, weapons procurement and domestic security. Budgets will change - as the administration has already begun to demonstrate. The Defense Industrial Base will shrink. Financial resources will be re-allocated and instead applied to domestic programs. Over the coming years, it will be up to the American people to ensure we never forget about the sacrifices our men and women in the military made to bring a barbaric and baseless individual to justice. Sergeant David P. Day

### Correction

The article "It Takes a Village" [April 28 Gazette] featured the launch of AtHome in Alexandria. The individuals in the lower right photo were misidentified. They are Nancy Carson, a member of Christ Church and a housing advocate, and Bill Harris, member and former chair of the Alexandria Commission on Aging.

of Gaylord, Michigan died April 24 at the young age of 26 while serving as a special operations Marine in Afghanistan. Let's not let him or his family ever be forgotten."

Jennifer Griffin is an Alexandria native and Fox News Channel's national security correspondent:

"I had just gotten home from a friend's house with 2-year old Luke. It was later than his bedtime and I was scrambling to warm him a bottle and convince him to put on pajamas. I was at the stove when all of my phones started ringing. The message traffic on my Blackberry made it look like it was Qaddafi who had been killed. I put on the TV, gave Luke a bottle on the couch and told him to be very quiet. That's when I got an initial call with the tip that it was bin Laden. But the source said I couldn't go with it unless I got second confirmation. That's when I started dialing like mad. My cell phone was out of juice after a long weekend and never works very well at my house because we live near the Vice President's house and the airwaves are filled and calls often get blocked. I had three phone lines going at once. I finally got an e-mail from a top well-placed intelligence source with a one word answer to my question: "Yes." I went on air with Geraldo. My fingers were shaking so badly that my thumbs couldn't type the urgent on my Blackberry for the bureau wide distribution. I bribed Luke who was still awake with a lollipop and sent him downstairs with a new babysitter who had just arrived an hour before. I ran upstairs and woke up Greg, my husband, and grabbed some clothes, shoved them in a bag and ran out the door in my jeans to drive like mad to the Pentagon. I ran a few red lights down Mass. Ave past the VP's house, parked in South Parking at the Pentagon and when I entered corridor 3 at the Pentagon the guards cheered: 'We got him!'"

### Hydrant Flushing Set

Virginia American Water is planning to conduct hydrant flushing in Alexandria now through May 21. The routine work is being done as part of an annual main flushing program that cleans mineral deposits and sediment from water mains.

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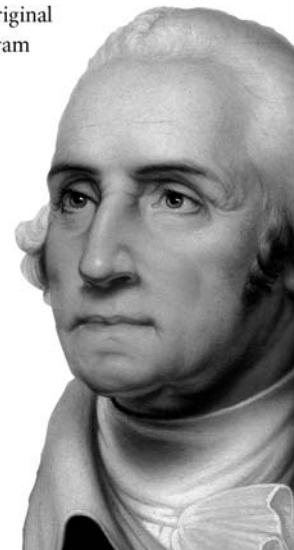
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## HISTORY

# 'Alexandria Is Ours'

This month, Alexandria will commemorate 150th anniversary of its invasion and occupation.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he days leading up to the invasion of Alexandria in May 1861 were thick with tension. Businesses across the city shut their doors as residents fled town in anticipation of warfare. Slaves were deposited at the city jail on the northeast corner Princess and St. Asaph. Soldiers roamed the streets. Martial music filled the air. The flag of secession fluttered in the breeze.

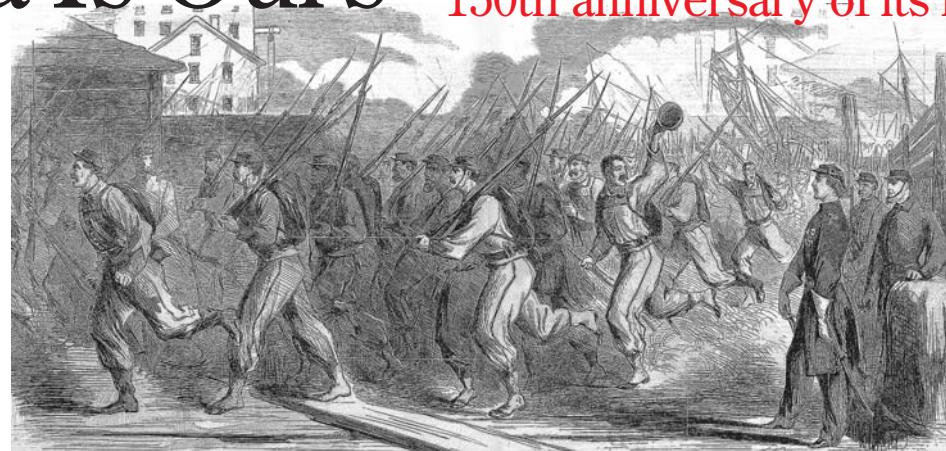
War was near.

Episcopal High School shut its doors and sent students home. Ladies organized sewing parties as the men drilled incessantly on the square. The city government established a charity distribution depot on the northwest corner of Prince and Fairfax streets. Refugees crowded the depots of Alexandria's three major railroads. One visitor who was passing through town remarked that the people were "frightened almost to death" of a Yankee attack.

"The Potomac River now separated the Confederacy from the Union, the North from the South," wrote historian James Barber. "The river ran wide, but its depths could not prevent Americans from invading America."

On May 23, Alexandria voters went to the polls and overwhelmingly supported an ordinance of secession. Four out of five precincts voted in favor of secession, and the final tally showed that nine out of 10 voters wanted to formally leave the United States of America. From the White House, President Abraham Lincoln could almost see the Stars and Bars flying from the pole atop the Marshall House. Although Alexandria Gazette editor Edgar Snowden spent months urging restraint, recent events had dramatically shifted his thinking. Like almost everybody else in the city, the editor of this newspaper was now calling for an end to the Union.

"The unconstitutional course of the federal government, the entire hopelessness of any remedy in the Union, left to this com-



ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**This image from Frank Leslie's Weekly illustrates the Union invasion of Alexandria.**



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**This image from Harper's Weekly illustrates James W. Jackson killing Col. Elmer Ellsworth.**

monwealth no other alternative," Snowden wrote the day before the federal invasion. "To have remained in the Union as now sustained and upheld the government as now administered would have involved an abandonment of the free principles upon which rests the liberties of Virginians and swept away the independence which is their strongest bulwark."



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**Shown in his Fire Zouave uniform, private Francis Brownell shot and killed James W. Jackson after he assassinated the invading Union colonel.**

**IN WASHINGTON**, Inspector General Samuel Heintzelman ordered Union forces to be ready to march across the Long Bridge

"at a moment's notice." Bored of the tedium in the capital city, soldiers filled their cartridge boxes with 40 rounds of "Yankee persuasion" each and packed their packed their haversacks with one day's worth of rations. War was drawing near.

"Every man in camp was merry," recalled one New Yorker encamped at Washington.

Spirits were high in Alexandria too, especially at a boarding house on King Street known as the Marshall House. Proprietor James W. Jackson became ringmaster of the Confederate circus. Tall and unwavering, Jackson had only recently moved to Alexandria in January to reopen the inn. Now he was gathering a celebration at the Marshall House, including recently elected Confederate House of Delegates member William Cazenove and cavalry captain Mottram Ball.

The party ended around 11 p.m. Thursday night. Jackson's friends said goodbye and headed home. Pickets watched over the city and waited for dawn. Alexandria grew quiet. But Washington was bustling with activity that night. As early as 9 p.m., Union regiments began marching in columns to the Long Bridge preparing for the invasion in the early morning hours of Friday, May 24. The commotion attracted crowds eager to see the "war machine" assemble itself.

"A man of a thousand members and each member a man," is how one observer described it.

**A FULL MOON** loomed overhead as the "National Rifles" prepared to cross the river. In the distance, silhouettes of Confederate pickets appeared on the hill beyond the Alexandria Turnpike. By 2 a.m., three New York volunteer regiments spanned the length of the bridge like a coiled snake waiting to strike. Bayonets were poised for action in the moonlight. The Union was ready to spill first blood.

"The Potomac appeared, a broad and beautiful river of molten silver," according to one contemporaneous account.

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## 2011 CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

### MAY

**May 21** — Life in the Civil War Alexandria, a Living History Event - Market Square. Free, 2-5 p.m. 703-746-4848 or [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org)

**May 7** — Cancellation notice: The Fort Ward "Grapes of Wrath" bus tour of Civil War history and a Virginia winery has been cancelled. Please direct any questions to 703-746-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org)

**May 21** — Family Festival: Spies and Scouts of the Civil War — Carlyle House Historic Park. 2-5 p.m. 703-549-2997 or [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org)

**May 24** — Join local author Michael Lee Pope and local historians at the Hotel Monaco, the site of the first casualties of the Civil War, for a roundtable discussion on how the events of May 24, 1861 shaped Alexandria's history. Free from 6 to 8 p.m. [mpope@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mpope@connectionnewspapers.com)

### JUNE

**June 4** — Civil War Heritage Bike Ride. 703-746-4399 or [www.alexandriava.gov/archaeology](http://www.alexandriava.gov/archaeology)

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**June 28** — Hands on History Tent: The Civil War - Carlyle House Historic Park. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 703-549-2997 or [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org)

**June 27-July 1** — Civil War Kid's Camp - Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. Registration required, \$200 per person. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 703-746-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org)

### JULY

**July 16** — Civil War Spotlight Talk —

Ongoing 30-minute presentations will explore "Civil War Artillery Projectiles" at Fort Ward Museum. Learn about a variety of Civil War-period ammunition, from a 100-pounder Parrott shell to a Ketcham

hand grenade. Free. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon; 2 to 4 p.m. 703-746-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org)

**July 31** — Hear stories of Civil War spycraft and the men and women who served as agents for the Blue and the Gray. Learn about two important Civil War spies with close connections to Green Spring whose undercover exploits changed the course of the war. 1-3 p.m. 703-642-5173 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/)

### AUGUST

**Aug. 13** — Civil War Camp Day — Fort Ward's largest living history program of the year will feature Union and Confederate camp life with units from the 5th New York "Duryee" Zouaves, the 1st U.S. Artillery, Co. D, and the 17th Virginia Infantry (Fairfax Rifles). Admission is \$5 each for adults and \$10 for families with children. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 703-746-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org)

### SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 10** — Civil War Fashion Show — Carlyle House Historic Park. 2-4 p.m. 703-549-2997 or [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org)

**Sept. 24** — Civil War Nurses Program - Carlyle House Historic Park. 703-549-2997 or [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org)

### OCTOBER

**Oct. 5** — Civil War Alexandria in 3-D photo lecture by Wally Owen at the Lyceum. Admission TBD, reservations required. 7:30-8:30 p.m. 703-746-4994 or [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org)

### DECEMBER

**Dec. 10** — Christmas in Camp - Learn how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. 703-746-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org)

# NEWS

## Unanimous Vote Raises Taxes

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for every \$100 of assessed value to 99.8 cents for every \$100 of assessed value.

"This is the hardest vote I have taken in my two years on the City Council," said Hughes. "It represents a departure from my ideological perspective."

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of City Manager Jim Hartmann's proposed budget was an add-on tax that would have taxed commercial property at a higher rate than residential property. The money would have paid for transportation improvements, such as construction of dedicated lanes for buses along Beauregard Street and widening Jefferson Davis Highway. Despite widespread desire for transportation improvements, the city's business community organized against the add-on tax. Council members ended up rejecting the city manager's proposal, prompting chamber president Tina Leone to issue a written statement shortly after the vote.

"We did not encounter anyone who thought the tax was fair," said Leone. "This proves that we are indeed different than our neighbors — we should be known as a safe haven for businesses in Northern Virginia."

Instead of adopting the add-on tax, council members struck a deal to set aside 2.2 cents of the base tax rate for transportation projects. Budget officials estimate this approach will generate \$13.5 million in fiscal year 2012 and \$110 million over the course of the next decade. Projects on the horizon include converting the Potomac Yard busway to streetcars and setting aside a dedicated lane for buses along Duke Street. Council members decided put the money in a reserve account rather than formally dedicate it, which gives them more flexibility in how it can be spent.

"This is probably the largest single investment that we've made — that the local government has made — to transportation in the city's history," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, who had been a vocal supporter of the ill-fated add-on tax. "That's significant."

**ANOTHER PART** of the budget that prompted a great deal of discussion this year was how much money should be set aside for the school system's capital needs. Superintendent Morton Sherman and the School Board wanted \$372.6 million for a series



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**This week's vote clears the way for school officials to demolish Jefferson-Houston Elementary School and construct a new facility in its place.**

of top-dollar projects, including construction of four new schools. Hartmann set aside less than half that amount, and Budget Director Bruce Johnson questioned the school system's enrollment projections. In the end, City Council members staked out a middle ground, funding two new elementary schools — rebuilding Jefferson-Houston Elementary School and drastically renovating Patrick Henry Elementary School.

"I'm thrilled," said School Board chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts after the vote. "Gosh darn it, we got a great budget."

Advocates for archeology of long-forgotten African-American graves at Fort Ward Park won a big victory, with council members approving \$260,000 for two separate digs and a management plan. Supporters of a Youth Master Plan ended up with reduced funding, although a plan to zero out the money was rejected. City employees will receive merit step increases, if eligible, at a cost of \$3.3 million. And council members ended up rejecting Hartmann's proposal to force all city employees to contribute to their pensions, deciding to wait for the recommendations of a task force recently created to investigate the issue.

"City employees are the backbone of the exceptional services Alexandrians receive," said Mayor Bill Euille. "And we seek to fairly and competitively compensate our valuable employees as we build on the economic recovery we are now experiencing."

### By the Numbers

- ❖ Operating budget: \$566.9 million
- ❖ Increase over last year: 2.5 percent
- ❖ Tax rate: 99.8 cents for every \$100 of assessed value
- ❖ Average residential tax bill increase: \$107



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**West Springfield students Edward Gim and Hanbin Cho prepare the soil in the courtyard of the apartments on Elbert Avenue for seed.**

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## Rebuilding Together

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These three families were among the 60 helped by Rebuilding Together Alexandria as part of National Rebuilding Day April 30.

"At first I was embarrassed to have anyone even come inside my home," Michael said. "I was afraid the house would be condemned and I would have to leave. It was in pretty bad shape but I told RTA, 'If you want a challenge, here it is.'"

More than 1,000 volunteers, including Mayor Bill Euille, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, spread out across the city to help low-income homeowners like Michael with projects ranging from routine maintenance and yard work to

building wheelchair ramps, replacing kitchen cabinets and installing new roofs, windows and doors.

"Today is our signature day," said RTA Executive Director Katharine Medina. "But we provide services year-round to help the low-income, elderly and disabled veterans of the city live safely and independently for as long as possible in their homes."

Founded in 1986, RTA is one of 200 affiliates of the nationwide Rebuilding Together initiative that mobilizes more than 200,000 volunteers to work on 10,000 rehabilitation projects across the country.

"The RTA volunteers have been my angels," Michael said. "And I call Katharine my head angel. They have made me whole again."

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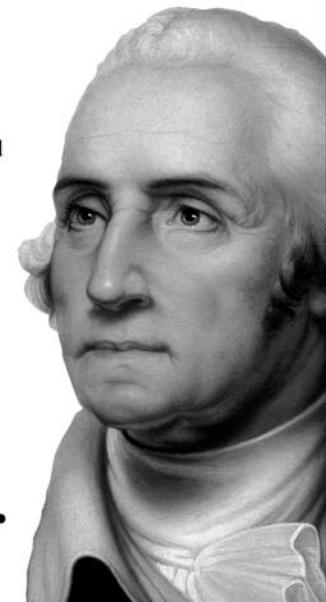
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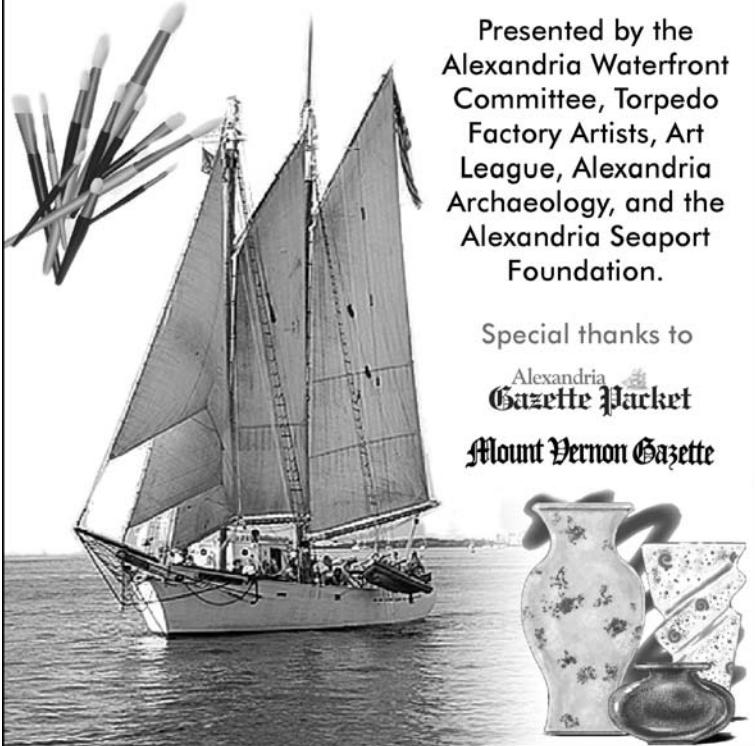


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## HISTORY

### Union Invades City

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To the south, an eccentric and impatient colonel by the name of Elmer Ellsworth prepared his dare-devil firefighters to cross the river on a gunboat called the "Pawnee." Just before dawn broke on the morning of Friday May 24, Ellsworth invaded from the waterfront and set out to occupy the telegraph office. Meanwhile, a Michigan regiment under the command of Col. Orlando Wilcox marched down Washington Street along with a company of cavalry and a battery of artillery.

Then fate intervened.

On his way to the telegraph office, Ellsworth noticed the large Confederate flag Jackson was flying atop the Marshall House. Along with a detail of his comrades, Ellsworth left the column and made his way to the boarding house. The sun was rising as Ellsworth burst into the doors of the Marshall House and climbed to the top of the stairs to retrieve the flag. But Jackson had already pledged that he would shoot any man who threatened his standard. And he was not about to back down now.

Jackson shot Ellsworth. Then Ellsworth's lieutenant shot Jackson. The blood of Union dead mingled with the blood of Confederate dead for the first time in the war. It would not be the last.

**SOLDIERS ROAMED** the streets looking to set up quarters, rummaging through the vacant home of secessionists. They confiscated much of the property and destroyed what they did not steal. Now in command of the city, Colonel Wilcox demanded that the City Council furnish the occupying Union forces with stables and forage for the cavalry. The council

refused. Wilcox responded by placing the city under martial law.

"Alexandria is ours," Wilcox proclaimed.

The day after the invasion, Snowden published an extra edition reporting the news of the invasion. But Snowden refused to print Wilcox's proclamation of martial law. As a result, some Michigan troops seized the building and printed the order — damaging some of the newspaper's equipment in the process. So he suspended publication. It wasn't until October that the newspaper was able to resume publication — the first interruption of daily service since the War of 1812.

Meanwhile, the Marshall House became a grim point of fascination. The New York Zouves ordered Jackson's wife and three daughters to leave Alexandria, and tourists were now trampling through her house. People in search of relics carved mementoes out of the building, removing the banister and chipping off pieces of the floor. A New York "Highlander" admitted to taking fragments of the woodwork.

As May ended, Alexandria was under marshal law. Citizens were required to be indoors by 9 p.m. and were denied the right to buy liquor, wine or beer. All the mail stopped. Soldiers prevented people from crossing into Confederate territory.

The city's long occupation had begun.



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**This extra issue of the Alexandria Gazette was published after the invasion.**



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## NEWS

### 193 Pounds Of Drugs Collected

The Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Sheriff's Office collected 193 pounds of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction at the second National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 30.

The two Alexandria law enforcement agencies partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration to help prevent increased pill abuse and theft.

Residents dropped off unused prescription medications at two sites in the city: the Public Safety Center and the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The service was free and anonymous.

Last September, the two Alexandria law enforcement agencies collected more than 122 pounds of prescription drugs for destruction in the first take back initiative.

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# OPINION

# World Press Freedom Day

**M**ay 3 is World Press Freedom Day, a time to remember that in 2010, 44 journalists were murdered around the world to stop them from reporting the facts. In 2011, so far, 16 journalists have been murdered.

The day serves as a reminder to governments of the need to respect press freedom, also serves as a day of reflection on professional ethics and press freedom for those who work in media, a day of support for journalists and organizations of all kinds who are targets, and a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

The UN General assembly proclaimed May 3 as World Press Freedom Day in 1993, as a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world, publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered.

At the Gazette and Connection newspapers, we are reminded of the importance of press

## EDITORIALS

freedom internationally by the daily presence of Kemal Kurspahic. Of the 50 World Press Freedom Heroes named 10 years ago, who were honored again in Vienna, Austria last September, one is Kemal Kurspahic, managing editor and community editor for the Vienna, McLean, Great Falls, Reston and Oak Hill/Herndon Connections.

In December 1988, Kemal Kurspahic was named editor-in-chief of *Oslobodjenje*, Sarajevo's 70,000 circulation daily newspaper, the first elected by the paper's staff. Before that, the Communist Party had controlled all editorial appointments. Then after the communists were ousted and Bosnia's first democratic elections held, Kurspahic battled to maintain editorial independence against a coalition of nationalist parties through a constitutional court case in 1991.

During the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, despite snipers' bullets, constant shelling, and newsprint shortages, the paper's multi-ethnic staff of Bosnians, Serbs and Croats, guided by Kurspahic, worked day and night in a nuclear

bomb shelter to put out a daily issue of the paper, providing one of the city's only sources of information.

In the United States, freedom of the press is protected by the Constitution.

While the challenges in Northern Virginia pale in comparison, we also remember that there are miles to go in openness and transparency in government.

More: [www.wpf2011.org](http://www.wpf2011.org), [www.cpj.org](http://www.cpj.org), [www.freemedia.at/awards/world-press-freedom-heroes](http://www.freemedia.at/awards/world-press-freedom-heroes)

## Happy Mother's Day

Around the world, but more so in our area, mothers run the company, the town, the schools, the county, the world, as well as the family, the PTA, the soccer (and lacrosse, softball, baseball, football, track ...) team.

Thanks, moms, for all you do, and for demonstrating to all of us that anything is possible.

- MARY KIMM,

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## Budget of Compromises

To the Editor:

Alexandria City Council's FY 2012 budget season came to an end on May 2 when the budget was adopted by a unanimous 7-0 vote without the controversial, additional tax for commercial properties. This consensus did not come without compromise, and during this budget season, there was a tremendous amount of give and take to reach a budget with a unanimous vote. The add-on tax for commercial properties, funding for schools, and pension adjustments were the three major topics of discussion.

I am pleased to say that the solution for our continuing transportation challenges does not impose an additional burden exclusively on our business community in these fragile economic times. I advocated strongly for not creating a special tax district on commercial and industrial properties, and not imposing this tax was instrumental in my support of the overall budget. Citizens and business owners voiced their



## Snapshot

7:01 p.m., April 30, First Division Honor Guard greets guests at a Mark Center Hilton Hotel dinner.

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concerns about this inequitable tax, and after much debate, the Council listened. Over \$10 million a year has been budgeted through the general fund for necessary projects that will support our growing city's transportation needs.

Another major challenge we faced in the budget this year is the growing enrollment in City schools. Currently, 24,000 youth under the age of 18 live in the City, which accounts for 17 percent of our population. Two existing elementary schools approaching 50 years old were approved for major renovations in the budget.

The majority of the Council was not in favor of making any modifications to the pension plans of current City employees. However, I am hopeful the newly appointed Ad-Hoc Pension Advisory Committee will bring proposals forward that are in-line with private sector retirement plans. I am committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility while continuing to offer competitive benefits to City employees.

Some of Alexandria's greatest needs will be served through this budget. We have successfully provided funding for long-term needs, such as education and public safety, while also addressing the urgency of transportation funding without burdening our City's job-creators and harming economic growth. It has been a pleasure working with my fellow City Council members to find solutions to these challenges and keep Al-

exandria moving forward.

**Frank H. Fannon IV**  
Alexandria City Council

### Hijacking the Waterfront

To the Editor :

As I stood in the rain recently with a gathering of others who oppose rezoning the waterfront, I reflected on how difficult it is for "outsiders," aka, the general public, to influence planning policy. It was ever thus when there is money on the table with well-organized special interests ready to grab it. The interests don't have to stand in the rain; they are inside City Hall.

What is billed as a master plan for the waterfront began, and remains, first and foremost, a design to exploit the waterfront for the benefit of commercial interests, justified by the dubious claim that the plan would enhance the city's revenue base. The much-touted two years of public meetings on the plan have been a charade. The few changes that have been made in the plan along the way — including the most recent — amount to little more than a transparent effort to apply cosmetics to an already ill-disguised pig.

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tion, historical appreciation or cultural sensitivity. They have not brought forth alternative choices for comparative evaluation by the Planning Board or the City Council. The core of the plan remains as it began: rezone the waterfront to permit the building of hotels and restaurants along the waterfront.

To date, the Alexandria public has not caught up with the reality of what could occur in the City Council just a few days from now. Approval of the current plan by the Council would carry with it immediate rezoning without guaranteeing that any of the plan's more attractive features — uninspired as they are — would be realized. Only one thing is certain; if the rush to embrace the current plan is not forestalled, the City Council is set to legitimize the irreversible hijacking of Alexandria's waterfront heritage.

Alexandrians don't have to go stand in the rain to keep this from happening: just call, write, or email members of the City Council. Urge them not to re-zone the waterfront. Encourage your local civic groups to remind the Council that the waterfront belongs —

and matters — to all of Alexandria.

**Richard M. Moose**  
Alexandria

## Loss of Public Plaza

To the Editor:

The city's planning staff last week abandoned one of the gems of the proposed waterfront plan: a major new public plaza where King Street meets the Potomac River.

The staff eliminated the plaza because the Old Dominion Boat Club made it clear that it will not consider moving its surface parking from this location on the remains of the historic Fitzgerald Wharf.

The decision effectively means that the most important historic gateway to the city will forever be marred by a surface parking lot.

Does anybody truly think this is a good outcome? Shouldn't the history community, especially, be outraged?

Staff had proposed the eminently reasonable idea of relocat-

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# NEWS



**Mayor Bill Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry Donley and Councilmember's Del Pepper, Rob Krupicka and Alicia Hughes finish the planting of two trees in Ben Brenman Park.**



**Ashlea Smith from the Alice Ferguson Foundation came as the Bag Monster.**

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**Hollis from Lyles Crouch designed a Milky Way Musketeer outfit from milk cartons and chip bags.**



**Dr. Samantha Ahdoot is congratulated by her husband Kenneth on receiving the 2011 Ellen Pickering Environmental Award.**

## Celebrating Earth Day at Ben Brenman Park

To encourage participation in Earth Day this year, students from all of the public schools were invited to create a wardrobe item for recycled materials. The fashion show Trashion featured

designs from students at George Mason, Cora Kelly, Maury, Polk, Jefferson Houston, John Adams, Ramsay, MacArthur, Tucker, Mount Vernon, Hammond, George Washington, Lyles Crouch, Patrick Henry, and T.C.

Williams. The fashion designers from Polk, Ramsay and Lyles Crouch were honored for their work. After the fashion show, the Ellen Pickering Environmental Award was given to Dr. Samantha Ahdoot.

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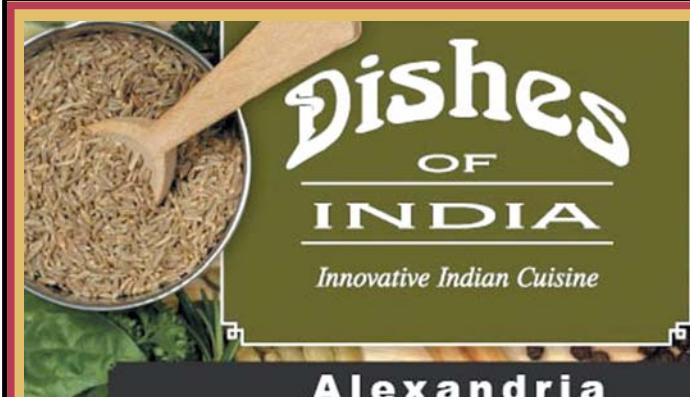
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## OPINION

# Art From the Soul

By MARY ANNE WEBER  
Chair, Alexandria Community Services Board

This week an unusual exhibit of art will be up on the walls of the Lee Center to remain on exhibit until June 30. Everyone is invited to come view "Art Uniting People," a celebration of creativity and mental health. The artists are all people whose lives have been affected by mental illness, substance abuse disorders or intellectual abilities. Through their art they are sharing their own personal vision, their own strongest images and dreams, and in some cases, their own personal stories. This is the beginning of what they hope will be a community-wide conversation about mental health and the often long and bumpy road to recovery.

The opening reception is a good place to start that conversation. On Thursday, May 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Lee Center, former U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy will be the guest speaker. Like his father, the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy has been a long-time advocate for health care, particularly mental health care, and in his own life he has dealt with bipolar disorder and substance abuse disorders. Also appearing are dancers from the Rhythm of Hope Dance Company of the National Rehabilitation & Rediscovery Foundation. But the most important guests of all will be the artists themselves, some of whom will share their thoughts about their work.

This exhibit was proposed by the Mental Health Anti-Stigma Hope Campaign which invited artists of all ages to participate by submitting a diverse range of art works including painting, drawing and sculpture. The response from the artists was enthusiastic and many are already hoping this is the first of many annual celebrations.

While the exhibit may be a first for Alexandria, the idea is not.

## Art Uniting People'

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 12  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street

From time to time people have discovered the special vision of those who for various reasons are considered outside society, often never formally taught. Their art came from within themselves, from their own personalities and was unusual in concept and subject and strikingly original. In some cases, artists worked in secret and their work was not discovered until after their deaths. Some were people who had been institutionalized for a large part of their lives, in prison or in mental hospitals or homes for the intellectually or developmentally disabled.

In the 1970s, a critic, Roger Cardinal, called the art "Outsider Art" in an attempt to describe works created outside the fine art system, works that in France had been called "L'Art Brut." But this art had first begun to be recognized early in the 20th century in the work of those who had been institutionalized. Later the genre included the work of others who were outside the mainstream for various reasons. Some of them became quite famous. In some cases, that fame did not occur until after their deaths when their work was discovered, in others we do not know the real name of the artist, only a pseudonym.

All of the artists at this exhibit are currently unknown. But who knows what they might become? For that reason alone, the exhibit is worth a visit and a look. After its display at the Lee Center, the work will be moved to the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street from July 1 to Jan. 6, 2012.

The Mental Health Anti-Stigma Hope Campaign is a collaboration with the Community Services Board, Alexandria's therapeutic Recreation Program, the Alexandria Office of the Arts and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

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ing lot.

It is not clear what the boat club is thinking, but it may want to continue to shield its property from the public (it does so now with not-exactly-historic chain link and stockade fences). The new public square was intended to be a central gathering point on the waterfront for public activity.

It is dispiriting to think that the boat club's parking lot will remain at this historic location in perpetuity, especially given the wonderful new public space that staff had proposed to replace it — one that would have celebrated Alexandria's history.

I hope a solution can still be reached that would meet the boat club's needs while eliminating the surface parking lot. By agreeing to this, the boat club could make a true contribution to the public good.

**Bill Hendrickson**

Alexandria

## Transit Solution Already Outlined

To the Editor:

So often the answer to a problem is immediately at hand, but clouded by extraneous considerations, we fail to grasp it. So it is with transit on the Beauregard Corridor, a topic that has engendered much concern, particularly in the light of the impending opening of BRAC.

The answer lies right on the pages of the City's Master Plan under the title "Transit Concept Characteristics," language adopted by both the Planning Commission and City Council just three years ago. In a section entitled "Dedicated Right-of-Way" the document makes clear that rights-of-way or alignments dedicated to transit vehicles should come from "existing lanes of traf-

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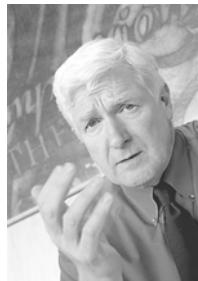
# BRAC Battle Continues as Clock Ticks

BY JIM MORAN  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-8)

Four months are left before BRAC threatens to cause a condition of traffic chaos in our region. Sept. 15 is the deadline for the Department of Defense (DoD) to implement its Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) recommendations. Yet, Northern Virginia's roadways remain wholly unprepared for the influx of thousands of new vehicles those BRAC moves will bring.

I opposed and voted against the 2005 BRAC Commission's recommendations because the relocations will adversely impact hundreds of thousands of commuters who rely on Rt. 1, I-95 and I-395 and the communities along those highways.

Route 1 will be impacted due to 1) the relocation of more than 10,000 workers from Metro-accessible office space onto Ft. Belvoir and 2) the construction of a new state-of-the-art military hospital. Included in this year's budget, I was able to include \$150 million to widen Route 1 through Ft. Belvoir to help handle the new traffic and ensure that injured and sick service members and their families can get to and from the hospital without significant delays.



The bigger traffic threat to our region, however, comes from the relocation of 6,400 employees with the Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) to the Mark Center on Seminary Road in Alexandria. Ninety percent of these employees work in office space inside the Beltway accessible to public transit today. And that is where they should stay until there is sufficient road capacity to handle them at the Mark Center.

The Army originally planned to locate WHS at the Engineering Proving Grounds on the western end of Ft. Belvoir. But traffic studies I requested showed that the move would create up to a two-hour delay on I-95, convincing the Army to move it to another location. Former Congressman Tom Davis and I advocated strongly for the new site to be located at what's known as the GSA Warehouse in Springfield. The site sits next to Metro and has adequate access to major roadways. We were even successful in passing legislation allowing the property to be transferred to the Army. Yet, at the end of the site selection process, the Army instead chose the Mark Center, a location with no access to Metro and poor vehicular access points. If they were going to locate that far off-base, the Victory Center on

Eisenhower Avenue would have been much preferable.

At the time of the decision, I was quoted in this paper saying what a disappointment the Army's selection was and that we would regret it. But being able to say I told you so is of little consolation given the havoc this decision is about to create.

Though I did not support the selection of the Mark Center site, with the construction nearing completion we are unlikely to be successful preventing eventual occupancy of the building. So, at this point, our principal focus must be on 1) funding for transportation improvements and 2) time to implement them.

On the funding side, most of the money has been identified to carry out the short, mid, and long term improvements at Mark Center that the Virginia Department of Transportation states are needed to prevent gridlock. DoD has made \$20 million available to cover the short and mid-term improvements. Governor McDonnell has provided another \$80 million to build a ramp from the HOV lanes to the Mark Center site, an important long term improvement.

But we still lack the second major need: time. BRAC law requires that the Mark Center be occupied by September. The Army plans to begin moving people into the building in August. They project it will be fully

occupied by December of this year. Yet, the vital transportation fixes won't be completed until at least 2016.

From working to pass a parking cap limiting the number of cars allowed to park in the building to 1,000 (2,800 less than its maximum capacity), to calling for legal action based on a recent report by the Defense Department's own Inspector General which cited major flaws in the transportation studies underpinning the site selection, I'm pursuing an "all options on the table" strategy to prevent this pending traffic nightmare.

Teaming with our Senators, the Governor, and the City of Alexandria, we're further pressing the Defense Department to simply delay full occupation of the building until the transportation infrastructure is in place. We've sent multiple letters to Secretary Gates making that case in forceful terms and discussions have been ongoing on how to achieve such a delay.

The 2005 BRAC decision was deeply flawed, is no longer projected to save even a fraction of the money it was designed to save, and has been poorly executed, particularly in Northern Virginia. But unfortunately, our best option at this point is to continue to fight to make the best of what can only be described as a very bad situation.

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fic." It follows by stating: "This approach minimizes the need to expand the width of roads within the corridor, thereby minimizing the construction cost as well as impacts on the surrounding development."

This is current, enforceable City policy. Yet the concept heretofore has been ignored. It holds the answer to much of the concern about improved transit in the West End and would cost taxpayers nothing like the \$40 million recently projected by the City Manager.

As applied to the Beauregard Corridor, this concept would mean one dedicated bus lane each way on the existing roadway. Auto traffic, except for turns, would be restricted to the remaining lane or lanes. There would be no need to encroach on the median and its trees or to take property along each side of the street. Some simple restriping and other amenities like shelters and perhaps electronic signs for the waiting riders would suffice.

Another positive effect of applying city policy on the Beauregard Corridor would be to discourage automobile use there and provide strong incentives to use mass transit to enter and exit the area. Moreover, the concept can be implemented quickly – before BRAC becomes fully occupied. It anticipates the initial transit option would be rapid bus, but nothing precludes future conversion to trolley if that becomes feasible.

In sum, this blueprint for the future of transit in the Beauregard Corridor already

is set out for us in the Alexandria Master Plan. Let's have the courage to implement it. And soon.

**Jack Sullivan**  
Alexandria

## Examining Campaign Funds

To the Editor:

It is understandable that Del. Adam Ebbin's supporters are disappointed that the Gazette-Packet crowned Alexandria Councilman Rob Krupicka the "frontrunner" in the state Senate race based on First Quarter fundraising. But the pair of letters from Paul and Lois Friedman insisting Mr. Ebbin outpaced Mr. Krupicka in March collections make inaccurate claims.

I don't know if the Friedmans are related or if their common surname is coincidental. If they are related, it is rather cynical for related parties to send separate letters to a newspaper making the same point. A family echo chamber does not equate broad support for a position. It was also disengenuous for Lois Friedman to fail to disclose her \$14,100 of in-kind donations to Mr. Ebbin's campaign are his single largest line-item on his campaign finance disclosure (and also inflate his numbers).

The Friedmans, in their separate letters, insist Mr. Ebbin was handicapped by state law prohibiting members of the legislature raise campaign cash during the session. This

is a red herring. None of the candidates declared they were running until after Sen. Patsy Ticer announced her retirement on the last day of the session.

Mr. Friedman states flatly, "Del. Adam Ebbin actually brought in money as a faster rate than either of his two opponents and his combined total resources match, if not exceed, the so-called frontrunner's." The numbers themselves don't support this contention. According to filings on record with the State Board of Elections, Mr. Krupicka raised only \$18,890 of his \$93,810 quarterly numbers before March (he also contributed \$12,861 from his Political Action Committee).

When you factor out pre-March contributions and those from the candidates' own PACs, Mr. Krupicka raised \$62,059 in cash during the month of March. Mr. Ebbin raised \$45,112 during the same period. I don't know about front-runner status, but fundraising clearly shows Mr. Krupicka enjoys a broader base of support, both in terms of dollar totals and number of contributors. Those are the facts, no matter how uncomfortable they make Mr. Ebbin's supporters.

**Ryan Donmoyer**  
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## Help Students Who Need It

To the Editor:

*The following open letter is addressed to*

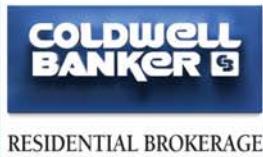
*Dr. Morton Sherman and ACPS School Board members.*

I am in agreement with the Virginia Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Patricia Wright's recommendation to not expand the ACPS school year and urge the board not to waste the time, energy and expense involved in further pursuit of this issue. Let me make it clear. Should Dr. Sherman and the board continue to on the course of mandating in secrecy and not adhering to the will of its constituency, a groundswell will occur towards replacing board members at the ballot box.

Once again the ACPS School Board is not listening or oblivious to the overwhelming will of the parents, teachers and taxpayers in not starting the school year prior to the Labor Day holiday. ACPS has not presented a convincing argument that it has the financial means, planning and logistical support to make this early start or the proposed expansion of the school day viable. The parents and teachers spoke in overwhelming numbers against these proposals at board meetings held early in the year. I was one of them. The only people that spoke in favor (during the first session I attended) were an outsider involved with a national education association and one parent. There were many more wanting to come up and speak against this ill-considered and poorly executed plan that were not able to do so due to time constraints. Two out of 25 does not a majority make and the outside speaker

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**\$460,000**  
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Nicky  
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**Wellington** **\$3,555,000**  
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 901 South Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22204  
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Spacious four level home has been meticulously maintained. Absolutely gorgeous half acre lot within walking distance of clubhouse and river in this fabulous waterfront community. Both home and grounds are in exceptional condition. Significant upgrades include luxurious baths, hardwood floors and much updating throughout. Unique opportunity to be near water at reasonable price. OPEN SUN 5/8, 1-4. Dirs: GW Pkwy Past Estate; L-Forest Haven; L-Tarpon.

**JUST LISTED!**  
**1205 Cedar Dale Ln**  
**\$1,250,000**  
**New Home!**  
**Pre-Construction Value!**  
Rare new home opportunity just off GW Parkway! Fabulous price on spacious Fairfax model by Wakefield Homes, the area's leading custom builder. Craftman architecture with full front porch to enhance natural beauty of gorgeous 1/2A lot. Home is loaded with upgrades and custom features and located in Waynewood School Dist. Super value, priced thousands below other new homes in area! Call for details! (Pic is of similar home)

**NEW PRICE!**  
**1907 Rampart Dr**  
**\$655,000**  
**Stunning Addition!**  
One of the most truly spectacular properties in Ft. Hunt area! Exceptionally bright, open floor plan. Back of home was expanded resulting in breathtaking, glass walled, open kitchen/family room and main level master suite. Fabulous features include: updated gourmet kitchen with granite and custom cabinets. Expansive deck! Great location!

**1722 W ABINGDON DR**  
**#201 / Alexandria**  
**\$ 241,500**  
Beautifully maintained, updated 1BR/1BA - granite counters/breakfast bar, wood flooring, 1 year old new HVAC - Partially furnished incl: blinds, 2 lg area rugs, Lazyboy chair, queen sleep sofa & BA items convey! - Pet free bldg. Commuter's dream - only 1 light to Pkwy & DC - off-street parking - low condo fees.

**505 E BRADDOCK RD / Alexandria**  
**\$ 329,000**  
Pristine 2BR/IBA unit in Colecroft Station; across the street from Braddock metro, & w/in walking distance into Old Town & more! All new carpet, chic new BA, kit updates. Masonic Temple views from brick Master courtyard + additional patio off LR. Sleek bldg w/gym, party rm, garage parking & best location in town! Move in ready!

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**CUSTOM BUILT**  
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**3932 Ft Worth Ave**  
**\$959,000**  
**Updated Colonial!**  
Exciting new listing! Spacious 3 level colonial in prime Seminary Ridge location. Home is in pristine condition with many fabulous features including: four large bedrooms, updated white kitchen, newly finished hardwood floors, luxurious master suite and oversized 2 car garage. Deck overlooks private grounds. Convenient to everything. Walk to St. Stephens/St. Agnes School.

**8705 Yardley Dr**  
**\$555,950**  
**Redecorated Inside and Out!**  
One of Stratford Area's Best Values! The wallpaper is gone-the interior is freshly painted. Numerous special features include: great room with exceptionally large window wall, eat-in kitchen with gas cooking, large master suite with private deck, finished lower level family room with fireplace, magnificent grounds with private backyard.

**7714 STONE WHEAT CT**  
**Kingstowne**  
**\$ 850,000**  
Spectacular 5BR home on a private cul-de-sac lot. Brazilian cherry hardwood floors, updated kitchen & baths. Fully finished walk-out lower level w/au-pair-MIL suite, storage, & rec rm.

**SAT/7th OPEN 12 - 3!**  
**1403 BELLE VIEW BLVD # A-1**  
**Alex. / \$ 253,000**  
You can't help saying "WOW" when you see the rich Brazilian cherry flrs, the gorgeous kitchen cabinets & limestone, the spa-like bath redo, and the new windows in the 2BR / 1st flr condo. Convenient bike, bus & Metro commuter location too.

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**4620 TARPOUN LN**  
**Yacht Haven**  
**\$ 698,500**  
PEACE & QUIET! Lovely 4BR/3BA home w/ den or office has many upgrades incl: screened porch, LR w/cozy fp. Open fppl on main lvl has a lg family rm w/built-ins - separate laundry rm & great pantry. A 2-car gar has workshop & loft. **Open house w/ Steve Crimmin @ 703.625.5836.**  
**Katherine Ward** 703.627.8782

**2205 Bassett St**  
**\$698,500**  
**Total Renovation!**  
**Prime Location!**  
SELLER MOVING REDUCED PRICE MAKES THIS FAB 3LVL COLONIAL BEST VALUE IN AREA! Totally renovated and updated from top to bottom. Custom features include: brick exterior, bright, open floor plan, hardwood floors, 3.5 updated baths, 4 bedrooms w/luxurious master suite, 2FPs and fin LL. Prime cul-de-sac location. Fenced level lot. Move In Ready!

**9005 Cherrytree Dr**  
**\$625,000**  
**Classic Colonial-Major Updates!**  
Classic center hall colonial with great floor plan and large room sizes. Most major components have been recently updated. Renovations include: plumbing, electrical, brand new custom kitchen, refinished hdwd flrs and upgraded ceramic tile. Work performed by professional interior designer with fabulous results!

**9412 Ferry Landing Ct**  
**\$798,500**  
**Expanded and Updated!**  
Custom colonial on gorgeous large lot in fabulous setting on one of area's nicest streets. Numerous special features include: recently updated kitchen with light maple cabinets, granite and stainless. Family room off kitchen, home office, refinished hdwd flrs, 4BR including master suite with private bath and sitting room. Spectacular second floor family room addition and oversize 2 car garage. Expansive outside decking overlooks custom pool and spacious grounds.

**OPEN SUN. 1 - 4pm!**  
**3171 WOODLAND LN / Mt Vernon**  
**\$ 849,500**  
WATER FRONT CONTEMPORARY - Spacious & secluded home on large wooded lot sited on Little Hunting Creek. Walls of glass w/water & wildlife views from almost every room. Multiple decks lead to a private dock, be on the Potomac River in just minutes.

**7122 COLD SPRING CT**  
**Alexandria**  
**\$ 322,500**  
Move right into this impeccable 3lv, 3BR/3.5BA TH in convenient Woodstone; mins to metro, OT, Ft Belvoir & more. Upgrades incl new kit, all new windows/doors, hdwd flrs, full fin LL & major sys updates. Open fppl w/FP - new French doors to fenced/landscaped, priv back yard & Huntley Meadows Park at your door!

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**2030 PIERIS COURT**  
**Vienna**  
**\$ 655,000**  
TYSON'S TERRIFIC! Turnkey Every upgrade imaginable including separate wine cellar. Backs to Trees! Hdwd floors, deck, landscaped patio, eat-in kitchen, sep DR, 3BR/2.55 BA, cherry cabinetry, FP, curved staircase, lots of storage & much more.

**4502 Phyllis St**  
**\$565,000**  
**Huge Home - Little Price!**  
Most home for the money in Mt. Vernon area today! Incredibly spacious property with major additions including family room, master bedroom and oversize 2 car garage. Other fabulous features: 5BRs, 3.5BAs, hdwd flrs, updated insulation and 2 decks. Library can easily be converted to main level bedroom. Prime location on large lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac. Over 3,000 sq ft of beautifully maintained living area at a price that appears to be too good to be true! Don't be left out!

**8919 Union Farm Rd**  
**\$549,900**  
**Updated Home - Tranquil Location!**  
New Price! Made for entertaining! Shows like a model home! Remodeled inside and out! New kitchen with stainless appliances and granite counters, baths with new fixtures and ceramic tile, designer paint and new carpet. Pool and deck were redone in 2009. Upper deck and lower patio create a wonderful outdoor space for all seasons. Quiet street overlooking golf course and backs to woodland.

**4503 Ferry Landing Rd**  
**\$625,000**  
**One Level Luxury - No Stairs!**  
Rare opportunity-Spacious 1 level home on gorgeous lot in premier Yacht Haven location! This special home has been updated and offers many fabulous features: large room sizes, open floor plan, updated kitchen and baths, stunning master suite w/cathedral ceiling and luxury bath, sunroom and 2 car garage. If you are looking to eliminate stairs without sacrificing size and luxurious amenities-this is it!

**510 CATHEDRAL DRIVE**  
**Alexandria**  
**\$ 3,625,000**  
House on .60 acre  
**\$ 1,875,000**  
Subdivided half acre lots  
**\$ 875,000 each**

This distinctive home offers almost 5,000 square feet, with most living space on the main level, including 4 bedroom suites, gourmet kitchen, multi-season porch and two fireplaces. Magnificent 1.5 acre property with three subdivided lots and surrounded by lush plantings, mature trees and heated swimming pool.

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
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**Kerry Adams**  
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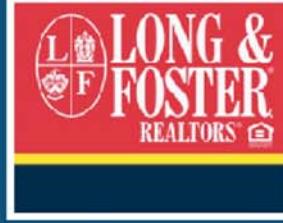


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## HOME SALES

In March 2011, 177 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,015,000-\$80,000.  
 This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,015,000-\$590,000 range.  
 For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address .....	BR	FB	HB	Postal City .. Sold Price .. Type ..	Lot AC .....	Subdivision
226 WINDSOR AVE W .....	6	... 6	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$2,015,000 ... Detached .. 0.37 .....	WINDSOR OAKS	
16 ALEXANDER ST .....	3	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$1,200,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.04 .....	FORDS LANDING	
3700 TAFT AVE .....	4	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$1,198,972 ... Detached .. 0.22 .....	COOPERS GROVE	
34 WOLFE ST #29 .....	2	... 2	2	ALEXANDRIA .. \$1,139,000 ... Townhouse ..	HARBORSIDE	
100 SYLVAN CT .....	5	... 4	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$1,050,000 ... Detached .. 0.45 .....	FORT WILLIAMS PARK	
304 DUKE ST .....	3	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$1,010,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.04 .....	OLD TOWN	
3108 HOLLY ST .....	4	... 4	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$981,000 ... Detached .. 0.17 .....	MOUNT IDA	
5013 JOHN TICER DR .....	3	... 2	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$935,000 ... Detached .. 0.09 .....	CAMERON STATION	
4012 MOSS PL .....	4	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$930,000 ... Detached .. 0.24 .....	SEMINARY RIDGE	
403 FONTAINE ST .....	3	... 3	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$900,000 ... Detached .. 0.15 .....	JEFFERSON PARK	
2125 MARLBORO DR .....	5	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$850,000 ... Detached .. 0.28 .....	MARLBORO ESTATES	
722 CARPENTER RD .....	4	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$840,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.02 .....	POTOMAC GREENS	
401 ORONOCO ST .....	3	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$815,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.02 .....	CHATHAM SQUARE	
306 S. WEST ST .....	3	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$799,900 ... Townhouse ..	THE DUKE @ OLD TOWN	
1003 KING ST .....	2	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$799,900 ... Att/Row Hse .. 0.02 .....	OLD TOWN	
708 ARCH HALL LN .....	5	... 4	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$795,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.04 .....	OLD TOWN GREENS	
821 WATER PL .....	3	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$780,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.03 .....	RIVERGATE	
105 MAPLE ST E .....	4	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$769,900 ... Detached .. 0.11 .....	ROSEMONT PARK	
26 W. BRADDOCK RD .....	4	... 2	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$765,000 ... Detached .. 0.20 .....	ROSEMONT	
1755 POTOMAC GREENS DR .....	3	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$750,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.02 .....	POTOMAC GREENS	
5173 BRAWNER PL .....	4	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$745,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.04 .....	CAMERON STATION	
809 FAIRFAX ST .....	3	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$745,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.06 .....	YATES GARDENS	
3529 GODDARD WAY .....	3	... 2	2	ALEXANDRIA .. \$735,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.05 .....	QUAKER RIDGE	
3105 HOLLY ST .....	3	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$729,000 ... Detached .. 0.17 .....	MOUNT IDA	
414 SAINT ASAPH ST S .....	3	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$725,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.04 .....	OLD TOWN	
518 OVERLOOK DR N .....	3	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$716,000 ... Detached .. 0.36 .....	BEVERLY HILLS	
246 MEDLOCK LN .....	4	... 4	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$708,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.03 .....	CAMERON STATION	
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1115 .....	3	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$690,000 ... Hi-Rise 9+ Floors ..	THE JAMIESON	
1213 DUKE ST .....	2	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$685,600 ... Townhouse .. 0.05 .....	ALEXANDRIA	
2014 SCROGGINS RD .....	4	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$672,500 ... Detached .. 0.16 .....	MCKENZIE LEWIS PROPERTY	
902 MOUNT VERNON AVE .....	3	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$666,000 ... Detached .. 0.13 .....	DEL RAY	
309 DEL RAY AVE E .....	3	... 1	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$665,000 ... Detached .. 0.13 .....	DEL RAY	
16 WINDSOR AVE W .....	3	... 2	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$653,500 ... Detached .. 0.13 .....	DEL RAY	
107 MASONIC VIEW AVE .....	3	... 1	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$650,000 ... Detached .. 0.14 .....	ROSEMONT AREA	
430 FERDINAND DAY DR .....	4	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$650,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.05 .....	CAMERON STATION	
135 MONCURE DR .....	4	... 3	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$635,000 ... Detached .. 0.12 .....	GLENMORE	
118 WOLFE ST .....	2	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$632,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.02 .....	OLD TOWN	
2719 KING ST .....	3	... 2	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$625,000 ... Detached .. 0.25 .....	GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK	
1400 MOUNT VERNON #B .....	2	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$619,900 ... Multi-Family ..	THE MOSBY	
324 PAYNE ST N .....	3	... 2	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$610,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.04 .....	OLD TOWN	
1318 JULIANA PL .....	4	... 2	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$605,000 ... Detached .. 0.25 .....	VARSITY PARK	
4611 KIRKLAND PL .....	3	... 4	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$605,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.05 .....	STONEGATE	
5010 GRIMM DR .....	3	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$600,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.03 .....	CAMERON STATION	
309 HOLLAND LN #326 .....	2	... 2	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$600,000 ... Garden 1-4 Floors ..	ROYALTON AT KING ST METRO	
1800 POTOMAC GREENS DR .....	3	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$600,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.02 .....	POTOMAC GREENS	
327 ROYAL ST N .....	2	... 1	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$599,900 ... Townhouse .. 0.03 .....	OLD TOWN HISTORIC	
5009 WAPLE LN .....	3	... 2	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$599,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.04 .....	CAMERON STATION	
5111 GARDNER DR .....	4	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$598,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.02 .....	CAMERON STATION	
2310 SANFORD ST .....	4	... 3	1	ALEXANDRIA .. \$595,000 ... Townhouse .. 0.03 .....	OAK CLUSTER	
61 QUAKER LN N .....	7	... 5	0	ALEXANDRIA .. \$590,000 ... Detached .. 0.18 .....	SUMMERS	

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should have no bearing or merit in a local issue.

In reviewing the meeting, one item was particularly disturbing. During the open commentary, Dr. Sherman made very little, if any eye contact with the speakers. It seemed he was more interested in his Blackberry communications than the well-stated opinions of the vast majority of parents, teachers and support professionals. I find this demeanor offensive, elitist and arrogant. This opinion is proven by his continued persistence in expanding the school year despite the Virginia Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Patricia Wright's recommendation to deny the request. Obviously, Dr. Sherman and the ACPS School Board's well documented history of "educational success" (most recently made apparent nationally with T.C Williams H.S. issues) makes them feel they know what is best and the opinion of state officials and parents matter little!

I propose (again) that the school district identify those at-risk students that are struggling in academics and limit an early start curriculum to these targeted students. This would allow a limited usage of school facilities and teaching capabilities in a positive manner towards these at-risk students. This would be more economically viable than the general early opening of the school year.

I have proposed the aforementioned idea to a board member that I supported in the last election and was told that it would result in targeting certain minority groups. In addition, I was told it would not go over well or be supported by certain "long-standing" board members. I must state that I respect this board member's opinion. However, we are not talking about racial or ethnic issues.

We are talking about education and the realities of stretched budgets, stressed students, teachers and facilities. Making the school day longer for the entire ACPS student population, teachers and support staff only increases the aforementioned stresses. There is no concrete plan in place that states otherwise.

Personally, my proposal was targeted towards struggling students. The reality that these students are predominantly within certain minority ethnic groups is something we all need to face in a honest manner. The reasons for this go much deeper than any board member or I can solve. Certainly, the general expansion of the school year is not the answer until a much more detailed, thought out and logically supportable

plan is worked out. This would be one that the parents, teachers and support professionals of the ACPS can have "buy-in."

Stop playing politics and being "politically correct" with the education of our children and start showing logic, economically viable and well thought out educational planning for the future of our children. Show some leadership. I know that may be a "different" way of thinking for some of the aforementioned "long standing" board members. Then again, it may be time for a change for these "long standing" ACPS Board members.

Brian E. Ply

## More Facts, Less Emotion

To the Editor

I cannot let the letter of Susan B. Kellom of the Alexandria Democrat Committee pass without comment. This is the typical emotion-filled, fact-challenged demagoguery that I have come to expect from her party - in other words more blah, blah, blah. While no one expects universal agreement on Paul Ryan's "Path to Prosperity," at least he has put out a plan.

Ms. Kellom's assertions are rendered all the more odious given her party's total abdication of its budgetary responsibility while holding the White House and clear majorities in both Houses of Congress. Now they maintain their one-trick-pony act of raising taxes on the so-called rich, a measure which will, in and of itself, not make a dent in our country's massive budget shortfalls.

I wonder if Ms. Kellom has ever read the material she cites and disparages such as Ayn Rand or the "Path to Prosperity" document itself. She asserts that the Ryan document refuses to close tax loopholes for corporations. Had she bothered to take a peek, she would have encountered a passage, "Remove distortions from the (tax) code by eliminating or modifying deductions, credits and special carve-outs that leave many companies paying no tax at all."

How inconvenient it is when facts and data get in the way of emotionally driven tirades pretending to some sort of moral superiority. Democrats such as Ms. Kellom would be well advised to replace their customary self-serving blather with prescriptions that move beyond the simplistic and ineffective "tax the rich" mantra. A few actual facts based in economic reality might help too.

Kenneth Cohen  
Alexandria

## Time To Return To Drawing Board

To the Editor:

Last week, Mayor Bill Euille published a spirited defense of the waterfront plan. The plan is going to City Council on May 14. But it is evident there is not widespread support for the plan. The Mayor said "the primary themes would be history, art, boating ..." and the purpose of the plan is to create "a continuous access to the waterfront edge; to create new parks and public spaces, museums or other cultural activities." But history and arts are only themes, when they should be the backbone, chapter and verse of this plan. The history appendix was written specifically so that it could be folded into the current plan, but it has not been. History and arts are currently unfunded after-

thoughts used to garner buy-in on this plan. The Archaeology Commission voted not to take a position on land use issued and their spokesperson, James McCall, stated this at the Planning Commission. A city, with as much history as Alexandria should not just preserve "what's left," as the Mayor put it, but expand its potential.

It was only at the end of the process that advocates for history and the arts put forward their own plans and vision, which have turned out to be the best parts. Now, citizens need to take this planning process back, and take the most creative, low impact, and low cost parts of the plan and talk about alternative methods of funding, such as grants, creating an arts district, or forming a parks conservancy for the waterfront. There are ways to leverage private/public partnerships that will ensure more long-term citizen involvement. We are no longer in a economic envi-

ronment where we can ask the city to do everything for us, so we need to think of ways we can work together to make money go farther. A partnership to care for parks, as neighbors of Founders Park have been doing voluntarily, would save the city money. Every park the city visited in New York City as models for this plan is run by a parks conservancy, so why not try it here.

There are three sites where, as the Mayor says, "new development is proposed." Nothing else has been proposed for these sites. Is it pressure from developers that has made this plan dependent on major hotels? Or is it the need for more money to support the city budget, as the Mayor says "for fire stations, schools and transit?" These things are important, but if you look at everywhere in the city as a cash cow to put money in the general fund, then you are not looking at the unique assets of

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## LETTERS

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each neighborhood. If this is the only tool in the tool box then we do not have a very useful toolbox. There is a new set of tools, pioneered by Richard Florida in "The Rise of the Creative Class," that puts a value on creativity. And there is a movement, fostered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, from whom we recently got an award for being a distinctive destination, to create a sense of place. People hold up signs saying "This Place Matters." This Waterfront matters, and it should be a distinctive place that fosters creativity.

We can build a waterfront where history comes alive, and we can celebrate the arts with the arts walk. So, no Mayor Euille, hotels are not "good" for our waterfront. They will take up precious space which might better be used for a museum, boat building, or teaching art. They will "compromise our identity" by making us look like everywhere else. They are too large and their impact too great for an area only 8 blocks long. And to suggest that they will contain no restaurants is naive and misleading. Old town is too congested as it is to absorb the traffic that will accompany them. The increase in density is 25 percent on the development sites, not 2 percent. That is the increase in density for the entire waterfront zone. This up-zoning will make Robinson Terminal more expensive to ever purchase for a public use, an option that has not been fully explored. And finally, the plan says a Maritime Museum would cost 50 million, but the Mayor is only willing to commit 3.6 million to a variety of cultural activities, including a maritime museum. If history really does matter, than the Mayor and the city need to make the commitment and investment.

There are a lot of unanswered questions, and a lot of unknowns. The mayor has tried to answer some of the questions and concerns, but we are afraid this plan has a long way to go to be the crown jewel of Alexandria. Also in its present form, it may do more harm than good. So, Mayor Euille, it is not "time to make a decision" but time to go back to the drawing board. Don't make an irreversible decision from which we can not turn back. As TS Eliot wrote in the Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock: "There will be time, there will be time..." for decisions and revisions.

**Boyd Walker**

## Since Informed, Be Accountable

To the Editor:

With regard to Alexandria Councilmember Rob Krupicka's letter expressing his concerns about the transportation impact when BRAC-133 opens in September (Gazette Packet, April 28), I am amazed at his opening sentence: "I never supported putting the WHS (BRAC) buildings at Mark Center and the Eisenhower Valley and the Van Dorn Metro was always the obvious location." Really? Then why hasn't Mr. Krupicka spoken out against this until now? Could it be its because he is run-

ning for the 30th District Senate seat? He further goes on to state that "I was as shocked and dismayed as everyone in our community when DOD chose lower cost and poor transportation infrastructure over mass transit availability." Amazing! I don't know where he's been for the past three and a half years. But he has been aware that the Mark Center site was one of two options the City of Alexandria pushed for and was privy to the letter sent out by Assistant City Manager Mark Jinks in 2008 as he was "cc" on this letter welcoming DOD/Army into Alexandria at either the Victory Center site or Mark Center.

Furthermore, as someone who says he has been and is concerned about transportation, he knows full well that VDOT told our elected officials, Mr. Krupicka included, that the Mark Center site, which is not federally owned property, was a very poor choice due to the lack of a metro station. I find Mr. Krupicka's comments to be insulting to the residents of Alexandria and especially the residents of the West End who are most impacted by the 6,400 federal employees who will be moving into the Mark Center. Mr. Krupicka was well aware as were all of us that the Victory Center, which is federally own property would not sell and were only willing to lease.

Regarding Mr. Krupicka's many suggestions, he did not take the lead to save the Winkler Botanical Preserve. When I attended a worksession with the Mayor/council and P&Z regarding the Beauregard Small Area Plan, Mr. Krupicka suggested that perhaps we need a metro station at Eisenhower West, when we already have the Van Dorn metro station. I certainly hope Mr. Krupicka will not now suggest we have a "metro station to nowhere" at the intersection of Seminary/Beauregard.

Finally, Mr. Krupicka aligns himself with Congressman Jim Moran for Mr. Moran's "tough stance" regarding the Mark Center/BRAC-133. Wrong! If Mr. Krupicka had done his homework he would have the facts that in 2005 when BRAC was on the table for many jurisdictions throughout the country, Congressman Moran, former Congressman Tom Davis, former Senator John Warner and yes Senator Jim Webb could have forced Fairfax to accept a site near Ft. Belvoir. But they didn't and "caved to Fairfax politicians." The Army specifically requested that the second site be "anywhere in the vicinity of Ft. Belvoir" such as the geospatial site, the Bloom site in Manassas and/or the Springfield site near metro, properties all owned by the Federal government. Mr. Moran and others in 2006-2007 could have insisted that GSA clean out the trailers near the Springfield metro. Had our elected officials both at the federal level and local level, which would include Mr. Krupicka who remained silent throughout this entire process, taken charge and done the "right thing" for the residents of the West End of Alexandria, there would be no Mark Center/Duke Realty deal. Mr. Moran could have taken action prior to his vote by the House Appropriations committee, of which he is a member, to raise questions about the other sites the Army/DOD had requested, but Mr. Moran didn't and voted in favor for the House Appropriations bill. So now, Mr.

Krupicka fully supports Mr. Moran in his efforts to delay the opening of BRAC, reduce the parking to 1,000 spaces (a big mistake), and ask Alexandria to file a lawsuit against the federal government. Please, give us taxpayers a break — BRAC-133 will open and Duke Realty made mega bucks with the sale of their private property to the Army.

It is time for Mr. Krupicka to stop playing "political head games" with Alexandria voters, present the facts which he knows all too well, and stop spreading misinformation. For those residents of the West End who live within the boundaries of the Beauregard Small area plan, which I am one, we all understand the City's agenda for redevelopment of this area including Mr. Krupicka. Taking responsibility for your actions and words along with being accountable to the citizens of Alexandria along with those folks whom you are seeking votes, would be greatly appreciated and refreshing.

**Annabelle Fisher**

## Waterfront Plan Not Right for City

To the Editor:

The waterfront that Mayor Bill Euille describes as worldclass (last issue) is not right for Alexandria. Six hundred new hotel rooms overlooking the Potomac River will not make the waterfront a more public place, despite his promise that commercial development will pay for parks, cultural and historical venues, and old sailing ships. It all sounds too good to be true and we think it is.

The current plan is mostly about encouraging development, not expanding affordable public access to the Potomac in a way that is right for Alexandria.

1. The Plan is primarily about development, not parks.

His plan is primarily a development plan that includes parks that were promised to the City years ago when the major private property owners settled their quiet title lawsuits with the National Park Service. These are not great parks but narrow strips of land along the river in front of massive new development projects.

2. The Plan substantially increases the amount of development on the waterfront.

Rezoning will result in 25 percent increase in density at three key waterfront sites. This is a big increase when you consider their location and the large amount of development — 650,000 square feet — that is presently permitted under the existing zoning.

3. Hotels are no better for the waterfront than townhomes from a public use perspective.

They privatize the waterfront too and existing parks are likely to become more congested and essentially the "front lawn" of any new development. Rezoning allows hotels, but developers will build what is most profitable, not what is best for Alexandria.

4. Restaurants are a key part of this plan. The Plan calls for only one new restaur-

rant, but current zoning permits many more restaurants under a special use permit. The new small area plan encourages hotels and restaurants rather than setting strict limits on their number and size. In short, the Plan really opens the door to commercial development, and makes it seem that there is a limit on the number of new restaurants when it in fact it does not. Residents will be forced to try to protect their neighborhoods later.

5. Development makes nuisance flooding worse.

There is no need to overdevelop the waterfront to reduce nuisance flooding at the foot of King, Union, and the Strand. In fact, such development will require more, not less, flood protection. Floodplain and parks, not asphalt, are more appropriate here.

6. This Plan is disconnected from the environment and river.

Planners now say they will not connect any new development to the City's antiquated combined storm and sewer system. This is no more believable than their claim about the benefits of yet more development on a shoreline. What about the increased runoff that will still result? The air pollution? The noise?

7. Hotels are the anchor of this plan, not cultural and historic venues.

There is no cultural anchor or theme to this plan despite the Mayor's promise that \$3.6 million will now be set aside for this or some other vaguely comparable purpose. History in the form of a maritime museum and other arts venues should be at the heart of this plan. This plan turns its back on the City's seaport history, in favor of hotels and the other development that rezoning will spawn.

8. Available space is not a parking plan.

There is no parking plan for Alexandria's waterfront unless by that you mean we know how many garage spaces don't get used regularly. Numbers don't make a plan.

9. Community support is exaggerated.

The plan's main recommendations may have the support of some City-appointed commissions, but it does not have the full support of civic associations like the Old Town Civic Associations and organizations like the Greater Alexandria Preservation Alliance.

Alexandria needs a waterfront that is right for Alexandria in the long-term, and creates attractive destinations for tourists and residents. Our waterfront should look nothing like places like National Harbor. It should resemble what makes Alexandria unique. Instead, the Mayor's plan is mostly about the revenue he hopes we can gain in the short-term.

The plan the Mayor supports will come before Council on May 14. We are calling on all residents to be there, or write letters to the City Council, asking that the waterfront not be rezoned, and the process slowed down so that some saner, long-term options can be considered.

**Andrew Macdonald**  
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# NEWS



Students at Burgundy Farm Country Day School will perform "Into the Woods" on May 5, 6 and 7. Above: Yasmine Zakout, Barbara Peisch, Kent Jenkins and Liam Albrittain.

## Performing 'Into the Woods'

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Kent Jenkins and Barbara Peisch.



Director Deborah Ives talks with Little Red Riding Hood (Marguerite Chapman) about blocking a scene.



Cinderella (Chloe Borden) scrubs the floor as Brian Bailey, Zoey Pellowitz and Priya Vohra prepare for the ball.



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Only two Helen Hayes Awards go to local shows.

By BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

The night the Helen Hayes Awards are announced is usually a big night for Virginia theater lovers. This year, however, it was only a big night for those Northern Virginians who drive over the river, for only two of the awards presented at the ceremony at Washington's Warner Theatre went to work on a stage in Northern Virginia.

Signature Theatre in Arlington was the space for the work that earned both of those awards.

**THEIR PRODUCTION** of the sprawling Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Sunset Boulevard" benefited greatly from the acting and singing of Ed Dixon as Max, the butler who turned out to be the former husband and director of the fading screen star who harbors hopes of a return to the silver screen. Dixon was named the winner of the award for Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Resident Musical.

A more intimate musical, the world premiere of Ricky Ian Gordon's loosely autobiographical "Sycamore Trees," was recognized with the award for the Outstanding Ensemble in a Resident Musical, meaning that the entire cast won for the way they worked together.

That cast was an unusual grouping for Signature — none of the them were local — all seven were Broadway performers imported for this one show.

Two, Marc Kudisch and Judy Kuhn, had appeared at Signature before. Indeed, Kudisch had received the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Actor

in a Musical two years ago for his performance starring in Signature's "The Witches of Eastwick." The others were making their Signature debuts in the show. They were Jessica Molaskey, Farah Alvin, Matthew Risch, Diane Sutherland and Tony Yasbeck.

Work for Arlington-based Synetic Theatre was recognized with four more awards, but they were for shows that had been mounted on Washington stages. Artistic Director Paata Tsikurishvili received the Outstanding Director of a Resident Play award for "Othello" in a tie with Woolly Mammoth Theatre's Howard Shalwitz, who was recognized for the marvelous new play "Clybourne Park." Anastasia Ryurikov Simes won the award for costumes for "Othello" and the entire cast was recognized as the Outstanding Ensemble in a Resident Play.

"OTHELLO" was performed in the Family Theatre of The Kennedy Center while the other Helen Hayes Award winning show for Synetic, "The Master and Margarita" had performed in the Lansburgh Theatre in Washington. Its lighting designer, Colin K. Bills took home the award.

The Helen Hayes Awards recognize quality work in professional theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland and this year's awards covered the 196 eligible productions presented during calendar year 2010. Most of those productions, of course, have already closed. In an unusual development, however, two of the Outstanding Production winners will be remounted this summer, giving audiences one more chance to catch Arena Stage's "Oklahoma!" or Woolly Mammoth's "Clybourne Park." Northern Virginians, however, will again have to drive over the river.



Music Director/Conductor Kim Allen Kluge

## Musings From the Maestro

A symphony is an entire world.

— Gustav Mahler

As we begin our rehearsals and preparation for our May 14 and 15 concerts, I thought you might be interested in why we think this music is so special, and what you can look forward to at this concert.

We chose the Mahler "Titan" Symphony and the ever-popular Rachmaninoff "Third Piano Concerto" to bring our Symphonic Vistas Season to a climactic conclusion because, to reference Mahler, one can experience in these masterpieces entire vistas and worlds of emotion and feeling. We are honored that our featured artist for this special finale concert will be the living legend Garrick Ohlsson who is famous for his spellbindingly poetic interpretations and his superhuman virtuosity. His is the kind of spine-tingling playing that takes your breath away. When you experience his playing you will swear that in the fantastic blur of hand movements not two, but four or five hands are playing!

We are so fortunate to have world-class musicians sitting in every chair of our beloved ASO and Mahler demands their very best in his "Titan" Symphony. When experiencing the seven horn players (usually four) raising their bells exuberantly in the air to triumphantly announce the transcendent climax of the "Titan" Symphony, it feels as if the heavens themselves are opening! This is one of the most thrilling moments in all of music! The musicians and I so love performing this symphony and I think you will see it in our body language!

Another reason that we have programmed these two masterpieces for our Season Finale is because they anticipate the theme and music of our upcoming 2011-2012 Music of Dreams Season. Mahler lived in Sigmund Freud's Vienna and ushered in a music that explored the subconscious and the realm of dreams. Next season's Music of Dreams highlights range from Gustav Holst's The Planets to a historic week-long residency by the phenomenal Midori, who is one of the greatest violinists of our time.

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### Summer Camp

The Wanderer remembers the long, summers of his youth making gimp key chains and basket weaving in 100 degree heat. Well, those days are gone for today's Alexandria kids. Here are some exciting ways to explore young talents and interests while defeating the summer blues. Oh, to be young...

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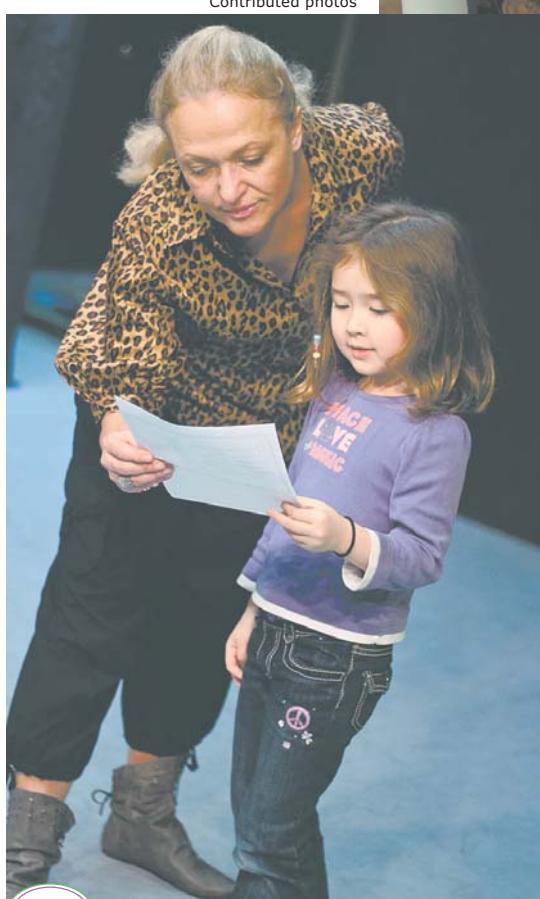
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## MUSIC

### Strickling Wins Vocal Prize

**Soprano Laura Strickling** of Alexandria is the sole female winner of The American Prize in Vocal Performance — Friedrich and Virginia Schorr Memorial Awards, 2011 in the professional opera division. Strickling was selected from applications reviewed this spring from 28 states. The American Prize is a series of new, non-profit, national competitions designed to recognize and reward the very best performing artists and ensembles in the United States based on recorded performances. The American Prize was founded in 2009 and is awarded annually in many areas of the performing arts.

Soprano Laura Strickling's operatic roles include Mimi, Dinorah, Elvira, Josephine, Mabel, Belinda, Countess, Gretel, Micaëla, and Pamina. Concert engagements include Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, Beethoven's Mass in C, and Handel's Messiah. Winner of the



**Soprano Laura Strickling**

Vocal Arts Society and Baltimore Music Club competitions, she was a finalist in the NATSAA and the Washington International competitions. A graduate of the Peabody Conservatory and the Moody Bible Institute, she studies with Elizabeth Daniels and lives in Alexandria.

**Friday/May 13**

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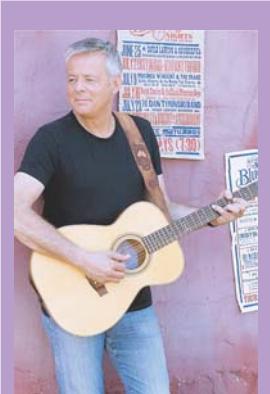
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- ❖ Sunday, May 8 — Crooked Still with Phil Rosenthal and Naomi Sommers
- ❖ Monday, May 9 — Bruce Cockburn and Band with special guest Jenny Scheinman
- ❖ Tuesday, May 10 — Tommy Emmanuel featuring Phil Emmanuel and the All-Star Australian Band
- ❖ Wednesday, May 11 — Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra
- ❖ Thursday, May 12 — Eric Benet
- ❖ Friday, May 13 — Kinky Friedman with Mary McBride
- ❖ Saturday, May 14 — Roy Clark with Shelly Rann
- ❖ Sunday, May 15 — Maceo Parker
- ❖ Tuesday, May 17 — Candy Dulfer
- ❖ Wednesday, May 18 — Todd Snider with Marshall Chapman
- ❖ Thursday, May 19 — Blind Boys of Alabama with Queen Esther Marrow
- ❖ Friday/Saturday, May 20-21 — En Vogue
- ❖ Thurs./Friday, May 26-27 — America with Liz Longley
- ❖ Friday, June 3 — Shawn Colvin with Rebecca Pronskey
- ❖ Saturday, June 4 — The Seldom Scene and Red Molly
- ❖ Friday, June 10 — Bob Mould (solo)
- ❖ Saturday, June 11 — Duncan Sheik
- ❖ Sunday, June 12 — Musiq Soulchild
- ❖ Monday, June 13 — Natasha Bedingfield
- ❖ Wednesday, June 15 — Joe Ely (band) and Fred Eaglesmith (band)
- ❖ Thursday, June 16 — Leo Kottke
- ❖ Friday, June 17 — Dave Alvin and the Guilty Ones with Los Straitjackets
- ❖ Saturday, June 18 — 1964: The Tribute



TUESDAY/MAY 10

**Tommy and Phil Emmanuel and the Australian All-Star Band.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500, [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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## NOW THROUGH MAY 7

**"Stage Door."** Produced by the American Century Theater. Show times are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. There is no performance on Sunday, April 24. TACT will also host a post show talk-back on Thursday, April 14. Tickets can be ordered online at [www.americancentury.org](http://www.americancentury.org) or by calling 703-998-4555. At Gunston Theatre II, 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington.

## NOW THROUGH MAY 8

**"King Lear Extended."** Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili. Tickets are \$40 and \$55. Extended to the Synetic Theater in Crystal City. Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. At Synetic Theater at Crystal City, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington. Call 800-494-8497 or [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org).

## MAY 6-7, 13-14, 20-21

**"Mindgame."** Port City Playhouse production. Show runs Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21; Tuesday, May 17; and Sunday, May 15 and 22. Evening shows at 8 p.m.; matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$18/\$16/\$14. At The LAB at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

## MAY 19 TO JUNE 11

**Como si fuera esta noche (As If It Were Tonight) by Gracia Morales (Spain).** In Spanish with English subtitles. Thursdays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25/regular; Students/Seniors \$20; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$30/regular; \$Students/seniors \$25. At Gunston Arts Center Theater Two, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. Call 703-548-3092 or visit [www.teatrodelaluna.org](http://www.teatrodelaluna.org).

## NOW THROUGH JUNE 12

**"Side by Side by Sondheim."** Features songs from 1957 to



## NOW THROUGH MAY 29

**"The Real Inspector Hound."** Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. PWYC is Wednesday, April 20, and there are no performances on Easter Sunday, April 24. At MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. in Alexandria, in North Old Town. Tickets may be ordered by calling 1-800-494-8497 or online at [boxofficetickets.com](http://www.boxofficetickets.com). For group sales, call the theatre at 703-548-9044 or [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

1976 ) from some of Broadway's most memorable musicals including "West Side Story," "Anyone Can Whistle," "Follies," "A Funny Thing Happened...," "A Little Night Music," "Company," and 'Pacific Overtures.' At Signature Theatre. Showtimes are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$55 - \$81 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org).

## NOW THROUGH MAY 22

**"Art."** Showtimes are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$50 - \$76 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org). At Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington.

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# FINE ARTS



## MAY 5 TO JUNE 6

**Baa-merica! Icons Revisited.** Leslie Blackmon's Solo Exhibit of Fiber Sculpture. She has created intricate crochet sculptures of sheep posing as American popular culture icons. A Meet-the-Artist's reception is Thursday, May 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At The Art League, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org)



"Frosty Booms" by Chica Brunsvold

## MAY 4 TO MAY 29

**Laura A. Clerici and Dennis Crayon.** New Members Show. Laura Clerici is a Byzantine iconographer. Dennis Crayon uses color and position to convey Modernist composition with a classical painting technique. Meet the Artist's reception is Saturday, May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.



Sculpted stoneware piggy bank by Thien Nguyen of Alexandria

## NOW THROUGH JUNE 26

**Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists.** Opening reception is Sunday, May 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

## MAY 6-8

**St. Paul's Art Show.** Exhibit hours are Friday, May 6 from 1 to 8 p.m.; Artist's reception, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria.

## MAY 6-15

**Fifteen T.C. Williams High School students** selected as this year's National Art Honor Society inductees will exhibit their work at Del Ray Artisans. Many of these students will continue their art studies at the college level, and much of the work on exhibit was featured in their winning college admission portfolios. Come celebrate these rising stars at an opening reception on Friday, May 6, 7-10 p.m. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

## MAY 7

**Alexandria Art Market.** Your monthly dose of art in the heart of Del Ray. Grand opening of second season is May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Colasanto Park in Alexandria. Free and open to public. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or [DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com) to apply.

**Call for Instructors for Art Camp 2011 (7/25-7/29).** Projects should combine educational elements with hands-on and engaging opportunities for creativity and relate to a current or historic craft founded in cultural tradition. Ages 8-14. [www.theDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.theDelRayArtisans.org).

## NOW THROUGH MAY 15

**The Nest Project.** What does home mean to you? This project is a four-part endeavor that enlists the help of a dozen local D.C. area art groups, Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, and the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association. Outdoor nest installations are created by local DC arts groups. All nests will be composed primarily of natural renewable resources like leaves, twigs, and driftwood, but could also contain recycled materials. Torpedo Factory Artists' In-Studio Nests - Through May 15. Indoor Community Nest sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia - Through May 15.

## NOW THROUGH MAY 15

**Artist Linda L. Anderson.** Dimensional Landscapes: New Perspectives of our Natural World. At the Schlesinger Center's Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, NVCC Campus, Alexandria.

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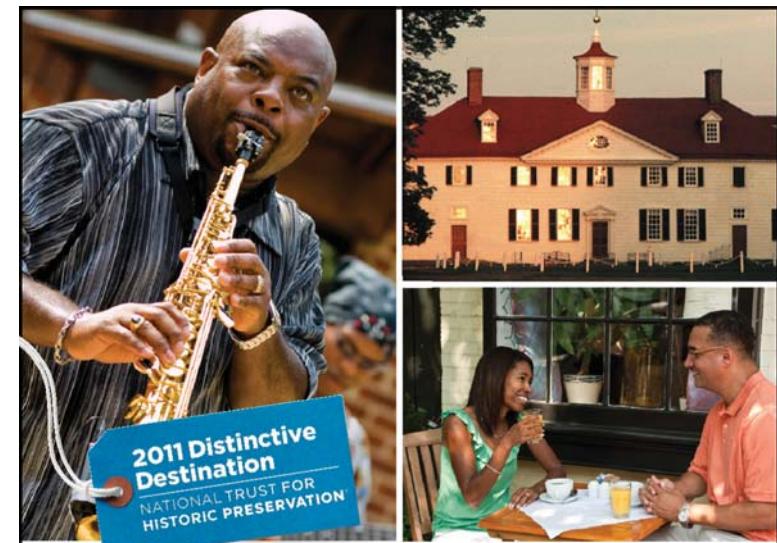
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May 21: **Life in Civil War Alexandria, a Living History Event**

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### EVERY THURSDAY

**Environmental Activists Needed.** 6 to 9 p.m. Clean up your community, your country, your planet — meet with the Sierra Club at its new NOVA Hub in Del Ray, 2312 Mount Vernon Ave., Suite 206, Alexandria. RSVP to Phillip Ellis, Sierra Club Field Organizer at 571-970-0275 or [phillip.ellis@sierraclub.org](mailto:phillip.ellis@sierraclub.org).

### FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS

**Line and Hand Dance Party.** 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5/class. At the Weyone Sports Lounge, Landmark Mall E-100, 5801 Duke Street, Ground Level, Alexandria.

### EVERY FRIDAY

**Grown & Sexy Happy Hour and Comedy Show.** 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Hosted by comedian Ed Blaze. Ladies free until 9 p.m. Men \$10/\$15. At Weyone Lounge, 5801 Duke St. # E100, Alexandria, located in the back of Landmark Mall. Call 202-321-0867.

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**Civil War Walking Tour.** Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Covers the changing role of African Americans on the estate, views on George Washington from the perspective of Union and Confederate supporters, and the Washington-Robert E. Lee connection. At Historic Mount Vernon. These tours are limited in capacity and cost \$5 in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org) or call 703-780-2000.

### THURSDAY/MAY 5

**Schlesinger Concerts.** 7:30 p.m. Free. Presented by the U.S. Army Concert Band. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, Alexandria campus. Call 703-696-3399 or visit [www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com).

**Generations of Giving Gala.** 6:30 to 10 p.m. Theme of ACTlympics with fun and games to support ACT for Alexandria. This is the kick-off event for Spring for Alexandria, a three-day celebration (May 5, 6, 7) of giving and service. At Flippin Field House, Episcopal High School. Contact Henrietta LaMotte at 703-739-7778 or visit [www.actforalexandria.org](http://www.actforalexandria.org).

### MAY 5 TO 7

**Spring for Alexandria.** Celebration of giving and service. ACT for Alexandria, Volunteer Alexandria, the Alexandria Jaycees, the City of Alexandria, and Kids Helping Kids Lemonade partner to put on this three-day event, which recognizes and honors giving and service in our community. Volunteers are needed to clean parks and schools, to attend fun events and donate to charities. There is something for every skill set and schedule. Visit [www.springforalexandria.org](http://www.springforalexandria.org) or call Volunteer Alexandria at 703-836-2176.

### FRIDAY/MAY 6

**U.S. Army Strings in Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Free. Chamber Music for Strings: Duos and Trios. At the Lyceum in Alexandria. Call 703-696-3399 or visit [www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com).

### MAY 6-13

**"The Beauty of Recycling."** Mosaic and Mixed Media Solo Show by Eileen M. O'Brien. Presented by Creative Art Nexus and BeautyFull Boutique. Opening reception is Friday, May 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. At Creative Art Nexus and BeautyFull Boutique, 118 N. Fayette St. in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-535-6748.

### SATURDAY/MAY 7

**Alexandria Gives.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Community Contributions Day. Different groups will be collecting food, clothing, housewares and supplies at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.alexjaycees.org](http://www.alexjaycees.org) or contact Amy Tenhouse at 703-216-0230.

**National Train Day.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whistle Stop Hobbies in Alexandria is celebrating National Train Day with free kids activities, model train displays, promotions on toy trains and more. At 130 South Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4912

**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church BBQ.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. North Carolina-style pork and chicken BBQ with hot dogs, beans, cole slaw and soft drinks. Dinner is \$8. All are welcome. Proceeds support church activities and community outreach. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Hollin Hall/Wellington section. Call 703-765-4342 or visit [www.saintlukeschurch.net](http://www.saintlukeschurch.net).

**American Balalaika Symphony.** Tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/door. Peter Trofimenco and The American Balalaika Symphony present "Spring Mood - Musical Fare for the Fair Season" — with romantic works by Andreyev, Dimitriev, Doga, Gavirin, Kalininov, Rubinstein, Strauss, Trostiansky and more, including two original compositions by ABS musicians Vladimir Rozenblat and Michael Kholodov. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.ABSorchestra.org](http://www.ABSorchestra.org) or [www.InstantSeats.com](http://www.InstantSeats.com).



### SUNDAY/MAY 8

**Family Tour Day.** 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours hosted by Junior Docents who will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the taproom, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Opening of Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market boasts amazing artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and great food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or [DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com) to apply.

**Spring Fling at Barrett Library.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A wide range of activities: Appraise It at 10 a.m.; Fruit and Vegetable Carving by Chef James Parker at noon; Chocolate Sculpting Demo by Pastry Chef Anna Myers at 1:30 p.m.; Dog Photography by Mary O'Malley Photography at noon; Diamonds Demo from a GIA diamond expert at 10:30 a.m.; and more. At Barrett Library 717 Queen Street, Old Town Alexandria. Space is limited. Sign-ups required. Call 703-746-1713.

**Folk/Celtic Duo.** 7 p.m. Acoustic Eidolon, featuring Joe Scott on double neck guitar and Hannah Alkire on cello, in concert. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance at [www.FocusMusic.org](http://www.FocusMusic.org). At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, at 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria.

### SUNDAY/MAY 8

**Mother's Day Cruise.** Aboard the Odyssey or Spirit of Washington. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. cruise. Cost is \$79.95 for adults; \$47.95 for children age 3-11. Lunch from 3 to 5 p.m. Call 866-306-2469 or [www.EntertainmentCruises.com](http://www.EntertainmentCruises.com).

**Museum Tours.** 1 to 5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, are offering free tours on Mother's Day for all visiting mothers. Admission is \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children (ages 5-12). Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal Street, and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum is located at 105-107 South Fairfax Street. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) and [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org).

**Mother's Day Bookmaking Workshop.** 2:30 p.m. Sushmita Mazumdar, an Arlington-based writer, designer, and book artist will lead in this creative Mother's Day project making a book that explores hopes, wishes and promises. Space is limited, advance ticket purchase recommended. \$10 per person. At Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or [nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org)

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### TUESDAY/MAY 10

**King Street Blues Fundraiser.** 5 to 9 p.m. Blues Benefit for Foster Care Alumni of America. A percentage of your dinner bill will go to RCAA. Visit [www.fostercarealumni.org](http://www.fostercarealumni.org).

**Tommy and Phil Emmanuel and the Australian All-Star Band.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500,

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## WEDNESDAY/MAY 11

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. A DJ Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/MAY 12

**Fiesta Cinco de Mayo.** 6:30 to 9 p.m. Admission of \$65 includes food, drinks and music. Sponsored by Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services Inc. At Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, 3750 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-360-4387, email [nhanhsia@aol.com](mailto:nhanhsia@aol.com) or visit ANHSI's website [www.anhs.org](http://www.anhs.org).

**Raining Cats and Dogs.** 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Spend time with your four-legged pal at this pet-friendly event, featuring a doggy nest tour of The Nest Project's outdoor installations, an adoption event by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, and a pet photo booth. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); 703-838-4565

**10-Year anniversary.** Inova HealthPlex will be offering Stroke Awareness, Free Blood Pressure Checks, Freedom from Nicotine on site class, Ask the Nutritionist, Body Mass Index Screening, Sun Safety Booth, Car Seat safety and more. At 6355 Walker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-797-6800.

**Toby Walker.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Acoustic blues music at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Rising Hope Fund-raiser.** Shane's Rib Shack will donate 20 percent of the sales of all meals purchased between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, to Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church. Shane's Rib Shack is at 7698-B Richmond Highway, Mount Vernon Plaza, Alexandria.

## FRIDAY/MAY 13

**Kinky Friedman With the Texas Jewboys.** 7:30 p.m. A very rare East Coast tour. Tickets are \$35. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

**National Chamber Players.** 7:30 p.m. Saint-Saëns and Brahms. The program will be Camille Saint-Saëns' The Carnival of the Animals and Brahms' Sextet in B major, with guests Benny and Eric Kim, and pianist Rohan de Silva. A reception hosted by Autism Speaks will follow the concert. At Episcopal High School in Alexandria. Visit [www.episcopalhighschool.org](http://www.episcopalhighschool.org) or call 703-933-4135.

## SATURDAY/MAY 14

**Polish Cookbook Signing.** 1 to 3 p.m. Alexandria locals Peter and Laura Zeranski will be signing copies of their new cookbook, Polish Classic Recipes. At Barnes & Noble, 3651 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Alexandria.

**World Fair Trade Day.** At Mindful Hands in Alexandria. There will be refreshments of fairly-traded iced tea and chocolate, craft activities for kids, and chances to win prizes of fair-trade handmade gifts. The event will also feature the fairly-traded cats and kittens of Tails High, an Alexandria-based cat rescue group. Visit [www.mindfulhands.com](http://www.mindfulhands.com)

**Talk on Cambodia, Laos.** 10 a.m. Free. Ten Thousand Villages will host a presentation by store manager Kate McMahon on her tour of Southeast Asia. The first 30 attendees will receive a gift from Cambodia, and will also be allowed to shop the 50 percent off sale of items from Cambodia and Laos before the doors open at 11 a.m.

**Convivium Concert.** 7:30pm. Convivium is a Washington-area chamber choir specializing in Renaissance, Tudor and 20th century music since 1985. Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Rd., Alexandria 22305. Contact [www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org) or 703-549-1980.

**"Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela."** Film screening at 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of Movies With a Mission program. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356.

**Boutique Charity Day.** On this day, 30 retailers will create an activity or promotion in their stores that would benefit a charity of choice. Profits from the day will be donated to the charity. At participating Old Town Boutique District stores. [www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com](http://www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com)

**Spring Virginia Native Wildflower Sale.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Native trees, shrubs, ground covers, ferns, and wildflowers will be offered for sale by the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society at Green Spring Gardens. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

**Spring Plant Sale.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Large selection of perennials, annuals, native plants, vegetables, herbs. At Green Spring gardens Park, Booth #13, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

**UD FEST.** Noon to 6 p.m. Unique Definition Clothing & Entertainment is having "UD FEST" (Fashion, Entertainment & the Arts Collide). Come and see various performances from dance teams, cheer teams, singers and bands. Chef presentations, fashion shows, face painting and vendors. At



**Acoustic Eidolon**

## SATURDAY/MAY 7

**Folk/Celtic Duo.** 7 p.m. Acoustic Eidolon, featuring Joe Scott on double neck guitar and Hannah Alkire on cello, in concert. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance at [www.FocusMusic.org](http://www.FocusMusic.org). At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, at 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria.

the Duran Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. If you would like to participate, call 703-296-8191 or email [events@uniquedefinition.com](mailto:events@uniquedefinition.com).

**Free Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Convivium chamber choir specializing in Renaissance, Tudor and 20th century music. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Contact [www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org) or 703-549-1980.

**Live Green Together.** 4 to 6 p.m. Building Sustainability Community. Presentation and book signing by Liz Walker, co-founder EcoVillage Ithaca, NY & author Choosing a Sustainable Future. At MAS Community Center, 6408 Edsall Road, Alexandria. Visit [GoodTreeVillage.org](http://GoodTreeVillage.org).

## MAY 14 TO 15

**Creating Outdoor Mosaic Garden Ornaments.** Saturday from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. At the home of the instructor in Alexandria. Workshop fee is \$60/both days; \$30/one day. On-line registration at [http://calendar.thedelrayartisans.org/view\\_entry.php?id=911&date=20110514](http://calendar.thedelrayartisans.org/view_entry.php?id=911&date=20110514). Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or contact the instructor Sally Coler at 202-270-9524 or [sallycoler@hotmail.com](mailto:sallycoler@hotmail.com).

## SUNDAY/MAY 15

**Titan Expo.** 1 to 5 p.m. An outdoor fun festival. Food, music, games, moon bounce, bake sale, face painting, car bash, used book sale, dog obstacle course, and more. All proceeds support the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. Free Admission, but tickets required for games and other purchases. Rain or Shine. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-824-6868.

**Choral Evensong.** 5 p.m. Grant Hellmers, Interim Organist-Choir Director of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will direct the Adult Choir in a choral evensong. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria.

**Martinez and Guthrie.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.FocusMusic.org](http://www.FocusMusic.org). Call 703-501-6061.

**Mount Vernon Crop Walk.** 1:30 p.m.! Part of the proceeds from this walk will benefit United Community Ministries and New Hope Housing. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Contact Christine Fiske at [christine.fiske@ucmagency.org](mailto:christine.fiske@ucmagency.org) or 703-768-7106 ext 328.

## TUESDAY/MAY 17

**Mount Vernon Evening Lions Dinner.** 6:30 p.m. Speaker is Erika Hernandez from Prince William Justice Academy who will speak on safety issues. At Perna's Restaurant. Contact Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Features a presentation on "Genealogy from the Inside Out: Tracing a Family Secret from a Single Clue." With Steve Luxenberg, senior editor with the Washington Post. At Room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Harold McLendon at 703-360-0920 or [haroldm@erols.com](mailto:haroldm@erols.com).



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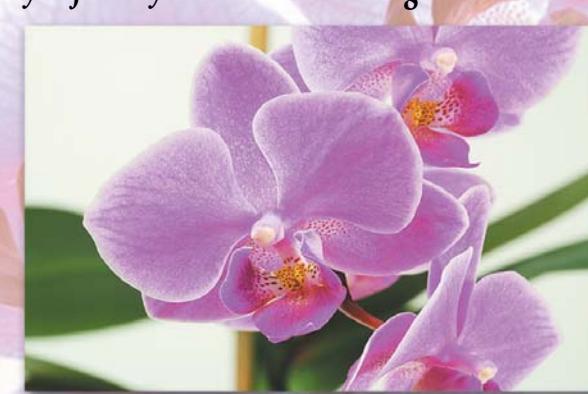
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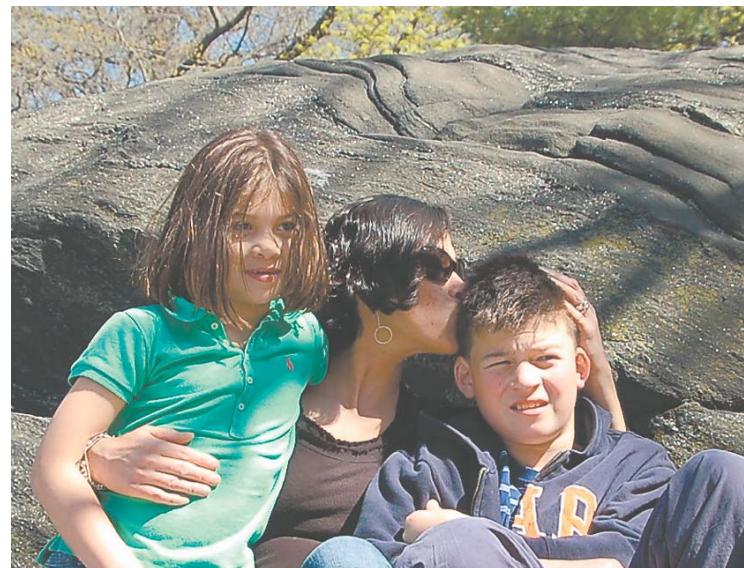
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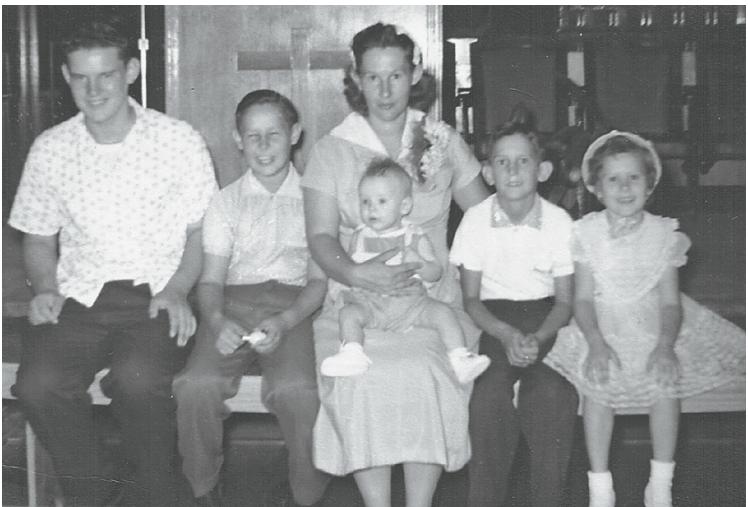
**Debora Lila Simchayoff** of Brooklyn N.Y. enjoys her morning with her mom, Elizabeth Doris Speck, formerly of Alexandria.



**Proud parent and Old Town landscape artist Usah Wallace** with son Mike, a cadet at Fork Union Military Academy.



**Susan, Dillon and Corrine Miranda** during spring break in Central Park in April 2011.



In this photo, Martha JP McQuade's family gathered for Mother's Day in 1959 — the first Mother's Day after her Dad died. It was taken at Hot Wells Assembly of God — as her mom was honored for being the mother with the most children with her in church that day.



**Martha JP McQuade** of Alexandria with her mom Frances Hollingsworth around 1956, at a lake, probably in Arkansas.



**Jeannie White, Jack, CC, and Ella** at home with Mom.



**Phoebe LaMountain** (left) and **Mein LaMountain** (right) with their mother, **Mimi Carter**.



**Collin Marquis**, 14, on his first time going to Disney World, with mom **Maggie Hagood** enjoying a beautiful sunny day at the Magic Kingdom in Florida, August 2010.



My mom has nurtured me through all my mountains and valleys! I love her like no other! Happy Mom's Day and p.s. thanks for teaching me how to swim 50-plus years ago! Pictured: Rosemary McJury and her daughter, Terry A. Darcy.



Seated on my balcony in Alexandria's west side are my mother, Romy McJury, my younger sister, Karyn Wickens, and myself, Terry Darcy. In so many ways the three of us are different as women can be. Regardless of our differences, our mother taught us virtue, a quiet strength, and gratitude.

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 26

## Democrats Don't Get It

To the Editor:

I started gasping for air after reading Alexandria Democratic Committee Susan Kellom's rant about Republican plans to reduce the entitlement trough in which too many are frolicking. It's a wonderful citation why her political party should not be entrusted with purse strings.

There's even a culprit for why her entitlements are at risk, Medicare in particular. She states with flabbergasted ire, it's George Bush's fault. His trickle down economics solved nothing. And there's another. It's the rich. She attacked them for their parsimony insisting they pay evermore tax.

Although she and I are united in our disdain for George Bush, she reminds me why reconstituting the poll tax might not be such a bad idea. Before I explain why, someone needs to clarify for Ms. Kellom and her fellow Democratic Committee travelers that the nation is broke. We are not just living beyond our means; we are living far beyond them.

Ever since Bush squandered the Clinton budget surplus, America has been borrowing from foreign governments to make up the difference between what we taxpayers remit to the IRS and what our government spends. This sad state of affairs is in spite of the wealthiest 5 percent of taxpayers paying 45 percent of all tax remitted to the IRS; the wealthiest ten-percent pay 60 percent. And still it's not enough.

Here's another fact that she and all citizens, not just Democrats, need to absorb: if the U.S. government took all the wealth held by all the wealthiest citizens — the very ones who pay a disproportionate amount of income tax — it would not make so much as a dent in the nation's massive deficit. America is broke not because the rich don't pay enough tax; America is broke because the Federal government spends too much.

Although I am not a student of the deficit reduction plan recently proposed by Rep. Paul Ryan (R - Wisc.), it is appealing because at least one elected official crafted one. Apparently, he is the only one with the fortitude to publish a solution to our genuine financial dilemma. Our current president, a waffling Democrat who has mastered only the English language and little else, seems to realize there's a problem, but can only talk about it very generally albeit eloquently.

What's missing are solutions not so much to the Federal budget for next year, but to our growing national deficit, especially since shortfalls in the former feed the massive debt constituting the latter. By any other name, we have a crisis on our hands, and it's due to irresponsible overspending. The U.S. is now the largest debtor in human history. Our debt is larger than all other nations' debt combined.

We cannot tax our way out of the deep hole our country is in. The only way out is to slash spending. And not nickel-dime spending either. Just as we cannot squeeze the rich to pay for all the services we have become accustomed to, we also cannot just close libraries, kill funding for the arts or fire every third Federal employee.

These spending cuts of discretionary Federal programs are trivial. The only rich troves of spending we can realistically slash are entitlements, namely Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. And to consider a poll tax. Ms. Kellom and her Democratic Committee should be appalled, as I was, to learn that most Americans (51 percent) do not pay Federal tax. But they all enjoy the benefits of being a citizen.

Even discounting this assertion as exaggerated, I'll concede some percentage of Americans pay no tax. Since many of these people vote, then what incentive do they have to elect someone who is going to throw them out of the Federal trough in which they are luxuriating?

The poll tax I have in mind is really elemental: if you can't prove you paid tax to the Federal government, then you can't vote for someone running for a Federal office. This will at least let taxpayers decide how much to slash entitlements, the only real option the nation has to balance our budget and to begin reducing the gargantuan debt we owe to foreign governments, primarily to communist China.

**Jim Roberts**  
Alexandria

## Write

The Gazette Packet welcomes views on any public issue.  
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**Mayor Bill Euille throws out the first pitch to catcher Michael Lucas at the Opening Day ceremonies for Little League Baseball at Little Simpson Field April 30. Originally scheduled for April 16, inclement weather forced the postponement of the Opening Day festivities. For information and complete Little League results, visit [www.alexandriabaseball.com](http://www.alexandriabaseball.com).**

## Legal Notices

### OBITUARY KAPUSTA, EDWARD F. LT. CMDR. (U.S. NAVY RET.)

Lt. Cmdr. Edward F. Kapusta, (U.S. Navy Ret.) died January 1, 2011 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife, Ann-Mary Kapusta of Wimauma, Fla., a son, Commander Philip E. Kapusta, U.S. Navy of Valrico, Fla., a daughter, Victoria Carmody of Falls Church, Va., 6 grandchildren, Vincente, Antonio, and Joseph Kapusta of Valrico, Fla., Brooke, Chase and Alec Carmody of Falls Church and four sisters in Connecticut. A native of Derby, CT, Ed lived in Northern Virginia for 37 years prior to moving to Florida in 2008. He is a graduate of John Kanty Preparatory in Erie, PA and the University of Maryland. As a naval officer, his tours of duty included the Panama Canal Zone, the Sixth Fleet Staff in Gaeta, Italy and the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. Among his awards are the Navy Achievement Medal and the Joint Services Commendation Medal. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery starting at the Old Post Chapel on Wednesday, May 11th at 10:45. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Special Operations Warrior Foundation, P.O. Box 13483, Tampa, Fla 33681.

### ABC LICENSE

Mongolian Dining Venture III, LLC trading as Genghis Grill, 7001 F. Manchester Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22310. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Mixed Beverage on Premise and Beer and Wine on Premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Vernon Keith Sullins, President

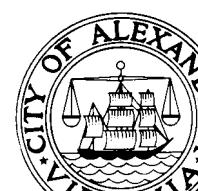
### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to members of the NY, nonprofit, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc., that eligible ASCO members may vote by proxy ballot on proposed Bylaws amendments through ASCO's official website, [www.asco.org](http://www.asco.org) between March 22 and May 18, 2011, to be delivered to the ASCO President or his designee for casting at the 2011 ASCO Annual Business Meeting, to be held June 6, 2011, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM at the Hyatt McCormick Place, Regency Ballroom, in Chicago, IL. Members with questions can email [ASCObylaws@asco.org](mailto:ASCObylaws@asco.org) or call 571-483-1316.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 2003 Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22314 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Unit at (703) 838-4709.

## Legal Notices



A Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the following item:

Consideration of an ordinance that changes the boundary lines of five election precincts in the City: Cora Kelly Center (25 W. Reed Avenue); Mount Vernon Center (2701 Commonwealth Avenue); George Washington School (1005 Mount Vernon Avenue); Lyles Crouch School (530 S. St. Asaph Street); and Lee Center (1108 Jefferson Street). This ordinance, if adopted by City Council, will change the voting place for some City residents. A copy of the full text of the ordinance, and maps showing the proposed changes in precinct boundary lines, are on file with the City Clerk/Clerk of Council, Room 2300, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia (703) 746-4500, and can also be inspected in the Voter Registration Office, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia, or online at [www.alexandriava.gov/elections](http://www.alexandriava.gov/elections). This notice is advertised pursuant to Va. Code Sec. 24-2.306.

The public is advised that amendments or additions may be made to the proposed ordinance without further publication. It is recommended that persons interested in this ordinance obtain free full-text copies from the City Clerk at City Hall.

Jackie M. Henderson, MMC  
City Clerk/Clerk of Council

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ALEXANDRIA SANITATION AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING ON SALE OF PROPERTY

The City of Alexandria, Virginia, Sanitation Authority's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:15 p.m. at the Authority's Administration Building located at 1500 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. At the hearing, the Board will receive a staff report and take public comment regarding the proposed sale of development rights owned by the Authority. The Authority proposes to sell the development rights for 512,000 square feet of office floor area currently allocated to the Authority property located at 350 and 400 Hooffs Run Drive which are designated as Block 30 under the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan. The contract purchaser is Carlyle Plaza, LLC, owner of property located at 1800 Eisenhower Avenue and 760 John Carlyle Street. All interested persons are invited to speak at the hearing. For additional information regarding the public hearing or the sale, please contact or email the Authority at 703-549-3381 or [info@alexsan.com](mailto:info@alexsan.com) <mailto:info@alexsan.com>

## Legal Notices

### OBITUARY

#### Justine Dorney Scott, 84.

Surrounded by her loving family, Justine Dorney Scott, 84, died on May 1st after a long illness. She was known as "Dusty" to the many friends she made moving around the world as an Army wife, and her husband of 61 years was the man everyone knew as "Scotty", the late Lt. Gen. Willard W. Scott, Jr., who was the 52nd Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After moving 33 times, and raising seven children along the way, Dusty and Scotty lived for many years near Mount Vernon in Alexandria, where Dusty was an avid gardener and active member of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association and Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Dusty was devoted to her husband, her family and the military. Always wearing a signature flower in her hair, Dusty worked for years ensuring military families were supported in time of need. She was especially involved with Army Community Services and the Red Cross. Her work was recognized with the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1986. For many years, Dusty was an Army Arlington Lady, assisting families whose loved ones were buried at the National Cemetery. She and her husband considered their time at West Point, from 1981 through 1986, as the highpoint of their lives.

Originally from New Rochelle, New York, Dusty met Scotty while he was a cadet at West Point, and they were married in 1948. She is survived by Mary Starner, of Springfield, Va., Elizabeth Raveche, of Forked River, N.J., W. Warren Scott, of Sydney, Australia, Catherine Rosemshein, of Montclair, N.J., Susan Shanahan, of Honolulu, Hi., Margaret Scott, of New York, N.Y., and Ann Marie Kilkelly, of Hanover, Pa., 25 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am on Monday, May 9, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway, Alexandria, Va. Dusty will be buried next to her husband at West Point on Tuesday, May 10.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the City will accept offers for a piece of surplus real estate from the time of this advertisement through the close of business on May 13, 2011. The parcel is commonly known as 401 East Braddock Road and is approximately 5,069 square feet in size. Details regarding the offer process and more information about the parcel can be found at the following link:

<http://alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/general/services/401%20East%20Braddock%20Road.pdf>

Please contact Timothy E. Wanamaker, Deputy Director, Department of General Services, 110 North Royal Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314, phone (703) 746-3208, e-mail [Tim.Wanamaker@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Tim.Wanamaker@alexandriava.gov), with any questions.

### STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY PUBLICATION SUMMONS

Case No. 11-CV-003511

The Honorable Mel Flanagan

Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mortgage)

The amount claimed exceeds \$5000.00  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 3476 Stateview Boulevard, Fort Mill, SC 29715, Plaintiff vs. Baaba B. Andoh and John Doe Andoh, 2687 Arlington Dr., Apt. 203, Alexandria, VA 22306-3660, Defendants

### THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after May 5, 2011 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 901 N. Ninth Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233-1425 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 25th day of April, 2011. David M Samson, State Bar No. 1082271,

Gray & Associates, L.L.P., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841, (414) 224-8404, (414) 224-8182. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt on our client's behalf and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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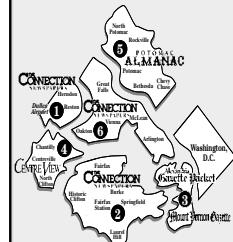
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### OBITUARY

Justine Dorney Scott, 84.

Surrounded by her loving family, Justine Dorney Scott, 84, died on May 1st after a long illness. She was known as "Dusty" to the many friends she made moving around the world as an Army wife, and her husband of 61 years was the man everyone knew as "Scotty", the late Lt. Gen. Willard W. Scott, Jr., who was the 52nd Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After moving 33 times, and raising seven children along the way, Dusty and Scotty lived for many years near Mount Vernon in Alexandria, where Dusty was an avid gardener and active member of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association and Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Dusty was devoted to her husband, her family and the military. Always wearing a signature flower in her hair, Dusty worked for years ensuring military families were supported in time of need. She was especially involved with Army Community Services and the Red Cross. Her work was recognized with the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1986. For many years, Dusty was an Army Arlington Lady, assisting families whose loved ones were buried at the National Cemetery. She and her husband considered their time at West Point, from 1981 through 1986, as the highpoint of their lives.

Originally from New Rochelle, New York, Dusty met Scotty while he was a cadet at West Point, and they were married in 1948. She is survived by Mary Starner, of Springfield, Va., Elizabeth Raveche, of Forked River, N.J., W. Warren Scott, of Sydney, Australia, Catherine Rosenschein, of Montclair, N.J., Susan Shanahan, of Honolulu, Hi., Margaret Scott, of New York, N.Y., and Ann Marie Kilkelly, of Hanover, Pa., 25 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

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# SPORTS

# Reed Rewriting St. Stephen's Record Book

Attack close to becoming prestigious program's all-time leading goal scorer — as a sophomore.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls lacrosse team trailed late in the first half of its May 2 matchup with St. Paul's when head coach Kathy Jenkins shouted an instruction from the sideline.

"Look at Carly if you can!" she said.

Moments later, sophomore attack Carly Reed received a pass in front of the net and deposited her second goal of the afternoon, tying the score.

Midway through the second half, St. Stephen's trailed by three when Reed showed the composure of a senior, asking Jenkins if the Saints should call a timeout. With the team regrouped, Reed scored a pair of goals and tallied an assist during the final 10 minutes, 12 seconds and St. Stephen's held off St. Paul's, 16-15, at SSSAS.

Getting the ball to Reed has led to good things for the Saints, who improved to 22-2 with the victory. Reed finished with five goals against the Gators, running her season total to 120 — one shy of the single-season school record set in 2009 by All-American Kelly Austin. With 31 assists, Reed's single-season point total of 151 is already a school best.

Even more impressive is Reed approaching Austin's career goal record of 233. Reed has 204, and depending on how far into the postseason the Saints advance, she could be the program's all-time leading goal scorer by the end of her sophomore season.

Reed missed Tuesday's game against Stone Ridge due to illness, leaving her two

regular season games and the postseason to rewrite the prestigious program's record book.

"She's a great player," junior goalkeeper Katie Wiseman said. "She stays really composed in the game and she knows what she's doing. [With] her height (5-foot-8), she can definitely get the ball off the draw and run it down [the field] — she's incredibly fast. She not only does it for

**"It's a mentality that you're going to go to goal and you're going to put it in, and Carly has that mentality."**

— SSSAS head girls lacrosse coach Kathy Jenkins

herself, she does it for the whole team, too. She has plenty of assists as well as goals. ... She's a team player and that's what I like to see [from] her. She's really respectful. She's not selfish."

Reed's ability was evident during her freshman season, when she scored 84 goals in 28 games. St. Stephen's freshmen rarely play at the varsity level,

Jenkins said, and no Saints ninth-grader prior to 2010 had scored even 30 goals.

While talented in her own right, Reed

benefited last season from playing alongside a trio of senior attacks. She was able to exploit less-talented defenders while opponents focused on the elder Saints. This season, Reed is among the top goal-scorers in the nation, according to ESPNRISE.com, and draws an opponent's top defender — and sometimes multiple defenders. While simply being aggressive was often enough to get the job done last season, Reed has had to exhibit patience in 2011. As a result, she has more than tripled her freshman assist total of 10.

"I think she's now working hard on creating more space for herself," Jenkins said. "Last year, she didn't have very many assists. She's working hard to get more assists because she knows that she's being face-guarded and they're doubling and tripling her, so if she'll back out of it a little bit and create space, we have one or two open all the time."

Reed has also grown into more of a leader. Last season, she had to overcome the fear of being a freshman not wanting to step on seniors' toes. Also, while many Saints play lacrosse together from a young age at SSSAS, Reed enrolled at St. Stephen's in the ninth grade after attending Alexandria Country Day School. This season, the Saints have only three seniors, none of

whom are on the attack, which has helped

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**Sophomore attack Carly Reed needs two goals to break the SSSAS single-season record and 30 to become the career leader.**

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Awards Banquet

The Sportsman's Club will hold its 56th Annual Awards Banquet on May 16 at The Westin Alexandria, located at 400 Courthouse Square. Reception hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Navy head football coach Ken Niumatalolo.

Individual tickets are \$75. For more information, contact Frank Flaherty at 703-346-6525.

### Lady Titans Basketball Camp

The T.C. Williams Lady Titans Rising Stars Basketball Camp for girls ages 8-14 will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 27-July 1 at T.C. Williams High School. Registration fee is \$135 for the five-day event and a \$50 non-refundable

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Junior goalkeeper Katie Wiseman, right, made a key save during the Saints' 16-15 win against St. Paul's on May 2.

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Reed step into a new role.

"I definitely learned a lot last year," Reed said. "It was a new experience and I really warmed up to the varsity level. ... It's a good feeling kind of being in charge, but then again, I'm not the oldest out there so I definitely have people to follow. ... We only have three seniors this year and two of them are defenders, so I definitely feel like I should be a leader on the attack and lead the team."

Reed is one of many talented athletes on a Saints team looking to repeat as VISA state champions. Wiseman made a clutch save with less than 20 seconds remaining against St. Paul's, preserving a one-goal lead, and sophomore midfielder Besser Dyson finished with four goals. Junior midfielder Michelle Phillips is committed to Notre Dame, junior midfielder Paige Patterson is committed to North Carolina, and junior attack Katie Austin will join her sister, Kelly Austin, at Southern California. Senior defenders Hannah Mullen (Harvard) and Claire

Curran (Yale) are headed to the Ivy League.

St. Stephen's has a home game against Holton-Arms at 5:30 p.m. on May 5 and a road game against Holy Child at 5:30 p.m. on May 10 before the ISL at state tournaments.

While it would be easy to blend in among the many talented lacrosse players at St. Stephen's, Jenkins said it's Reed's mentality that separates her from the pack and will one day make her the greatest goal-scorer at one of the nation's top programs.

"She wants to score," Jenkins said. "You have attacks that are happy to score, but mentally, [Reed] is going to goal — she wants to get the goal. Kelly Austin was like that — she wanted to score. Kathleen Miller way back, wanted to score. ... We've had some throughout the years. It's a mentality that you're going to go to goal and you're going to put it in, and Carly has that mentality. We have other good attacks this year, but they don't think of themselves how Carly does. ..."

"She's going to break the all-time record easily."

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**Oasis in Old Town**

Brick Colonial end-unit townhouse core with wide-plank oak floors, recessed lights, and classic mantelpiece. Brick and slate addition features a coffered family room, high-end chef's kitchen, a master suite with a travertine spa bath and a spacious lower level walk-out family room. The oversized lot features an outdoor chimney, patios, deck, and six-car parking.

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**ALEXANDRIA/DEL RAY** \$439,900

**Great Value, Location and Condition**

In popular Warwick Village featuring updated kitchen with breakfast bar, sun-filled combo living and dining rooms opening to private rear yard backing to park, hardwood flooring, three spacious upper level bedrooms plus two full baths. Great lower level with rec room, laundry and extra storage. Walk to "The Avenue" shops and cafés.

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**Spring is Blooming**

In this three-bedroom, two-and-a-half renovated bath, late nineteenth century clapboard home on a block filled with period residences. Polished wood floors, two fireplaces and nice woodwork add to the pleasures of this comfortable home that includes a separate dining room, an efficient kitchen with stainless appliances, an adjacent family room, and a deep garden.

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**ALEXANDRIA/HOLLIN HILLS** \$695,000

**Great Value!**

2,500-square-foot, one-level, four-bedroom, three-full-bath, Goodman contemporary on more than one-half acre overlooking parkland. Chef's kitchen, two master bedroom suites, family room, formal living and dining room. Just down the street from Hollin Meadows Pool and Tennis; short walk to Hollin Meadows School.

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**ALEXANDRIA** \$345,000

**Colecroft Station**

This bright and spacious two-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bath condo is located directly across from the Braddock Road Metro. Easy walk into Old Town or "The Avenue" in Del Ray. New washer and dryer and one garage parking space.

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**ARLINGTON/OAKCREST** \$839,000

**A Classic Home to Call Your Own**

This classic four-bedroom Colonial awaits an owner who can appreciate its potential for restored grace and elegance. Spacious rooms on the main floor plus expanded eat-in kitchen and family room. Large master bedroom features en-suite bath and walk-in dressing room. Sunny backyard with deck and potter's cottage. One-car garage and long driveway.

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**ALEXANDRIA/CAMERON STATION** \$355,000

**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1-4 pm  
4951 Brennan Park Dr. #11b**

**Contemporary Elegance in Cameron Station**

Two-bedroom, two-bath condo with patio, granite counters, stainless appliances, custom paint, gas fireplace, crown molding. Master bath with dual sinks and soaking tub. Kitchen pass through opens to living room. Walk to Brennan Park, shopping and restaurants. Condo fee includes use of fitness center and pool, two underground parking spots.

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