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## Reigning over the Dance Floor

2011 Prom King and Queen Tyler Driver and Raynesha Sharpe take a dance together on the ballroom floor at the Mark Center Hilton Hotel on Saturday, June 4.

## City's New Senate Seat

Alexandria is about to get another senator, spreading the city between three districts.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

For many years, Alexandria was represented by one senator in Richmond — Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who was considered by many to be the senator from Alexandria. Then Majority Leader Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35) began representing the city's West End. Now the city is about to get a third senator, one who will represent six precincts in the city in a district that stretches from Cameron Station to Lorton. When the new Alexandria Senate delegation goes to Richmond in January, none of their districts will have a majority of Alexandria precincts.



Sen. George Barker (D-39)



Andre Muange



Scott Martin



Miller Baker

That's by design of state Sen. George Barker (D-39). When the smoke cleared in this year's redistricting drama, Barker's district got rid of one Prince William County precinct and eight Fairfax County precincts. In exchange, he drew the new district to pick up three Prince William precincts, six Fairfax precincts and six City of Alexandria precincts.

Because Barker was narrowly elected in 2007, when the Democratic Party was at its apex, many have viewed the new map as an attempt to hold a difficult seat by increasing the Democratic voters.

"This is definitely a battleground seat," said Isaac Wood, communications director for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "The political calculus the Demo-

crats are using here is that they needed to make this seat more safe while not jeopardizing other seats."

Whether or not the risk will work is up to voters, who will make the final call in November. The old 39th Senate district had 55 percent support for Republican Bob McDonnell during the last election. The new district had about 53 percent. That makes the new version of the district about 2 percent more Democratic, although still a tough race — especially for a freshman member such as Barker who narrowly won the seat during the last Senate election cycle.

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## A Feast for Foodies in Del Ray

"Taste" gets its own day.

BY LIAM MALAKOFF  
GAZETTE PACKET

Smoke and smells from a grill, the voices of at least 200 hungry Alexandrians and the sound of live music mixed on Sunday in the parking lot behind Virginia Commerce Bank on Mount Vernon Avenue at the third annual Taste of Del Ray.

"Taste of Del Ray" has traditionally been the theme of the September "First Thursday" event on the avenue, serving as an opportunity for local restaurants to draw crowds with samples.

This year was the first time the event separated from First Thursday. "We wanted it during the day, and more relaxed," said Eric Nelson, chocolatier and president of the Del Ray Business Association.

"Sundays are usually quieter," agreed co-chairman of the event Karen Johnson.

Nelson said the event was "designed to make Del Ray a destination" for those seeking new culinary experiences.

This year also introduced a new component on the competitive side of things: a celebrity judge, Carla Hall. Hall, a former contestant on the cook-off show Top Chef and co-host of the new ABC food show The

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Celebrity chef and food judge Carla Hall talks rigatoni with La Strada executive chef Stephen Scott.

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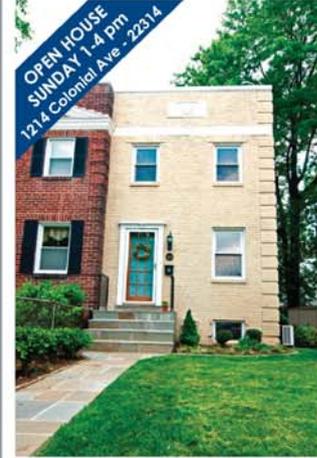


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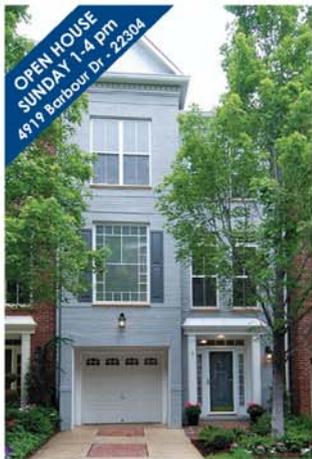
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## Hands Across the Waterfront

As the controversial waterfront plan reaches a dramatic season finale in the coming weeks, advocates and opponents are preparing to make their closing arguments. One of the plan's strongest supporters is Mayor **Bill Euille**, who wants to see a final vote soon.

"The clock is ticking," Euille said. "I'd like to see this plan adopted before the recess."

Opponents want to stop the clock, fearing the increased density in the plan would destroy the waterfront. Before City Council members convene for a work session this Saturday, a coalition of individuals and groups are planning a protest at the intersection of King and Union streets. Beginning at 8 a.m., the event is being billed by organizers as Hands Across the Waterfront — a concept that Greater Alexandria Preservation Alliance chairman **Boyd Walker** said was inspired by the Hands Across the Sand protests opposing offshore drilling.

"We're lining up to form a floodwall against development," said Walker, adding that the group hopes to have balloons showing the height of the proposed buildings in the plan. "It's just a statement. We're not trying to prevent access to the waterfront or anything like that."

## Waterfront Politics

The upcoming City Council vote is likely to cast a long shadow in Alexandria politics. Former Vice Mayor **Andrew Macdonald** says the issue could become the central theme of a potential campaign for mayor next year, drawing a stark contrast between himself and the current Democratic incumbent. Macdonald, who said he would run as an independent, says he will make a final decision this fall about whether or not he wants to challenge Euille in November 2012.

"He needs to understand how upset people are about this," said Macdonald of Euille. "This plan is terrible."

Business groups and city leaders who support the plan say the increased density is needed to pay for amenities like public parks and flood mitigation. They say hotels are an ideal land-use because they bring in new tax revenue while preventing the waterfront from being privatized by residential use. As City Council members head toward a final vote this month, supporters say striking the right balance will be the key to success.

"You want to get the right density to produce the effect you need," said former City Councilman **Lonnie Rich**. "If the current density won't allow sufficient activity to make it be successful, then it's reasonable to consider increased density."

## Operatic Recognition

Alexandria is not exactly known as an opera town. Not until this week, that is.

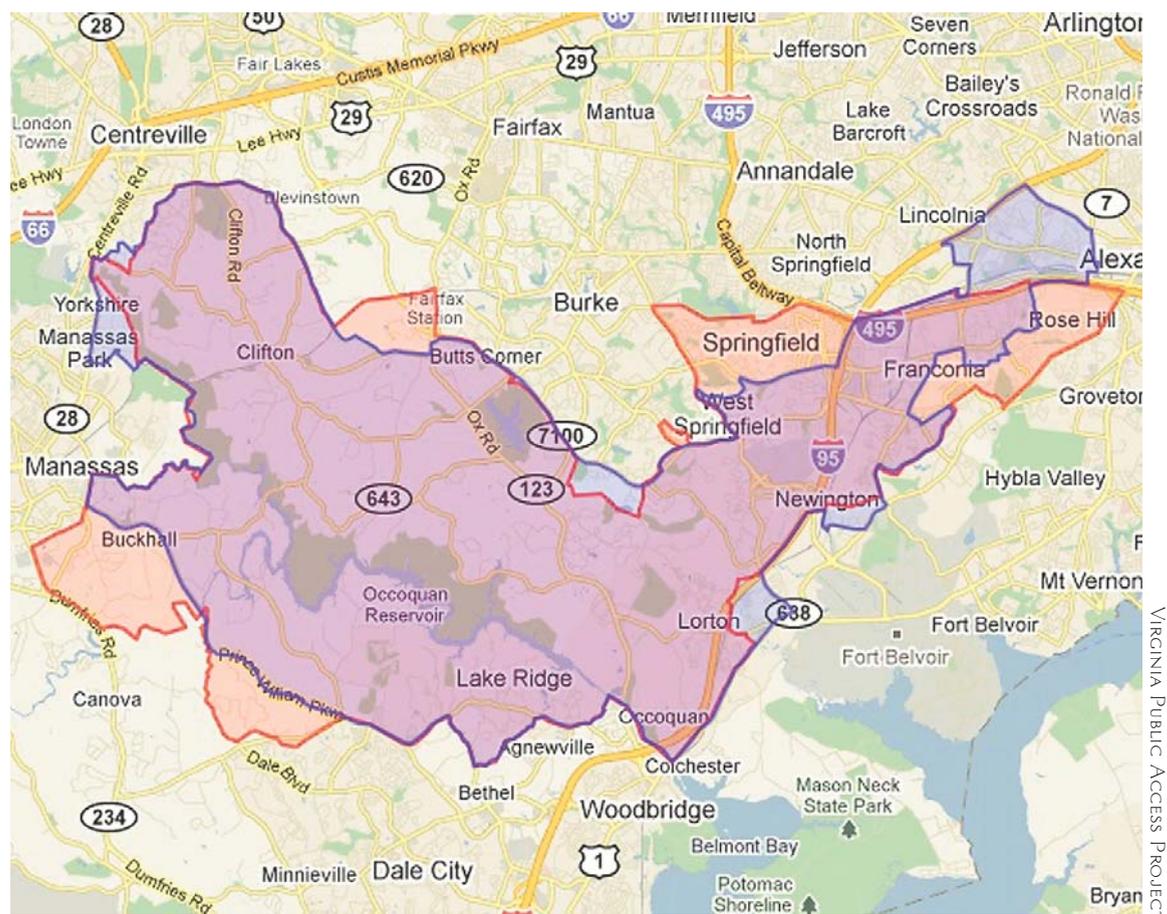
On Tuesday, the Virginia Department of Education named Alexandria teacher **Stacy Hoeflich** the 2001 Virginia History Teacher of the Year. Part of the reason for the distinction is that Hoeflich worked with teachers and students at John Adams Elementary School to stage a trio of operas based on the lives of **George Mason, Thomas Jefferson** and Virginia Indians.

"Her creative approach to history instruction engages students throughout the year and prepares them for success on the SOL tests," said Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction **Patricia Wright**.

Hoeflich has been a fourth-grade teacher for 14 years, developing a reputation for designing lessons that benefit the culturally and ethnically diverse population at the West End school. She has studied in Austria through the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, and she participated in a Library of Congress program known as Adventure of the American Mind. She also received a Teaching American History grant that led to her involvement in an online media web module for George Mason University's Center for History and New Media.

"Stacy Hoeflich's students dive into Virginia History and geography through experienced learning and hands-on classroom activities," said Wright.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



The red areas show parts of the district that was lost in redistricting, and the blue areas show new parts of the district. The purple section of the district did not change.

## City Gains Third State Senator

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"This is a politically motivated district," said Brenda Hankins, chairwoman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. "It's so politically motivated that it could end up harming voters because they won't be represented adequately in Richmond."

**THREE REPUBLICANS** are vying for the chance to take on Barker. The list includes former Justice Department official Miller Baker, special-education assistant Andre Muange and education administrator Scott Martin. Considering the Republicans have a shot at beating the narrowly elected freshman senator, the three potential candidates are focused on taking the fight to Barker.

"He's been asleep at the switch on BRAC," said Baker, referring to the thousands of new commuters that are expected to clog regional traffic at the Mark Center. "This is clearly a case of misplaced priorities."

"That's patently absurd," Barker responded. "I was working on this issue before I was even elected to the Senate."

Barker pointed out that he opposed the Mark Center location for the Washington Headquarters Service as a member of the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission. During his time on the commission and as a senator, Barker said, he supported the General Services Administration warehouse location, which was located at the Franconia-Springfield Metro station.

"Obviously this has been frustrating," said Barker. "It's a huge problem, and I'm on the record opposing the Mark Center site."

**IN THE SENATE**, Barker has been one of the most successful members in terms of getting legislation through the General Assembly. In the most recent session, for example, he was one of two members who were able to get 20 bills or more to the

governor's desk. If he is elected to another term this year, Barker said he wants to look at ways to attract jobs to Virginia. Two potential legislative fixes he is exploring could include offering tax incentives to new corporations and deferring tax payments during the startup phase.

"We're still looking which incentives will work best," said Barker. "Right now, we're taking a close look at other states that are successful with economic development."

On the Republican side, candidates are focused on lowering taxes and decreasing spending. Baker, for example, said he would cut money that goes to public television and public radio. Social issues may also become points of distinction in the general election depending on which candidate emerges as the G.O.P. standard-bearer.

"I respect life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death," said Muange in a written statement outlining his campaign platform. "I respect natural marriage between one man and one woman and recognize that it is the foundation of the family."

**WHICHEVER REPUBLICAN** wins the August primary, Barker is likely to be challenged on the economy. Martin's campaign platform, for example, includes eradicating the state's business and professional occupancy license taxes. On the campaign trail, Martin has been critical of the taxes because businesses must project future gross receipts and pay on the projections.

That means that some businesses end up paying too much while others pay a penalty for not accurately predicting future business in a difficult economic climate.

"This is not business friendly," said Martin in a written statement outlining his opposition to BPOL taxes. "And I will do all I can to lower and eventually eliminate this anti-business tax."

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**Tucker Riley and his mom, Deb Riley, cross home plate during the Miracle League opening game.**

# A League Of Their Own

**Miracle League ends inaugural season, begins drive for new field.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

For the first time in his young life, 7-year-old Tucker Riley did what most kids in Alexandria take for granted — he spent the summer playing baseball. Despite being confined to a wheelchair, he was finally part of a team when the city's first Miracle League baseball season became a reality at the Lee Center.

"The Miracle League has been amazing," said Tucker's mother Deb Riley. "This has given Tucker a sense of self-esteem and a chance to be part of something."

Sponsored by the department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural activities, the inaugural Miracle League season combined the youth and adult participants from the Alexandria

Therapeutic Recreation Department, which serves children and adults with disabilities and special needs.

"Raising a child with special needs presents so many unique challenges," Riley said. "But the therapeutic recreation department sees each child as special and welcomes them with enthusiasm. I am proud that Alexandria is one of the first in our area to embrace the Miracle League program and I am hopeful that we can raise the funds to get a safe, accessible field built."

With the season concluded, work now begins in earnest to raise funds to build a Miracle Field, a synthetic turf baseball diamond designed specifically for special needs participants. The Kelley Cares Foundation kicked off the fundraising with a \$10,000 donation at the league's closing ceremony June 4.

"The Miracle League of Alexandria is committed to raising \$135,000 for the field in the next 12 months," said Miracle League coordinator Bill Rivers. "The city has pledged \$285,000 of the \$400,000 cost if we can meet our goal by May of 2012."

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**— Deb Riley, mother of Miracle League participant Tucker Riley.**

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Thomas and Mike Pollack (far left), Dianne Simmons (far back by stream), Jim Clark (center), Lori Bowes (front right), and Elizabeth Wright (outside photo on steep slope) remove Garlic Mustard at Rynex Nature Area in the City of Alexandria.

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R.H. SIMMONS

## In the Battle against Invasive Plants

Six volunteers worked at pulling and bagging Garlic Mustard and other invasive exotic plants at Rynex Nature Area in the Lincolnia area of the City of Alexandria on Saturday, June 4.

In under three hours of work: six 2 cubic feet bags and five 3 cubic feet bags of Garlic Mustard were removed from the stream valley; as well as English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) vines from a tree trunk; Porcelainberry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*) vines from trees; numerous Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*) shrubs; seven 8-10' Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*) shrubs; two 10-12' Bush Honey-suckle (*Lonicera maackii*) shrubs; one 8' Japanese

Holly (*Ilex crenata*) shrub; one 8' Privet (*Ligustrum sp.*) shrub; one 15' x 15' Autumn Silverberry (*Elaeagnus pungens*) shrub; and Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*), Higan Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella*), Burning Bush, English Ivy, and Holly Osmanthus (*Osmanthus heterophyllus*) seedlings. The spring-fed seepage stream that flows through Rynex Nature Area is a tributary of Holmes Run.

Volunteer invasive exotic plant removal workdays will continue at a variety of sites in the City this fall.

An updated list of invasive exotic plants in City of Alexandria parks is posted on the Alexandria Flora and Natural Communities webpage at <http://alexandriava.gov/22560>

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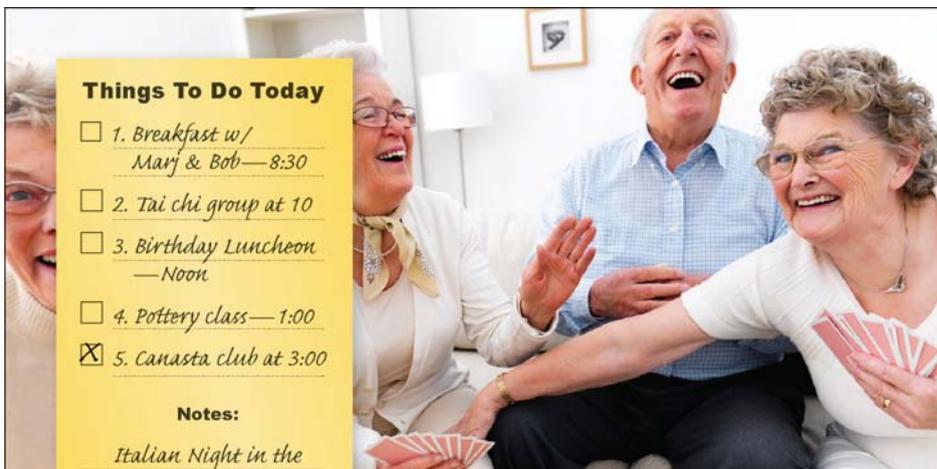
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**Jay Whitmire, Vian Zuidema and Karl Staudinger.**

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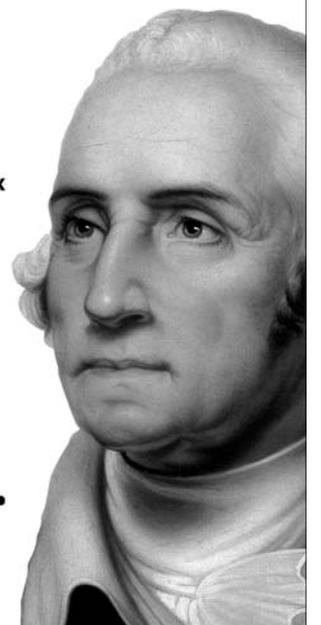
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## Chatting Up Luminaries

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"I think it's fair to say that Beverly Benda may be the most knowledgeable living person about the life of Sally Fairfax," said Thompson. "She'll be speaking in the clipped English of British America."

The interview will be the first in a series through May 2012 that will include historical luminaries **Edward Braddock**, **Richard Henry Lee**, **George Mason**, **George Washington** and **Billy Lee**. Thompson has prepared multimedia presentations that include a series of images for each interview that will be part of the show. Each of the interviews will culminate in a wine-and-cheese reception where people can ask their own questions.

"Sally Fairfax is a great way to start the series because she's connected to everybody else," said Thompson, "All of these people are interconnected in one way or another."

## Conservative Fraud

Every business fears embezzlement. Some go to great lengths to protect against being defrauded. Yet the lure of the easy dollar is always present.

Just ask the Alexandria-based American Conservative Union. This week, federal prosecutor **Neil MacBride** announced 56-year-old Alexandria resident **Diana Carr** has entered a guilty plea admitting that she diverted funds from the organization and deposited them in personal bank accounts from January 2006 through June 2009. Carr also admitted to using American Conservative Union funds to pay off personal credit-card bills and to make personal purchases. In a statement of facts filed as part of her plea agreement, Carr admitted to making false bookkeeping entries in an effort to conceal the fraud.

"Pursuant to the plea agreement, Carr has agreed to pay restitution to the victim and to the entry of a forfeiture order," said **Peter Carr**, spokesman for the United States Attorney's Office, in a written statement.

She faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison when she is sentenced on Sept. 16.

## Art Amore

When the mood for art hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore — or that's at least what the organizers of Firebricks and Frames hopes it will be.

Starting this week, King Street pizzeria Red Rocks will be hosting a series of seven artists who will be displaying two-dimensional art work at the restaurant. Even planning firm Gallery Thirteen has organized the monthly series, which will run through December and span several mediums.

"This is going to be a very exciting evening — the culmination of good art, people and atmosphere," said event planner **Kevin Bailey** of Gallery Thirteen. "This will be something the art community in Alexandria does not forget." Each month for the rest of the year, the restaurant will host an opening reception featuring the artists whose work is on display.

"I am delighted to participate in an event that brings impressive and unique people, art and food under one roof," said **Tracy Wilkerson**, whose art will be featured in November. "Don't miss this exciting event."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Students wash cars at Yates Automotive to raise funds for Water for Sudan.

# Washing Cars for Change

## GW students raise money for Water for Sudan.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ  
GAZETTE PACKET

**E**ighth grade students from George Washington Middle School (GWMS) held a car wash and bake sale at Yates Automotive on Saturday, June 4 to raise money for Water for Sudan. About 10 teens joked around, sold cookies and cleaned cars that morning. The students were members of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).

Their efforts are in conjunction with the Alexandria Kiwanis' youth Builders' Club and the student council association. Together, they are hoping to raise \$12,000, the amount it takes to build one well in southern Sudan. So far they have raised about \$4,600 through various fundraisers including a silent auction and a "battle for change."

Erica Thompson, the adult sponsor of the NJHS and a sixth grade teacher at GWMS, said, "A lot of clubs have decided to help. They thought, 'it's a cool idea. Why not?'"

Water for Sudan brings clean water to the Sudanese people. Currently, villagers often have to walk long distances to get water that may be contaminated by parasites and cholera bacteria. Bringing safe drinking water into villages improves the overall quality of life.



Julia Wagner and Madelyn Schneider sell baked goods.

Maddy Foster, an eighth grader and member of NJHS, thinks Water for Sudan is a good cause because "this is overall benefiting our society and that's what NJHS is all about, helping others."

Julia Wagner, also a member of NJHS, agreed, "It's a good cause because all the money we get we donate. And it's a good use of our free time."

Tax-deductible donations can be made to this organization. Make checks payable to Water for Sudan or GWMS and send them to Monica Sheehy by June 17. Send to George Washington Middle School 2, 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA, 22301. To learn more, go to [www.waterforsudan.org](http://www.waterforsudan.org).

# NEWS

**“I told you guys I was just gonna do beets!” Victorious Evening Star Café chef Will Artley takes the stage with Hall after winning the Judge’s Choice award.**



PHOTO BY LIAM MALAKOFF/GAZETTE PACKET



**Mike Anderson gives out samples of barbeque.**



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**Missy Pankow of Cheesetique makes up another pimento slider.**

## ‘Taste of Del Ray’

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Chew, arrived at the bank a little before 1 p.m. for a VIP reception which included Mayor Bill Euille and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.

Later, Hall headed out to the parking lot to sample one dish at each restaurant’s tent in order to determine the winner of the first-ever Judge’s Choice award. She also took time to hug gushing fans and talk to chefs and owners. “Carla was so thoughtful,” said Johnson. “She really respected each restaurant owner.”

Stephen Scott, the tall and lean executive chef at La Strada Italian restaurant on Mt. Vernon Avenue, hovered over a pot of boiling water, seemingly unfazed by the day’s humidity or the heat of competition.

As he transferred rigatoni



**Jeff Wallingford of Taqueria Pablano.**



**Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Tommy Knoernschild and Tiffany Dinnene register guests at the 2nd annual Taste of Del Ray.**



**Event Coordinators Mary Reid, Gayle Reuter, and Pat Miller. Karen Johnson was also on the committee but is not pictured.**

stuffed with lobster and rapini from one pot to another he talked about his hopes for the day. “Of course we hope to win,” said Scott. “We won our first year,” he added.

Hall had her own culinary contribution to make in the form of “Cookie Bites” from her new Washington project, Alchemy. Conveniently, those at the front of the line for cookies could move directly to the back of the line for ice cream samples from Nelson’s confectionary on the Avenue, Artfully Chocolate.

“It’s a nice way to get people out and trying new food,” said new Del Ray resident Mary Calvanese as she sat at one of about 30 tables set up for the event. She said she’d be trying Ethiopian dinner at the Caboose, a café she normally frequents for breakfast.

The Caboose also got an honorable mention from Hall. “It’s so much cheaper to go to a restaurant that has really good food” than to buy a plane ticket to Ethiopia, she said. Of the Del Ray food scene, Hall said, “It’s totally worth the drive” from her home in North-east Washington.

“Carla was absolutely perfect for



**Food judge Carla Hall samples a beet salad.**

Del Ray,” said Johnson. “She really liked the neighborhood and genuinely likes the food and the people. Now we have to figure out how to top it next year.”

Unfortunately for La Strada, Scott’s rigatoni could not overtake a simple beet salad from Evening Star Café chef Will Artley. “I’m a veggie girl,” said Hall from the stage as she announced that Artley



**Tiffany and Dan Dinnene**

had won the Judge’s Choice. The Del Ray Pizzeria took second, followed by the still unopened Pork Barrel BBQ.

In the People’s Choice category Pork Barrel took third again, and voters helped hoist Mexican establishment Taqueria Pablano to first place on the strength of its shrimp chalupa. Evening Star’s beets slipped to second.



**Molly Maddra and Kim Hilton of Fireflies serve up samples of barbeque sliders.**

Jeff Wallingford, co-owner of Taqueria Pablano, thanked all the customers who came, “even those who didn’t vote for us.”

“We’re going to keep on doing what we do 363 days a year,” said Wallingford. “Giving people what they want.”

# A League of Their Own

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partnered with Alexandria's Miracle League in an effort to help raise funds for the field.

"The Washington Nationals have a special website [www.nationals.com/miracleleagueofalexandria](http://www.nationals.com/miracleleagueofalexandria) where you can order tickets for any home game and part of the proceeds go to the Miracle Field," Rivers said. "They will also be hosting an 'Alexandria Sports Night' at Nationals Ball Park in September to highlight the Miracle Field effort and will help our fundraising by providing raffle items and mascot appearances at special events."

Additional donations are being sought from local businesses and private citizens, according to Don Simpson Jr., who is the fundraising chair for the league. Tax deductible donations can be made at the Miracle League of Alexandria website.

"I wish we had something like this when Brian was alive," said Miracle League committee member Laura Fries, who lost her 5-year-old special needs son Brian Schutzius in 2005. "As a parent, you ache for that one moment of 'normal' and giving these kids a chance to be part of baseball and sports gives them that. Brian would have loved this."

As the fundraising continues, the league will continue to play its games on a regular field, even though the kids will struggle to use wheelchairs or move through the dirt.

"This is my dream to play baseball!" said adult therapeutic rec participant Ellen Hawkins. "This is awesome! I love it!"

For families like the Riley's, the Miracle League and the volunteer "Angels in the Outfield" provide something special for the community.

"We live in an area teeming with opportunities for able-bodied children," Riley said. "Finally Tucker and other kids like him have something to call their own."

For more information on the Miracle League of Alexandria, visit [www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com](http://www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com)



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**Participants, volunteers and dignitaries, including Washington Nationals "president" Abe Lincoln, gather for a group photo prior to the start of the final game of the inaugural Miracle League season June 4 at the Lee Center.**



**Philip Reese heads for home plate with help from volunteer Katy Swanson.**



**Mimi Swanson, left, Karen Harry and Katy Swanson, mother, aunt and twin sister, respectively, of T.C. Williams graduate and longtime therapeutic rec volunteer Kelley Swanson. The Kelley Cares Foundation was founded in her memory.**



**Ethan Stanford prepares for his first at-bat with help from Mac Slover, left, and Brenda Holloway.**



**Sesi Atiase, left, and therapeutic rec staff member Hawa Belleh celebrate on Opening Day of the inaugural Miracle League season April 30.**



**Abram Davidson crosses home plate after his first at-bat during the Miracle League season opener.**



**Melinda Williams gets her first hit of the Miracle League season.**



**Adult therapeutic rec participants Sean Weber and Valery Davenport prior to the Miracle League season opener.**



**Adult therapeutic rec participant Ellen Hawkins waves to the crowd during the Miracle League opening game.**



**Volunteer Pat Miller, left, congratulates Valery Davenport at the close of the Miracle League season.**



**Ethan Stanford at bat with therapeutic rec assistant director Brenda Holloway.**



**Charlie Lenneman, right, gets a high-five from Youth Sports Director Mac Slover as he crosses home plate.**

# At a Crossroads

West End apartment dwellers are looking at uncertain future.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Since she was five, a series of garden apartments on the city's West End was the only home Saira has known. Now a 12-year-old student at Hammond Middle School, Saira's neighborhood is falling apart. Neighbors have taken second jobs to pay rapidly increasing rent and utility bills. Some have organized and demanded more reasonable increases. Others struggled to make ends meet in a down economy.

"These are our homes," she said one recent humid afternoon. "These are not wealthy people. It's going to be hard for people to find another place."

Developer JBG acquired the property in 2006 from the Mark Winkler Company, a longtime landlord at the series of moderate and low-income housing units adjacent to the Mark Center. The Washington Headquarters Service looms in the distance now as residents here face many threats. Aside from the traffic gridlock facing area commuters, renters here are facing rapidly rising rent and utility payments. Saira said her parents' bill spiked from \$80 to \$140.

"We're moving," said Saira. "I don't know what everybody else is doing, but we're leaving."

**SIX GARDEN APARTMENTS** sprawl across the rugged hills of the West End, crossing a street named after a Confederate general. Their names evoke a bucolic paradise: Hillwood, Stoneridge, Brookdale, Lynbrook, Meadowcreek and Willow Run. For many years people knew the collection as the Hamlets, but people walking the sidewalks here seemed unfamiliar with that name.

"Nobody calls them the Hamlets any longer," said Steban Garces, organizer for Alexandria-based Tenants and Workers United. "That's a name that the city and folks who have been around in that area for some time call them."

For many years the property was owned by the Mark Winkler Company, one of the largest landowners in the city — a time when the properties were known the Hamlets and Fort Belvoir was a distant

neighbor. When JBG became the landlord, residents say they were hit with higher bills for rent and utilities — some as much as a 25-percent increase. Although the city has guidelines that suggest landlords should limit annual increases between 5 and 7 percent, that's not a legally binding mandate on JBG.

"Generally landlords have been cooperative," said Melodie Seau, division chief for landlord-tenant relations in the city's Office of Housing. "But we can't require compliance."

**SINCE 1950**, the code of Virginia has prohibited localities from enacting rent control. That was a time when the state's political system was dominated by the conservative Byrd machine, a group that wanted to make sure local governments didn't undercut their interests in Richmond and beyond. For the last 20 years, though, the city of Alexandria has been issuing what it calls Voluntary Rent Guidelines.

"These voluntary guidelines provide no enforcement authority against landlords who fail to comply with them," wrote former City Manager Jim Hartmann in a September 2010 memorandum setting the current maximum rates. "Under current Virginia law, the city has no authority to place mandatory limits on rent increases."

Last fall, the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board considered rent data, market forecasts and vacancy surveys compiled by Delta Associates and the Alexandria Office of Housing. They suggested a range of 5 percent to 7 percent increase on their Sept. 1, and the City Council unanimously adopted the suggested rates on Sept. 29. Eight months later, JBG lowered rents by about \$25, although Tenants and Workers said they would like to see a \$100 reduction.

That's a temporary fix, though. And the people who live in these low-slung brick buildings realize that the end is near for the Hamlets. Yet as the Mark Center begins the radical transformation that is about to take place, people here say they have been forgotten in the shuffle.

"It's a disgrace," said Hector Pinedas, who has lived in the Middlecreek apartments since 2005. "They are trying to push us out."



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**Residents in six garden apartments on the West End are facing an uncertain future now that a developer has purchased the land and dramatically increased the cost of rent and utilities.**

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# OPINION

## Still Time To Be a Candidate

And also time to register to vote, primary election day is Aug. 23.

**H**ave you considered running for office? There are quite a few slots open for both major parties in the coming election, and even if you want to seek your party's nomination you have until June 15 to get yourself on the ballot. The primary election is Aug. 23; the general election is Nov. 8, this year.

In Virginia, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates and 40 seats in the State Senate are up for election on Nov. 8, 2011, along with the Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney in each jurisdiction, and many local offices as well.

This all comes before any presidential contest. That election is in November 2012. But the news has been about President Obama seeking to raise \$1 billion (seriously?) for his reelection campaign and a colorfully expanding and contracting Republican field (seriously).

Long before then, voters in Virginia will make some very serious state and local choices that

likely will have more impact on the quality of schools, property values, traffic and transit choices, public safety and all around quality of life than will the presidential race that looms in 2012.

This is the first election since redistricting, and many Northern Virginia voters will find that they are in a new House of Delegates or state Senate district, and that it takes time to get to know a new set of candidates.

In some races, the primary is really the general election. For example, state senate districts 30 and 31 that represent parts of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, have long-time incumbents Patsy Ticer (30) and Mary Margaret Whipple (31) retiring. A multi-candidate battle for the Democratic primary in each could predict the November results in these heavily Democratic districts.

Even though redistricting has made District 31 nearly 10 percent more Republican according to the Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org, the new district still voted just 44 percent for Gov. McDonnell in the last election. The previously compact district centered in Arlington now stretches all the way to Sterling. Huge swaths of McLean and Great Falls, long in District 32, will now find themselves in District 31.

EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Beyond Hotels

To the Editor:

The Council during its waterfront plan deliberations at the May 14 public hearing asked most of the questions that should have been addressed and answered by the Planning Commission in their three separate sessions with the Planning Department and the citizens. Unfortunately, the Council must now clean up this atrocious mess. Even more egregious is the fact that most of the questions asked by the citizens have never and will never be answered

by the Planning Department.

The first order of business by the Council should be to take those items out of the plan that cannot be executed because of current ownership, zoning or other legal restrictions. These are:

1. The two 200-foot piers off King and Cameron Streets and the 150-slip marina off Robinson Terminal South both violate the pier head line which is the federally mandated border between the District of Columbia and Virginia. In addition, both those entities will im-

### Details

#### TO RUN

**FOR PARTY CANDIDATES**, the payment/filing deadline is 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 15.  
**NON-PARTY CANDIDATES** have until primary election day, Tuesday, Aug. 23, to declare their candidacy.

#### TO VOTE

Primary Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 23  
General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8  
The deadline to register for the Aug. 23 primary is Monday, Aug. 1.  
Monday, Oct. 17 is the deadline to register to vote or update one's address for the Nov. 8 General Election.

Similarly, District 30 is nearly 5 percent more Republican, but voted just 41 percent for Gov. McDonnell. The district now stretches down into Mount Vernon, encompassing areas previously in District 36.

These are just a few examples of why it's time to tune in to the local elections.

We invite your suggestions, questions and contributions. The Gazette Packet will print letters to the editor, some columns from candidates, announcements of debates, stories and profiles and more in the coming months.

— MARY KIMM,

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pede the navigation rights of ships trafficking the Potomac.

2. Fitzgerald Square cannot be put together without the Old Dominion Boat Club giving up their parking lot. This will never happen as the membership depends on that lot and giving it up would eventually reduce the number of members coming to the club.

3. The parking lot across from Chadwicks is two-thirds owned by the Mann and Sweeney Estates. To date there has been no indication that they will sell their interests. Therefore a park is not in the offering. Those 100 parking spaces are well used.

4. The zoning to build three 150-room hotels would have to be changed to allow hotels on Union Street. The density will exceed what the current infrastructure will allow. Cabs, cars, tour buses, delivery trucks, trash pickup trucks, bikers and the like will cause this Union Street area of Alexandria to replicate BRAC 133. Just like BRAC 133, emergency response vehicles will find it impossible to get to their destinations.

5. Delete the 50,000 square feet of new restaurant space. There are currently over 100 restaurants in Old Town. More restaurants will just compound our parking problems.

On the other hand, the Council then should entertain doing the following:

- ❖ The number one item in the plan should be to aggressively pursue nuisance flood mitigation measures. Taking a subtle approach in integrating barriers into proposed infrastructure and landscape improvements is the right approach and needs to be done now.
- ❖ Adaptively reuse the Beachcomber Res



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**Opening Day** Assistant coach Wayne Miller watches players during the season opener for the Alexandria Aces on Friday, June 3. The Aces won the game 6-1 over the Vienna Riverdogs.

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# LETTERS

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restaurant building. Perhaps a small office building, restaurant or better yet a seaport museum would surely be desirable.

❖ The two Robinson Terminals should be converted to parkland. This is the only way to open up the waterfront as has been the goal of everyone associated with this project. The city and others claim its too expensive. Look we found over \$220 million to build a new high school, new police station, new library and new recreation center and now we are embarking on funding a \$275 million metro station. So much for a money crunch.

❖ The Cummings and Turner properties on the Strand between Duke and Prince Streets should be converted into a cultural center high-lighting the arts, archeology and the history of this great city. No hotel construction should be granted for this location.

❖ One of the most critical items necessary for any viable development plan to be executable is an accompanying Traffic Management Plan (TMP), including an impact traffic study on the Union Street Corridor. The Planning Department obviously feels that they can wait it out until each portion of the plan goes before Council for their individual development SUPs. We need to know what the traffic effects are before any waterfront plan is adopted by the city.

Therefore, no plan along the Union Street

corridor should be approved by Council until a TMP has been performed.

What I have suggested is just one alternative to the waterfront planning that was approved by the Planning Commission. There are a number of other solutions that should have been considered, yet during the process all we saw was the same solution time and time again. Hotels, hotels and hotels .... The Mayor and Council should direct the city planning staff to prepare and present a fully developed, less expensive alternative plan for Council and citizen consideration. The citizens truly want to help and want to be involved in the process.

**"Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## Supportive Of Art League

To the Editor:

Regarding the article in Business Matters, June 2-8, 2011, about The Art League's lease expiration (in August 2012) on our Duke Street Annex, I am pleased with the interest and community engagement that The Art League's facilities situation is receiving during this crucial time in our planning. I was, however, concerned by the implication of the wording "sent packing" and the Gazette headline "Waterfront Eviction." We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship

over the past 11 years with our landlord (note: misprinted as Simpson Properties), and they, along with our neighbors, have been extremely supportive of and generous with The Art League.

In addition, the City staff and Council members have been working with us to find a solution to our impending facility loss. We are endeavoring to find the support necessary to maintain The Art League in Old Town, as recommended by the proposed Waterfront Plan, and welcome those who wish to work with us to achieve that.

**Linda Hafer**  
Executive Director, The Art League

## In Honor

To the Editor:

There's a little big rock that sits in an area that may seem as if it's been forgotten. This rock is surrounded by a base — a wood frame like a picture. It sits high up like a wall and often one may see children climbing and playing on it. It seems to be a good setting for those in need to stop and just take a rest for a bit or two ... then there are the joggers and the bikers who, once in a while, would stop and read the plaque on this rock.

On the Veterans Memorial Walkway along the bike path of the 500 block of South Columbus and Wilkes Street sits this little big rock.

**Geri Baldwin**  
Alexandria

The plaque reads:

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In honor of all our veterans who have served and fought for our country, may they not be forgotten.

## Limiting Library Losses

To the Editor:

As a patron of the Alexandria Library system, and one who has been one day late returning a book only once — the hiring of Unique Management Services to recoup overdue fees most likely will not affect me. But as a taxpayer, and someone who did

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**Bob Weinhagen and Mary Sterling presented grant awards Sunday, June 5 to Boyd Walker of the Greater Alexandria Preservation Alliance, Gretchen Bulova representing Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Tracy Sullivan of the Lee-Fendall House Museum.**



**The Mueller's enjoy a laugh on the patio.**

## Historic Alexandria Foundation Garden Party



**Michael and Linda Budinski.**



**Skipp Calvert, Steven Smith, Barbara and Errol DeMontille and David Heiden.**

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**Jane Watrille, Chris Schmidt, Lawanda Swope, Kathryn Kuhn and Ruthie Apelt.**



**Sam Sterling serves up another glass of sparkling water.**

LETTER

### Addressing Mark Center

To the Editor:

In the upcoming months, the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region will face major changes in commuting patterns and major new congestion problems due to the implementation of decisions made in 2005 by the federal Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC). One area expected to be severely affected is the community surrounding the Mark Center in the City of Alexandria.

Beginning in August, the first of 6,400 employees are scheduled to report to the new Washington Headquarters Service office building (also known as BRAC-133) at the Mark Center near the intersection of I-395 and Seminary Road. Unfortunately, there is little public transportation available for workers at the new site (most of them currently work at the Pentagon or in Crystal City, where mass transit is readily available).

Planned road improvements for the area include new turn lanes at a number of intersections, a pedestrian bridge over Seminary Road, and a ramp directly from the I-395 high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to Seminary Road. Even though they have been funded by the state and federal governments, none of these improvements will be completed before the move-in date. In fact, due to federally required environmental studies, construction for all of them may not even start until well after the 6,400 employees begin to work at the site, further exacerbating what will be significantly increased traffic congestion in the area.

Recently, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran initiated legislative proposals intended to provide temporary relief to commuters while transportation improvements are made. The first of these is a provision in the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act that will give the Secretary of Defense the ability to delay the implementation of up to seven of the BRAC recommendations for a year (until Sept. 15, 2012). If enacted, this law will allow the Secretary to provide for a more gradual transition of workers into the new Mark Center site so that some of the traffic improvements can be underway, if not complete, before all 6,400 workers are moved in.

Congressman Moran's second legislative initiative seeks to temporarily limit the use of parking spaces in the Mark Center garage, which will lessen the facility's impact on traffic congestion in the short term by forcing the Department of Defense to also limit the number of employees who initially occupy the Mark Center building.

The relocation of Defense Department employees to the Mark Center is going to occur, whether we like it or not. Nonetheless, it is in everyone's interest to make this transition as smooth as possible, and to limit additional traffic congestion to the greatest extent possible. These two legislative proposals will help accomplish those objectives, and they should be approved by Congress. They will be beneficial for all affected parties — residents in the area, those who already work in the Mark Center, and commuters who will spend additional time on I-395 and other roads, not to mention Defense Department employees who are being transferred to the facility. Once approved, the Secretary of Defense should quickly act to identify the Mark Center BRAC-133 facility as one of those for which the implementation of the 2005 BRAC legislation will be delayed.

**William D. Euille**  
Mayor of Alexandria

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## Just Listed! Open Sunday 1-4 in DelRay



Walk to everything! Turn key! 4 fully finished levels offers high ceilings, welcoming wrap porch and open floor plan. Large chef's kitchen w/ bar opens to eating area, great deck and patio. Main level bedroom w/ full BA currently used as den. Lower level play room with fully bath, built-ins, and huge laundry room. Upstairs offers a luxury master suite w/ custom closets plus 3 real bedrooms and finished loft. ~\$1,195,000

1600 Hancock Avenue Alexandria, VA 22301

## Just Listed in Mt. Vernon



Country setting! Stunning in cul-de-sac w/ spectacular screened porch and deck backing to Parkland. Inside offers 5 bdrms, 4.5 ba, wide plank cherry floors, custom millwork, high ceilings, spacious & renovated kitchen/breakfast rm opens to large family rm w/ frpl. Luxury master suite w/ 2 walk-in closets. Finished Lower level w den, rec rm w/ built-ins & wet bar, play rm, hobby rm & full bath, sprinkler system ~\$899,000

8817 Surrey Court Alexandria, VA 22309

## Open Sunday in Kings Cloister



Bright & open in cul-de-sac backing to trees. Cooks kitchen w/ island & sunny breakfast room opens to tiered deck w/ landscape & exterior lighting. 4 bedrooms, library, large dining room, foyer & living room, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage- a car lovers DREAM w/ heat, flooring & built-ins. Wood floors on main & upper levels, + 2 custom staircases w/ iron railing. Recently finished rec room ~\$1,495,000

624 Kings Cloister Circle Alexandria, VA 22302

## Just Listed on East Boulevard



Stately all brick custom colonial on one acre in a private park setting. 3 car gar, over 6500 finished sq ft, 5+ bedrooms, 4.5 baths on 3 fully finished levels. Professional kitchen, master suite w/ wet bar

& sitting room walks out to private deck, 4 fireplaces, high ceilings, wine room, gym, large mud room, beautiful porch off kitchen, formal living and dining rooms, and handsome millwork ~\$1,995,000

8108 East Boulevard Drive Alexandria, VA 22308

## New Price in Tauxemont



Completely renovated and almost new. One level living! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths on half acre. Large eat-in kitchen w/ vaulted ceiling, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, cherry cabinets, glass backsplash & gas fireplace. Spacious great room w/ stone fireplace, master bedroom suite w/ top of the line bathroom, walk in closet + 2 additional closets. Backs to neighborhood tennis courts. ~\$699,000

1401 Namassin Road Alexandria, VA 22308

## Custom Home along the GW Parkway



5 bedroom, 5.5 baths, two Story Great Room w/ Palladian Windows & coffered ceiling overlook stone terrace w/fountain. 10' ceilings on first floor. 2 MBR's main & upper floor w/ balcony and steam shower. Open Kitchen w/ center island, commercial appliances, breakfast rm. Custom Laundry rm. Concrete counters and rustic bar in lower lvl exercise, office ~\$1,495,000

9060 Tower House Place Alexandria, VA 22308

## Bring Your Boat!



Spectacular 1.26 acre waterfront lot with existing home on the highest points in the neighborhood. Fabulous Street with large Custom homes. Renovate or build on Estate size lot with 183 feet of waterfront. Home is livable and conveys as is. Dock conveys as is. A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. We have plans with a builder available for custom build. Bring your Boat! ~\$1,299,000 & \$2,499,000

5101 & 5103 Burke Drive Alexandria, VA 22309

## Like New In Plymouth Haven



Inviting and refreshing southern style with front and back porches custom built and only 3 years young! 6700 finished sq feet covers 3 levels + attic on half lush acre. Dual staircases, modern open floor plan, easy entertaining flow, 6 BRs, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, mud room, wide wood floors, 3 fireplaces, fabulous master suite, chef's kitchen opens up to breakfast and family room. Exercise, music and game rooms, walk up attic, study. Formal living and dining rooms. Steps from Ft. Hunt Park! ~\$1,550,000

8839 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria, VA 22308

## Custom Built Home along GW Parkway



To be built custom home on 1/2 acre by Boucher Building. 2 models to choose from! 4+bedrooms, 3.5+ baths. Driveway will be on Ridgecrest and home backs to cul-de-sac. 5000+ square feet of living space, custom finishes. Starting at ~\$1,495,000

7812 West Boulevard Drive Alexandria, VA 22308

## Stunning Colonial in Mt. Vernon



Big, bright, beautiful on cul-de-sac! 4 spacious bedrooms with large closets, 3.5 updated baths. Large kitchen w/ granite countertops and island, Viking 6 burner cooktop, new stainless steel appliances. Kitchen opens to large TREX deck w/ spectacular back yard! In-ground sprinkler system, playset and cute shed. Luxury owners suite w/ jacuzzi & sep shower. Walk out lwr lvl. Great flow for family & easy outdoor entertaining. ~\$870,000

8355 Justin Road Alexandria, VA 22309

## The Best of Condo Living in Old Town



St. Asaph Square- 801 S Pitt Street Unit #223. 1 bedroom/1 bath, 787 sq feet, beautiful renovated condo. New Kitchen and bath, neutral paint, crown molding, wood floors, Washer/dryer in unit, enjoy community pool and convenient parking space. ~\$325,000

Canal Place- 1207 N Pitt Street, Unit 3A. Bright & Sunny Top Level Unit. Updated bathroom, hardwood floors, wood burning fireplace. Washer/Dryer in unit. Large bedroom w/ 2 closets. Comm. Pool + Parking. Seller offering \$3000 kitchen upgrade credit. ~\$269,000

## One Level Living in Wellington!



One level living! Owners have spared no expense in updating home. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, plantation shutters, custom built-ins, renovated eat-in kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances, granite countertops & family room and study off kit. Neutral bathrooms, 3 large bedrooms + office/den, 3 full baths, tons of closet space, large patio and deck great for entertaining! ~\$775,000

1117 Woodcliff Drive Alexandria, VA 22308



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**Old Town**  
**\$765,000**  
 528 Bellvue Place,  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 Located in a private enclave, this meticulously maintained 3BR, 3BA & 2 half BA brick end townhome is an excellent value. Parking for 2 cars with a garage and driveway. Owner will pay \$10,000 toward purchaser's closing costs!



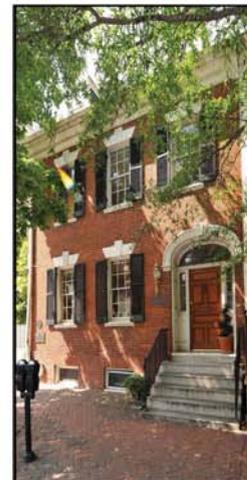
**Jeanne Warner**  
 703-980-9106



**Old Town**  
**\$1,425,000**  
 708 Fords Landing Way,  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 Located in sought after Fords Landing, this elegant brick end townhouse with an elevator has glimpses of the Potomac River. Private brick patio, 3BR, 3BA, 2 half BA, two master suites, fabulous light and airy gourmet kitchen. 2 car garage.



**Jeanne Warner**  
 703-980-9106



**Old Town**  
**\$1,825,000**  
 611 Cameron Street,  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 Built in 1780, this stately historic residence was once the home of Robert E. Lee's family. Currently being used as an office and a residence. Offers 7 parking spaces, tall ceilings, exquisite moldings and heart pine floors.



**Jeanne Warner**  
 703-980-9106



**Harbor View** **\$865,000**  
 8203 Lazy Point Lane, Lorton, VA 22079

Amazing sunrises & tranquil sunsets are captured by this private waterfront home on nearly 2 acres. Home is pristine with wonderful floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage & navigable water. Near Ft Belvoir & just 18 miles to DC.



**Susan Gray Chambers** 703-203-9900



**Lynhaven**  
**\$429,000**  
 232 Lynhaven Drive,  
 Alexandria, VA 22305  
 Close-in Del Ray location. End unit townhome with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fresh paint, hardwoods on main level, new kitchen with granite & stainless steel appliances. Deck & rec room walks out to 2 car parking. No HOA fees!



**Sherry York**  
 703-625-3377



**Old Town** **\$997,777**  
 1100 Princess Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Commercial Space! 3 units in 1 parcel. Detached building in the heart of Old Town. 3 sep entrances, 1st & 2nd level offices. 3rd level kitchen & full bath. 8-10 parking.



**Charles York & Greg Doherty**  
 703-409-3377



**Hollin Hall Village** **\$435,000**  
 1700 Jamestown Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Just Listed! Hollin Hall charmer in prime cul-de-sac location. Granite/stainless kitchen, large FR addition and oversized one car garage! Huge landscaped garden with privacy fence, flagstone patio, koi pond & firepit!



**Nicky McDonnell** 703-201-3318



**Cameron Parke**  
**\$457,000**  
 3818 Dominion Mill Drive,  
 Alexandria, VA 22304  
 Gorgeous light-filled 3 level, 3BR & 2.5BA townhouse. Offers HW floors, spacious eat-in kitchen with granite, 9+ ft ceilings, crown molding, 2 car garage & more! Centrally located minutes to Old Town, Metro, Parks & the PTO.



**Joy Deevy**  
 703-930-5198



**Hallcrest Heights**  
**\$598,000**  
 7423 Hallcrest Drive,  
 McLean, VA 22102

Renovated 3 level all brick THS in convenient Hallcrest Heights! Featuring Brazilian cherry hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, new windows, 3BR, 2 full & 2 half baths. Finished walk-out lower level & huge private rear patio!



**Joy Deevy**  
 703-930-5198



**Edsall Park** **\$379,000**  
 5312 Blackburg Road, Springfield, VA 22151

Beautifully Updated. Freshly painted 3BR, two level rambler with beautifully finished HW flrs, new designer blinds, upgraded electrical system, new ceiling with recessed lights & Berber carpet in FR. Landscaping & deck.



**Ed Pagett** 703-518-6161



**Collingwood Estates** **\$599,900**  
 1121 Anesbury Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308

Very large five bedroom, three bath & two level rambler in Wayneswood School District. New roof, some newer windows and HVAC. Upgraded insulation, hardwoods, den, deck & gazebo.



**Ed Pagett** 703-518-6161



**Sulgrave Village** **\$1,195,900**  
 1912 Prices Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308

Fabulous New Listing! Beautiful & nearly new brick 4BR, 4.5BA, colonial with 3 car garage. Close-in Mt Vernon location. All the amenities one would expect! Wall mounted 61" plasma TV with sound system & permanent back-up generator.



**Ed Pagett** 703-518-6161

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**Woodstone**  
**\$324,000**  
 7160 Westfield Court,  
 Alexandria, VA 22306  
 Immaculate 3 level townhouse  
 with 3 bedrooms & 3.5 baths.  
 Rear deck on main level. Lower  
 level with rec room, bonus room  
 & walk out to patio & fenced  
 yard. Backs to trees.



**Gayl  
 Warman**  
 703-309-8792



**JUST  
 REDUCED**

**Old Town**  
**\$599,000**  
 543 South St. Asaph Street,  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
**Absolutely Charming!** 3  
 bedroom plus 2.5 bath brick  
 townhome on quiet courtyard.  
 Hardwood floors, fireplace,  
 built-ins & one off-street parking  
 space.



**Donnan C.  
 Wintermute**  
 703-518-6156



**Hollindale** **\$949,000**  
 1615 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306  
 Charming brick 6BR, 4.5BA Williamsburg colonial featuring  
 grand entrance hall, well-proportioned rooms,  
 fine moldings & 3 fireplaces. Fully finished  
 walk-out lower level plus over-sized two car  
 garage. This is a gem!



**Donnan C. Wintermute 703-518-6156**



**OPEN  
 SUN 1-4**

**The Plaza** **\$279,000 & \$335,000**  
 803 North Howard #262 & 803 North Howard #135

Large 2BR/2BA with den and 2BR/2BA with DR, updated kitchen,  
 appls. Fresh paint, neutral carpet,  
 washer/dryer & storage. Garage  
 parking & easy metro access.



**Fran E. Orr & Mary Edwards**  
 703-623-4070 • 703-907-9800



**OPEN  
 SUN 1-4**

**Cameron Station** **\$280,000**  
 191 Somerville Street, Alexandria, VA 22304

**Seller Must Sell!** Pristine 1 bedroom with 1.5 baths, garage  
 and off-street parking. 12'+ ceilings, living room  
 with fireplace, patio, pool, park, trails and  
 shuttle bus. Bring offer!



**Marie Louise Meyer 703-836-2080**



**OPEN  
 SUN 1-4**

**Potomac Greens**  
**\$779,000**  
 1719 Potomac Greens Drive,  
 Alexandria, VA 22314

**New Price!** 4 level townhome in  
 Potomac Greens. 3 bedrooms, 3.5  
 baths & den with French doors.  
 Living room with built-ins &  
 upgraded kitchen. Family room,  
 upper level deck, plantation  
 shutters & 2 car garage.



**Carol  
 Hooks**  
 703-509-4199



**Stratford Landing** **\$535,000**  
 2100 Basset Street, Alexandria, VA 22308

**Stunning Renovation.** 3 bedroom & 2.5 bath home with 1 car  
 garage. Impressive remodeled kitchen & baths.  
 Sunroom plus finished LL family room. Slate  
 patio overlooks lush backyard.



**Terry Ann Stevens 757-647-4705**



**Groveton** **\$385,000**  
 3512 Groveton Street, Alexandria, VA 22306

**Cottage in Alexandria, South.** Updated cottage on almost  
 half-acre lot! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood  
 floors, updated kitchen and baths on one level.  
 Exceptional large fenced rear yard.



**Rita McCauley-Redmond 703-447-9114**



**Jefferson Manor** **\$374,900**  
 2802 Albemarle Drive, Alexandria, VA 22303

**Short Distance to Metro!** Located on a quiet side street, this  
 home offers privacy & convenience. Tastefully  
 renovated 3 levels with HW flrs, 2 full BA, new  
 HVAC, amazing eat-in kitchen & fenced yard  
 with deck. Minutes to Old Town, PTO & DC.



**Tom Rickert 703-447-7901**



**Old Town**  
**\$3,500/Month**  
 432 North St. Asaph Street,  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 Great townhome with 3  
 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces,  
 hardwood, updated kitchen  
 with granite and stainless steel  
 appliances. A private patio,  
 off-street parking and over 2000  
 square feet.



**Bonnie  
 Rivkin**  
 703-598-7788



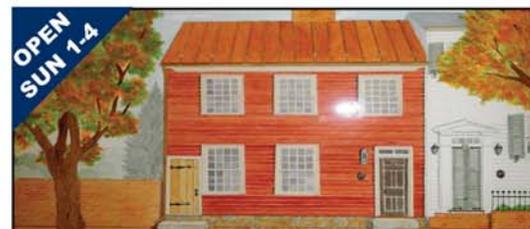
**OPEN  
 SUN 1-4**

**Riverside/Fort Hunt** **\$664,000**  
 8311 Crown Court Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

**Just Reduced!** Four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage,  
 sunroom & cul-de-sac living in a great  
 neighborhood. Stratford Landing Elementary.  
 Great value.



**Bonnie Rivkin 703-598-7788**



**OPEN  
 SUN 1-4**

**Captain's Row/Old Town** **\$1,250,000**  
 126 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Historic charm and character, built in 1793, one block to the  
 River. Includes 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, heart of  
 pine floors throughout and renovated.



**Bonnie Rivkin 703-598-7788**

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Send announcements to the Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

**Mark Fisher** of Alexandria was promoted to new chief executive officer of **Sport&Health**. Fisher replaces Jonathan Adler, who served as CEO since 2008. Adler will remain with Sport&Health as vice chairman and will focus efforts on business development.

**The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF)**, in conjunction with the Office of Early Childhood De-

velopment, has awarded \$21,585 in supplementary Virginia Star Quality Initiative booster funds to Smart Beginnings Alexandria/Arlington through the Campagna Center.

The funds are specified for early childhood development projects to expand the Virginia Star Quality Initiative (VSQI) in the local area during the period of January-June 2011.

**Edward J. Mazur**, MBA, CPA, Senior Advisor for Public Sector Services, Clifton Gunderson LLP, received the Private Sector Financial Excellence Award from the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) on Feb. 17 at the Association's 9th Annual National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

**HOME SALES**

In April 2011, 169 Alexandria homes sold between \$1,516,000-\$78,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$599,500-\$330,000 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
115 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$599,500	Townhouse	0.02			CAMERON STATION
106 SPRING ST E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$597,000	Detached	0.11			ROSEMONT PARK
4607 KIRKLAND PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$590,100	Townhouse	0.05			STONEGATE
304 LURAY AVE	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$589,900	Detached	0.11			BRENTON
4612 LATROBE PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$587,500	Townhouse	0.05			STONEGATE
400 MADISON ST #1703	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors				ALEXANDRIA HOUSE
513 COLUMBUS ST N	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$569,000	Townhouse	0.03			OLD TOWN
168 MONCURE DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$554,000	Detached	0.12			GLENMORE
2061/2 ADAMS AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$537,500	Duplex	0.06			DEL RAY
15 MASON AVE E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$537,000	Duplex	0.08			DEL RAY
335 PATRICK ST N	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.02			PARKER GRAY HISTORIC
5056 KILBURN ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$524,900	Townhouse	0.02			CAMERON STATION
510 COLUMBUS ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$519,600	Townhouse	0.04			OLD TOWN
1239 MADISON ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.02			BRADDOCK PLACE
1310 SEAPORT LN	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$507,250	Townhouse	0.02			VIRGINIA VILLAGE
2703 CENTRAL AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Detached	0.13			BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
802 JANNEYS LN	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Detached	0.23			CLOVER
2419 CENTRAL AVE	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$495,000	Detached	0.10			BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
701 BASHFORD LN	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.07			OLD TOWN/DEMPSY
2701 DEWITT AVE	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.08			DEL RAY
5116 DONOVAN DR #404	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$470,000	Garden 1-4 Floors				CAMERON STATION
3830 DOMINION MILL DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Townhouse	0.04			TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE
951 HARRISON CIR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$459,900	Townhouse	0.03			SUMMERS GROVE
203 ASPEN ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$444,000	Townhouse	0.10			WARWICK VILLAGE
3000 LANDOVER ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.07			WARWICK VILLAGE
5681 RAYBURN AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$433,000	Townhouse	0.05			WESTRIDGE OF ALEXANDRIA
5524 FILLMORE AVE	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Detached	0.19			SHIRLEY FOREST
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1013	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors				THE JAMIESON
713 LEE ST S	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Detached	0.04			OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1206	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$419,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors				THE JAMIESON
3701 TAFT AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Detached	0.25			COOPER'S GROVE/DELTA
5112 DONOVAN DR #402	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Garden 1-4 Floors				CARLTON PLACE
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1203	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$409,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors				THE JAMIESON
291 CAMERON STATION BLVD#103	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$408,000	Townhouse				CAMERON STATION
910 POWHATAN ST #302S	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$399,900	Garden 1-4 Floors				900 N WASHINGTON STR CONDOS
602 ARMISTEAD ST #2	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$395,000	Townhouse				BEAUREGARD HEIGHTS
2828 COLUMBUS ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$392,500	Townhouse				FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE
800 ST ASAPH ST S #206	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$379,000	Garden 1-4 Floors				ST ASAPH SQUARE
5432 WYCKLOW CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$368,000	Townhouse	0.04			HOLLAND TOWNE
403 RAYMOND AVE	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$366,300	Semi-Detached	0.11			ST ELMO
3603 GUNSTON RD #524-36	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$361,000	Townhouse				PARKFAIRFAX
403A RAYMOND AVE E	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$359,500	Semi-Detached	0.06			ST ELMO
4914 29TH RD S #A-2	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$350,000	Garden 1-4 Floors				FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE
1014 PRINCE ST #4	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$349,000	Attach/Row Hse				COURTS
1610 WOODBINE ST	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.04			BRADDOCK HEIGHTS/NORTH RIDGE
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD#317	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Garden 1-4 Floors				CAMERON STATION
1600 PRINCE ST #208	0	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$335,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors				1600 PRINCE STREET
1619 MOUNT EAGLE PL #937-16	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$332,500	Garden 1-4 Floors				PARKFAIRFAX
1107 PITT ST N #3C	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Garden 1-4 Floors				CANAL PLACE
310 HENRY ST N	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03			PARKER GRAY

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# LETTERS

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collection work for many years, I have concerns.

I seriously doubt that the \$10 non negotiable fee that the multi-national agency tacks on to each "bill" will cover the cost of its efforts on behalf of the City. What is contracted for is typically a flat fee plus a percentage of what is collected. Agencies usually send several FTC compliant notices before they begin to make telephone contact, not much different than what local employees are doing now. Many accounts are written off as uncollectible, and it takes quite a bit of time in house, and sometimes involving outside legal, before a debtor's credit is affected. This is common knowledge, and there is a percentage of those who are delinquent that simply don't care, or already have damaged credit, much higher in bad economic times such as what we are experiencing now, diminishing the "scare" effect. Put simply, the outsourcing of the effort may cost more than the monetary value of what is ultimately recovered.

In addition, hiring a collection agency to dun patrons may just end up being counterproductive by eroding the goodwill this community resource will need to tap into in order to survive. Library systems already incur fees for accepting debit and/or credit cards, something that was not envisioned when they were founded. Perhaps the next step, and a better and more engaging option, would be to assess a nominal membership fee — either as a fund to write off late fees against in the future, refundable with good behavior, or just to join — upfront, and maybe tax deductible, on the theory that those who are more invested in an institution will be more respectful and compliant.

**Karen Ann DeLuca**  
Alexandria

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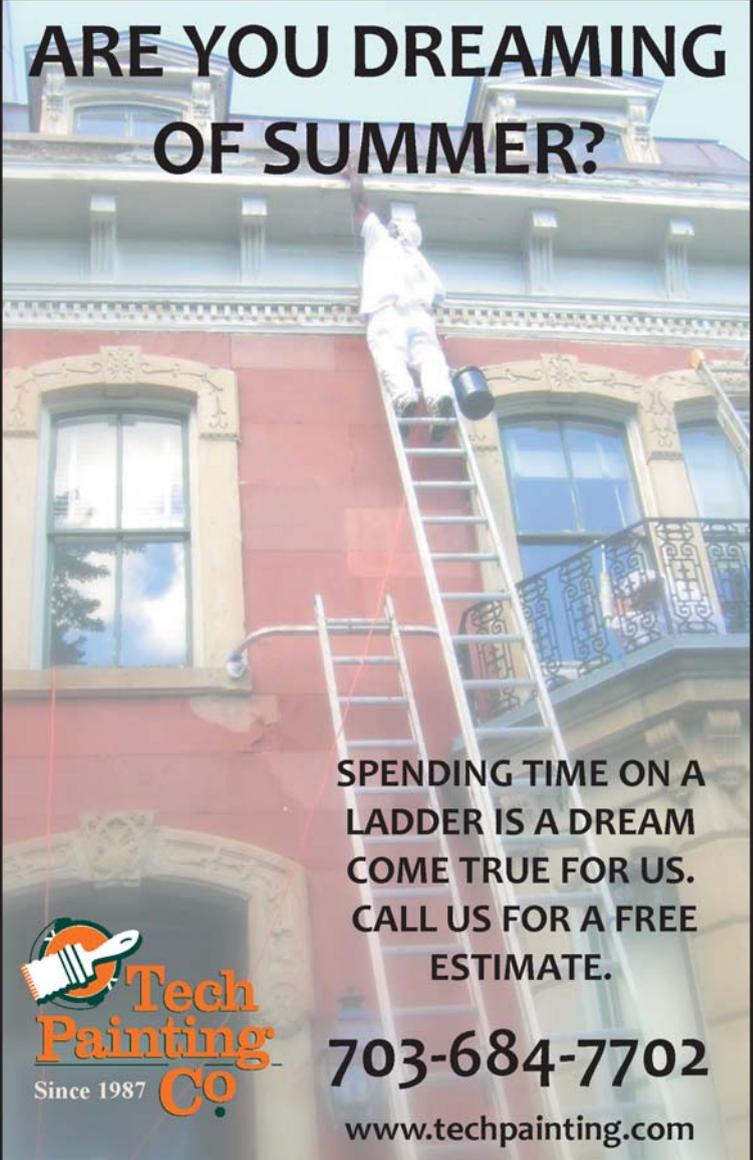
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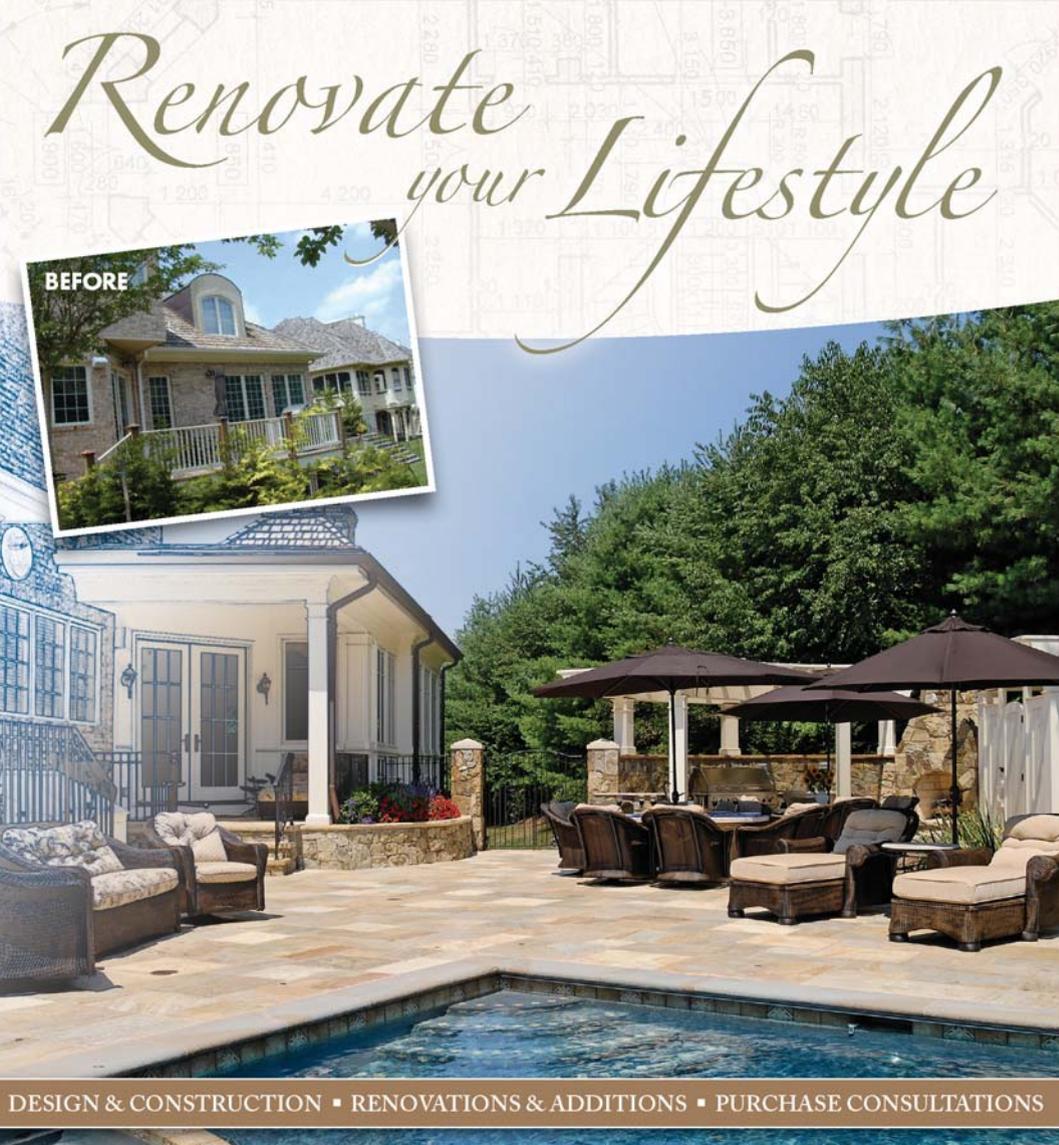


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### Self-Styling

Ana Carolina Escarraga displays her own sense of style outside of the Torpedo Factory on Friday, June 3. Escarraga is an international student from Bogota, Colombia. She has been studying English in Alexandria for the past four months.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Virginia Yoga Week June 12-19

The fourth annual Virginia Yoga Week will run from June 12-19, offering people of all ages and fitness levels more than 80 discounted or free yoga classes — and the opportunity to raise funds for charities.

From Alexandria to Leesburg, Occoquan to Reston, free and \$5 classes will give everyone the chance to sample yoga classes from many different traditions and styles.

“During Virginia Yoga Week, yoga studios and teachers join together to promote the benefits of yoga for mind, body and spirit. Through the Virginia Yoga Week Karma Project, we also raise funds for those in need,” said Margaret Townsend, yoga teacher and founder of Virginia Yoga Week.

Virginia Yoga Week encourages people of all ages and fitness levels to explore yoga, while at the same time raising funds for a variety of good causes, including The Exalted Warrior Foundation, Carpenter’s Shelter, People for Haiti, Give Back Yoga, Reston Inter Faith and the Loudoun County Animal Shelter. The donation-based Karma classes form part of the Virginia Yoga Week Karma Project, which promotes the yoga of selfless service.

### VIRGINIA YOGA WEEK:

#### ❖ June 12: Love Your Body Day

Virginia Yoga Week opens on June 12 with Love Your Body Day, featuring yoga, live music and massage. Proceeds from the day will benefit Reston InterFaith.

#### ❖ June 17th: Yoga on the Potomac

Yoga on the Potomac at Collingwood Library and Museum in Alexandria will feature a YoKid class for families; a vigorous yoga flow practice to shake off the end of the week blahs, and an uplifting kirtan music concert, along with complimentary refreshments provided by Whole Foods of Alexandria. Yoga on the Potomac will benefit Give Back Yoga and YoKid, organizations that use yoga as a vehicle to support active duty personnel, veterans and at-risk youth.

Paul Frank, executive director of Collingwood Library and Museum, said: “We are grateful for the opportunity to give support back to our military personnel who have given so much, and to increase the educational capability of our children through our participation in Virginia Yoga Week.”

#### ❖ June 19: Free Yoga in the Fresh Air in Old Town Alexandria

Virginia Yoga Week’s closing event in Old Town Alexandria’s Montgomery Park will build on its mantra to ‘energize and inspire’. Free outdoor yoga classes will be offered in conjunction with a food drive to benefit both humans and four-legged friends.

Beneficiaries include the Carpenter’s Shelter at the Hoffman Center for Homeless Families, King Street Cats, XL Dog Rescue and Dog World, with more complimentary treats from sponsors, Whole Foods Alexandria and Honey Drop beverages.

Visit [www.virginiayogaweek.com](http://www.virginiayogaweek.com) to find Karma classes, as well as the full Virginia Yoga Week class and event schedule.



SVETLANA AVELLAN/THE GAZETTE

Sara VanderGoot (background) teaches a class called Prenatal Yoga at Mind the Mat in Del Ray.

## How Mind the Mat Matters

Yoga classes offer a “union” between the body, mind and spirit.

BY SVETLANA AVELLAN  
THE GAZETTE

It’s been three years since Mind the Mat was founded by Sara VanderGoot and co-owner Megan Brown. Located on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray, with a 14-person staff, Mind the Mat offers classes anywhere from prenatal Pilates, to beginner, intermediate and advanced yoga.

“Our community didn’t have a studio like this, where a variety of lessons were taught,” said Sara VanderGoot, a specialized massage therapist. She joined with Megan Brown, a licensed physical therapist, to help people release tension and stress within the body.

Mind the Mat’s goal is to provide instruction with a focus on individual needs. The studio offers four to six-week series workshops that pertain to specific areas of teaching. “In the past, we have created workshops particularly for runners who have hurt themselves,” said VanderGoot.

Although Pilates and yoga share a lot of similarities, yoga, comparing to Pilates dates back as far as 5,000 years ago. Many will find that yoga focuses on its practices on a deeper level.

Yoga itself means “union”. A union between the body, mind and spirit. For someone who encounters yoga for the first time, VanderGoot said, “Through your physical body, you train your mind to touch your spirit.” Not only is yoga a healing process, it also helps those who have been injured, mothers preparing for birth and the ones who want to strengthen their bodies, improve balance, relax or calm the mind.

According to VanderGoot, all instructors at Mind the Mat are certified to teach within their area of expertise, with many being physical therapists as well. Some are licensed nutritionists, nurses, specialized with prenatal care and have worked at the studio for a long period of time. “They do what they do best,” she said.

A long-term instructor at Mind the Mat, Debora Jackson

with more than 15 years of experience, added: “Yoga is like maintenance for me. It’s a joy; it’s when I am the happiest. Yoga is about the teaching, and how you connect with it. It has helped me enhance my life. I feel stronger, calmer, and more relaxed.”

Yoga in general is a physical form of stretching. Those who practice yoga will gradually achieve greater endurance, flexibility, and energy. The body will rid itself of toxins, improve circulation and the blood pressure will normalize. One of the major aspects of yoga is the training of how to breathe properly.

“If there is one thing you want to learn, learn how to breathe. I practice what is called Vinyasa, which is another word for breath-driven movement,” said Jackson. In other words, Vinyasa is a technique that instructors teach students to move from one pose to another on an inhale or exhale. The result becomes like a dance.

Mind the Mat invites all age groups, including babies with mommies, and experience is not required. “The majority of our clients are women, but we would love to have more men,” said VanderGoot.

“I have been coming here for over a year and a half,” said Jan Geiger, a user of Mind the Mat and a client of Jackson’s. “I started with Pilates due to arthritis, but later moved to yoga. I love it, I have done it for over 10 years now.” Geiger is 64 years old and is retired, practices yoga at least twice a week, both at home and at the studio. “My husband always sees a difference in me. I feel upbeat and refreshed.” When asked about the instructors, Geiger added, “They are all very well informed. Debora makes yoga fun and is willing to help you with any special needs you need to take care of. Yoga is something I will do for the rest of my life.”

It may seem that yoga is a practice that some excel at, but as VanderGoot says, “Yoga is limitless, there is definitely always more to learn.”

Mind the Mat is at 2214 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301. To learn more or sign up for classes, visit [www.mindthemat.com](http://www.mindthemat.com) or call 703-683-2228.



## Secret Gardens

The Wanderer loves peeking into the high walled gardens of Old Town or over the stately fences of some of our other neighborhoods. Small gardens can be so charming and delightful. A bird bath, a fountain, a spectacular clematis vine is ever so inviting. Of course, The Wanderer wants to share the notable sources he has found for further garden embellishment in an effort to keep the surprises coming.

# Talk of the Town

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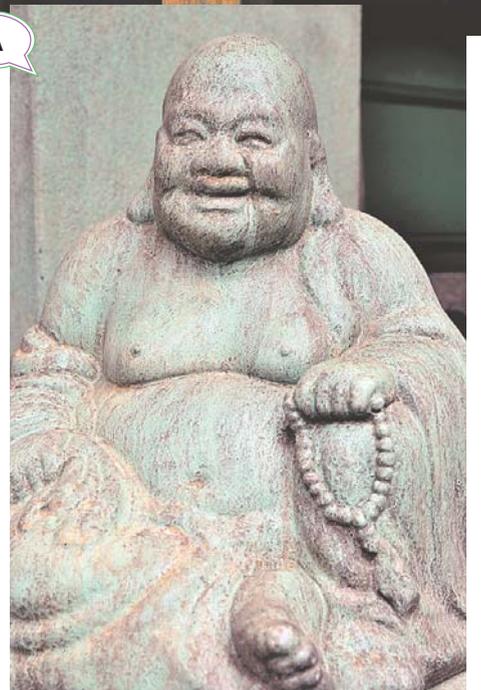
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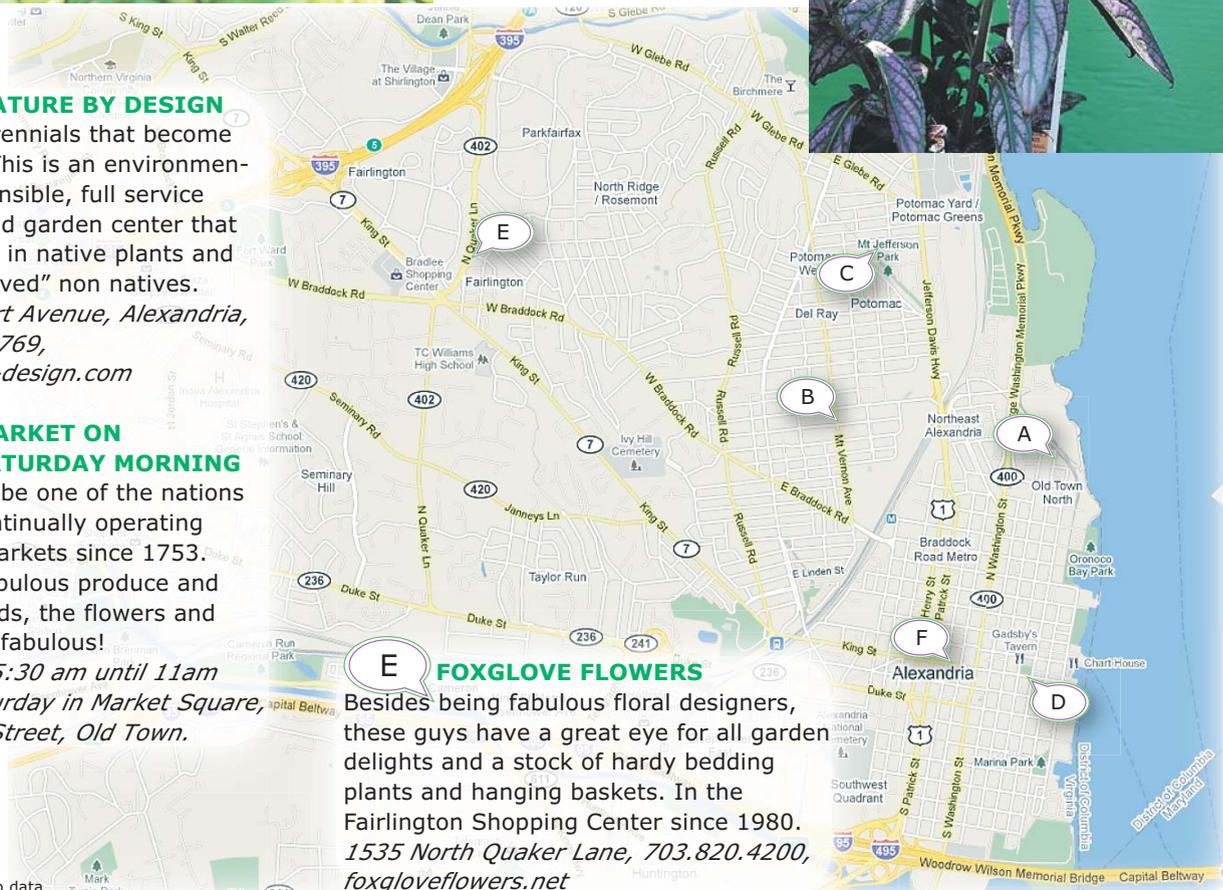


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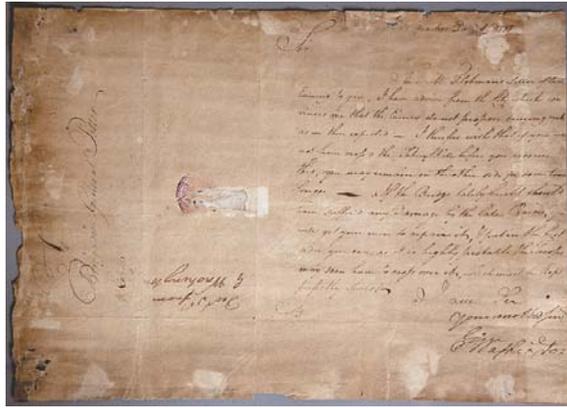
## Signed George Washington Letter To Be Auctioned

A confidential letter written by George Washington to a trusted officer concerning troop maneuvers preceding the Battle of Valley Forge is a highlight of The Potomack Company's June Catalogue Auction on June 11 at its gallery in Old Town Alexandria.

Written on Dec. 1, 1777, to Brig. Gen. James Potter, the dispatch discusses military maneuvers during the Revolutionary War, stressing Washington's instructions "must be kept perfectly Secret" regarding troop preparations while his army was en route to Valley Forge.

The letter is cited in the published papers of George Washington in the Library of Congress and features the distinctive signature of the nation's first president as well as the remnants of the red wax seal that held the contents from view during transit to Gen. Potter.

The Washington letter will be sold by The Potomack Company along with other significant items related to the first American president, includ-



ing an Athenaeum Portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart (1755-1828).

The auction catalogue is available for viewing in the gallery and online at [www.potomackcompany.com](http://www.potomackcompany.com). The Potomack Company auction gallery is located at 526 North Fayette Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-684-4550.

## Radio Hams from Alexandria Join in Nat'l Deployment

Alexandria's "hams" will join with thousands of Amateur Radio operators who will be showing off their emergency capabilities the weekend of June 25-26.

The public will have a chance to meet and talk with Alexandria's ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about. Showing the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historical Morse code, hams from

across the USA will be holding public demonstrations of emergency communications abilities.

The Alexandria Radio Club will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at 4800 Ben Brenman Park Drive on June 25-26, and will be located in the far southeastern section of the park, past the baseball field. They invite the public to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster

strikes.

This annual event, called "Field Day" is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and backyards around the country.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to [www.emergency-radio.org](http://www.emergency-radio.org).

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## THURSDAY/JUNE 9

**Vicki Genfan in Concert.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Part of the Second Thursday Music. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

**Music at Twilight Concert.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. With the Alexandria Singers. At Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 10

**Alexandria Citizens Band Concert.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King St., Old Town Alexandria. Contact: [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 11

**Nat'l Collegiate Solo Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Schlesinger Concert featuring the U.S. Army Concert Band and the winners of the 2011 National Collegiate Solo Competition. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria.

**Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theater.** 8 p.m. The evening will begin with "A Baroque Excursion." Next, the dancers will perform "Thunder of the Tides." The final selection will be "An Irish Rhapsody." At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Drive, Alexandria. Visit [www.khgdtd.org](http://www.khgdtd.org).

**Artistic Rain Barrel Auction.** 5 to 7 p.m. Selected artists have turned rain barrels into one-of-a-kind works of art as part of a creative way to educate the community on the benefits of using rain barrels. Auction takes place at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Springs Road, Alexandria.

**Genealogist Char Bah.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Will present "Paths to Freedom," an illustrated lecture on how she tracked free African American families in Alexandria back to the communities where they had been held in slavery. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

**"The Healing Passage: Voices from the Water."** 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. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 12

**Jazz at Meade Featuring Paul Carr.** 4 p.m. Donation of \$15. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334 or visit <http://www.meadechurch.org>.

**Razz-Ma-Jazz Children's Arts Festival.** 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. At T.C. Williams High School. Focuses on music, art and literature of the Harlem Renaissance. Presented by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Concerts are 30 minutes and start at 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Other activities include an instrument petting zoo, face painting, yoga, art stations, and dancing and reading centers. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0885 or visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org).

**Afternoon With Sally Fairfax.** 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Commonwealth Books publisher, James Thompson, will interview Alexandria's grande belle who is expected to answer questions about her aristocratic family and its connections to the founders of Fairfax County, Alexandria City, the British Empire and our great nation. Sally Fairfax is interpreted by the Little Theater's own Beverly Benda. At the Lyceum Museum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4994.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 14

**Author Talk.** 7 p.m. Meet the authors "The Park Sisters" (Frances and Ginger Park) talk about their book, *Chocolate Chocolate: The True Story of Two Sisters, Tons of Treats, and The Little Shop That Could*. Refreshments (chocolate) served. Free & open to the public. Call 703-746-1701. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With Scott Ramming and the Crawstickers. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

**Lunch Bunch Concert.** Noon to 1 p.m. With Sir Joe & Free Soul (R & B). At Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

**New Zealand Wine Tasting.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. The tasting will be led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar and tickets are \$25 per person. A guided tour of the historic Lee-Fendall House will be available during the evening. Contact 703-548-1789 or [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org).



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## FRIDAY/JUNE 17

**Mount Vernon Swing Band.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$4/door. Dancing to a live band led by conductor Owen Hammett. Light refreshments provided by Paul Spring Retirement Community. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

**Olympic Day.** 5 p.m. Features planned sporting activities, a visit from an Olympian, coordinated by the National Recreation and Parks Association, and a performance by NU ERA. At Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria.

## JUNE 17 AND 18

**"Setting Sail" Concert.** Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Part of the Alexandria Singers' Spring Pops Concert. At First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$5 to \$20. Call 703-941-7464. Visit [www.AlexandriaSingers.com](http://www.AlexandriaSingers.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 18

**Hooray For Books! Birthday.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hooray For Books! Children's Bookstore is turning 3 this month. Balloons, face painting, and three visits from the fabulous Froggy (11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) At 1555 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092.

**African Heritage Cultural Festival.** Noon to 6 p.m. Featured performers include Sandra Johnson, contemporary jazz; SAMO'O and the band JFC, with Caribbean sound; Elikeh, Afro funk music; and the Michael Stephens Project (MSP) R & B. Additional performers include the Alexandria Community Children Theater (ACCT); Hot Topics All Stars Cheer Group; Recreation Center youth performances; and performances by the Alfred Street Baptist, Roberts Memorial United Methodist and Shiloh Baptist church groups performances. At the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation), or call 703-746-5592.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 19

**Father's Day Cruise.** Celebrate Father's Day aboard the Odyssey and the Spirit of Washington, offering musical entertainment, dancing and cuisine. Cruises are priced at \$69.90 per adult and \$34.95 for children ages 3 - 12; sailing from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and again from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. To book, call 866-404-8439 or reserve online.

**Free Father's Day Tours.** Three Alexandria museums will offer free tours on Father's Day for all visiting fathers — Gadsby's Tavern, Apothecary and Friendship Firehouse Museums. Gadsby's Tavern, from 1 to 5 p.m.; at 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, from 1 to 5 p.m.; at 105-

107 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria. The Friendship Firehouse Museum, from 1 to 4 p.m.; at 107 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.historicalalexandria.org](http://www.historicalalexandria.org).

**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).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 21

**Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. Features a presentation on "Introduction to the Library of Congress Manuscript Division" by Bruce Kirby. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or [haroldm@erols.com](mailto:haroldm@erols.com).

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

**DJ Dance Party.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 23

**Music at Twilight Concerts.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Featuring the Alexandria Citizens Band - The City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization. At Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.

## JUNE 24 THROUGH JULY 10

**"The Solid Gold Cadillac."** Presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theater. Show dates are June 24, 25, July 1, 2, 8, 9 Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; June 26, July 3, 10 Sunday Matinees, 3 p.m. Advance tickets are \$14/adults; \$11/youth/senior. Tickets at door are \$15/adults and \$12/youth/seniors. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd. Alexandria. Visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) or call 703-660-2611.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 24

**Barbershop Bonanza.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Featuring The Harmony Heritage Singers Barbershop Chorus. Also featuring Fo Pas, Sliders and Cliché. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

**Alexandria Citizens Band Concert.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization. At Market Square, 301 King St., Old Town Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, [maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov](mailto:maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5592.



PHOTO BY SHANE CANFIELD

**Charles Boyington (Henry Lodge) and James Raby (Philip Markham) star in the Little Theater of Alexandria's production of "Move Over Mrs. Markham."**

## JUNE 8 TO JUNE 17

**"Move Over Mrs. Markham."** The Markham's 15-year marriage seems just about undone, along with everything and everybody else in this wild and crazy free-for-all. Show times are June 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17 to \$20. At the Little Theater of Alexandria, located at 600 Wolfe Street, at the corner of Wolfe and St. Asaph Streets, Alexandria. Visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) or call 703-683-5778, ext. 1.

# MUSIC

## World Music Dance Party June 24

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24**

**World Music Dance Party.** 9 p.m. to midnight. The Torpedo Factory Art Center and Hungry for Music team up to help young musicians in need with a rocking reggae/Afro-pop World Music Dance Party. Tickets: \$15 in advance at [www.hungryformusic.org](http://www.hungryformusic.org); \$20 at the door. At the Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria. Call 240-582-6193.



**Elikeh**

The reggae/Afro-pop World Music Dance Party show features Elikeh and Lucky Dub, both nominees for recent Washington Area Music Association (Wammie) awards. There will be a cash bar, along with light snacks. Proceeds will benefit Hungry for Music, a Washington-based charity that donates new and used instruments to young musicians in need. Musical instrument donations will be accepted at the door.

Led by the Togo-born Serge "Massama" Dogo, Elikeh performs its own brand of Afro-pop and -funk. Dogo covers lead vocals and guitar, and his accompanists play guitar, bass, drums, two saxes, trumpet and percussion. The style is a combination of the '70s Afro-funk and traditional African rhythms. Last year, Elikeh earned Wammies' World Music nominations for top duo/group, vocalist (Dogo), recording ("Adje! Adje!") and instrumentalist (Megan Nortrup, on saxophone).

Lucky Dub plays the feel-good and danceable music that stems from reggae, blending in elements of funk,

pop, jazz, and world music. Their result is a little like Sublime, but their fresh sound comes from the melting-pot blend of musicians from California, D.C., the Caribbean, West Africa and Russia. The band's nine core members, led by Gordon Daniels on vocals, guitar and melodica and John Baker on bass, include players on drums, congas, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and keyboards. Since forming in 2008, Lucky Dub has earned Wammies recognition in reggae, and three songs off their debut album "Mindset," released in April, have won Mid-Atlantic Song Competition and WAMA awards.

In 2010, Hungry for Music donated 512 musical instruments throughout the United States and abroad. In February, the charity delivered six alto saxophones to the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center in Alexandria to help the staff begin an after-school program. Last month, five acoustic guitars, three mandolins, three dulcimers, two banjos and an autoharp went to Junior Appalachians Musicians (JAM), a musical education program started in Galax, Va., that now is in 18 mountain communities in Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

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## PEOPLE

# Alexandria Couple and Friends Win Post Hunt

Figuring out clues yields \$2,000 prize.

BY ORRIN KONHEIM  
GAZETTE PACKET

When Alexandria resident Sean Vieira and wife Diana left mass at 11:30 Sunday morning, June 5 and scrambled to join their friends at Washington D.C.'s Freedom Plaza by noon for the Annual Post Hunt, they had few expectations of winning.

"This was just a chance to hang out with friends," said Diana Vieira. "And then all of a sudden, we thought, hey we're doing pretty well."

Sean and Diana Vieira, both 25 years old, were on a seven-member team that won a \$2,000 prize for being the first team out of thousands to make their way to the end of the puzzle. The annual scavenger hunt, run by the Washington Post, pits teams against each other to solve a series of clues that are temporarily embedded into the landscape of Washington D.C.'s Penn Quarter.

Examples of this year's clues included a series of black columns erected in the Ellipse in a pattern that resembled a keyboard and a Beatles cover band singing songs with clues in their lyrics.

"It was just simply a matter of being lucky. Some of the things that they explained as clues weren't

the answers we got but they worked anyways," Diana Vieira said.

The hunt is an offshoot of the Herald Hunt in Miami. It was established back in 1984 as the Tropic Hunt, back when co-founders Tom Shroder, Dave Barry and Gene Weingarten all had ties to the Miami Herald. For this reason, a lot of people usually attend from Miami with significantly more experience and often win.

"I wouldn't call them professional because no one could make a living doing it, but there are some serious teams here," said Dave Barry, Pulitzer-prize winning humor writer, retired from the Miami Herald.

In contrast, Sean and Diana Vieira had only been to one previous Post Hunt and didn't do any preparation prior to the hunt with the five friends who joined them for the event.

Of his teammates, Sean Vieira said, "All of them are really like solving puzzles. They do a variety of puzzles."

"That's an extraordinary accomplishment," said Barry of the relatively inexperienced team. "Usually people who do that come close, but the more experienced teams win."

The team plans to split the money and return to next year's hunt. For Sean Vieira, it was also a great surprise to be able to meet Barry and Gene Weingarten, Pulitzer-prize winning columnist for Washington Post. "I know who they are and read a lot of their stuff and like them, especially Dave Barry, as a comic, so it was really nice meeting them," he said.



Victorious hunters: James Auwaerter, Kevin Chang, Alexis Elliott, Galen Mullins, Amy Poster and Sean and Diana Vieira.

## OBITUARY

### James 'Jim' David Fowler Sr.

James 'Jim' David Fowler Sr. of Alexandria died on May 27, 2011 at the age of 79. Jim had suffered a stroke in 2004 and was residing at Woodbine Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center at the time of his death.

Born April 29, 1939 in St. Louis, Mo., Jim grew up in Forth Worth, Texas, where he attended Laneri High School. He then attended Texas A&M University, and graduated from the University of Texas. After college he worked for various non-profits in New York, Washington, D.C., and Brussels, Belgium. Upon returning from Europe, Jim continued his career in the fields of public relations and business development through employment with the U.S. Postal Service, the Sears Tire Group, and National Tire Warehouse. In 2000, Jim joined Waterford Public Relations as their business development manager, and in 2001 he started the CFJ Group, a small business consulting company. Throughout his life, Jim was involved with politics, his com-

munity, and his church. This included work with national and local political campaigns, the Arlington and Alexandria Chambers of Commerce, the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the Potomac West Business Association where he coordinated the annual Del Ray Turkey Trot, and Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

Jim was formerly married to Margaret Newton Quinn and is survived by their son Jim (Liza) Fowler, their daughter Christina (Charles) Gellad, and their four lovely granddaughters, Victoria, Ashley, Taylor and Samantha. Jim also leaves behind his cousins in Texas and Ohio, and many friends, particularly Frances Michalkewicz and her family.

A funeral mass was held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 2700 S. 19th Street, Arlington on June 3, with burial at Ivy Hill Cemetery on King Street in Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Jim Fowler may be made to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.



### Jazz Extravaganza

John and Donna Pehit dance as the T.C. Williams High School band performs during the ACPS Secondary School Jazz Extravaganza inside Charles Houston Recreation Center on June 3.

Sheila Whiting, regional program director at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



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## PEOPLE

# Professor Publishes First Novel

Alexandria resident writes "Time Witch."

BY SVETLANA AVELLAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**J**acqueline Corcoran, member of the faculty at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, has published numerous professional academic articles and 11 books in her field, social work. After 28 years of writing novels, "Time Witch" is her first published novel.

Born in England to Irish and Welsh parents, Corcoran, who lives in Alexandria, was influenced by the Celtic style of storytelling.

**Q: What inspired you to write this book?**

A: I read a lot of fantasy as a child, and always wanted to write my own fantasy. More specifically, I was inspired by Dumbarton Oaks, the famous estate in Georgetown. The gardens are so magical; I knew I wanted my fantasy to be partially set there.

**Q: How long did it take you to write this book?**

A: That's hard to estimate. I wrote about two-thirds of it when I was pregnant with my second child. After he was born, I put it aside for five years and then finished it in a couple of months.

**Q: Do you plan on writing any more books?**

A: I've written lots more novels! I have three mysteries (for adults) coming out soon: "Backlit" (with Etopia Press), "A Month of Sunday" (with Whimsical

Publications), and "Maiming of the Shrew" (Turquoise Morning Press).

**Q: Where did you spend most of your time writing this book?**

A: Panera is one of my favorite writing places. I can really concentrate when I'm away from the distractions of home and have a caramel latte by my side.

**Q: Who did you dedicate this book to and why?**

A: I dedicated this book to my husband Mark, because he has always been very supportive of my creative writing. He is also a writer, and we met at a playwrights' group.

"Time Witch" is an action-packed fantasy novel that sends a 12-year old girl from Georgetown, D.C. on a magical quest to find her missing mom and save the world from a horrible fate.

It's available for \$8.99 for print version and \$4.99 for e-book version.




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## Annual School Day Game

Members of the 2010-2011 T.C. Williams Girls Basketball program attended Inova Health System and the Washington Mystics' third annual school day game on May 26 at the Verizon Center. First row, from left: Head Coach Kesha Walton, Akira Walton (niece sitting in lap); Angie Schedler, 9th grade; Jasmine Norman, 12th grade; Megan Laychak, 8th grade; Meredith Caine, 8th grade; second row: Ebonee Greene, 9th grade; Jasmine Jennings, 12th grade; Olivia LaGanza, 8th grade; Gaby Moss, 11th grade; Sofie Schedler, 12th grade; third row: Mekayla Robinson, 8th grade; Amon Lipford, 9th grade; Johnee Lewis, 9th grade; Grace Peterson, 8th grade, and Delina Mesfin, 10th grade.

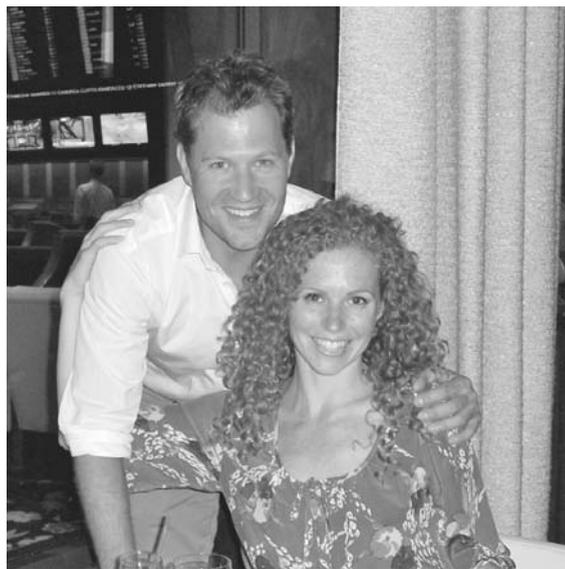
# PEOPLE

## Albarelli, Gaglione Engaged

Kathryn Albarelli, daughter of Michael and Judith Albarelli, of Alexandria, got engaged on May 19, 2011 to David Gaglione, the son of Rodger and Carol Gaglione, of Annandale, N.J.

Kate, 31, a former professional ballerina, is the founder and director of Figure 4 Technique at Pure Yoga in New York City. Her fitness technique launched in early 2011 and has already been nationally recognized by magazines, news outlets, and press sources. Dave, 40, started company PS212 in 2008 and serves as a branding, strategy, and naming expert for globally recognized brands with an emphasis in sports. Both have resided in Manhattan for close to 10 years.

They met in December 2009. The wedding is planned for May 2012 in Front Royal.



**David Gaglione and Kathryn Albarelli**



## Scholarship Winner

**Verizon Wireless Regional President Mike Maiorana presents Alexandria resident Lauren Mizzell with a scholarship in recognition of her winning entry in a Verizon Wireless/United Negro College Fund Black History Month Essay Contest. Mizzell, a senior at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, will receive more than \$3,000 worth of scholarship funds and technology gifts.**



## Ruby Tucker Family Day

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**The second annual Ruby Tucker Family Day was held at Tancil Court on June 4.**



**Madison Ware waves the American flag.**



**Davon Ford enjoys his fruit slushy.**

**Nisa Harper smiles before she gives a speech during the Ruby Tucker Family Day celebration.**



**Brittney Marble is the sun in an environmental presentation by the Montgomery Street Learning Center.**



**Teddy Addo, Micheal Marble and Joey Witchere participate in the family day celebration.**

PEOPLE

# Wheel Day

**G**rand Marshall of the 2011 Beverley Hills Wheel Day remembers wheeling down Old Dominion as a child in the 1940's.

"Always on Old Dominion but starting at Enderby not the circle." Now with the "Grannymobile," Linda Johnson led off the 100 or more children and their parents for the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Bruce Johnson, acting city manager and a Beverley Hills resident, checked in the 5 year olds as they arrived. Perrin Bailey, home from Italy and looking forward to getting back to work in New York, registered the 6 and 7 year olds. After parading down the slope from the Old Dominion Circle, participants gathered at the Beverley Hills United Methodist Church grounds for treats and the announcements of the judges.



**Grand Marshall Linda Johnson leads off the annual Memorial Day Parade down Old Dominion Drive.**



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/CAZETTE PACKET

**Becca and Jessica Rogers as the "Spring Garden" wait to be called up for the parade.**



**Wheel Day has become an annual event in the North Ridge Beverley Hills Community drawing 100-plus children and their families and neighbors together for the holiday weekend.**



**Acting city manager Bruce Johnson checks in another 5 year old for the parade.**



**Posh Princesses, Megan and Molly Madison.**



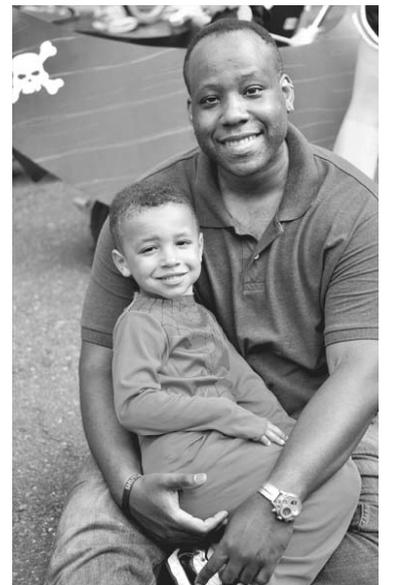
**Liana Gomez as the flamenco dancer.**



**Camilo Gomez as the matador.**



**Audrey Frank peeks out from under the Tiki Bar.**



**Sergio and Logan Edma relax on the street before being called.**



A Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Alexandria, Virginia authorizing and establishing the Tier II Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District effective July 1, 2011.

The District's area is proposed to include all of Landbay J and the area of Landbay I not included in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District. The Tier II District's boundaries are proposed to be Jefferson Davis Highway from the future Bluemont Avenue to Potomac Avenue; Potomac Avenue from Jefferson Davis Highway to the northern boundary of Landbay I; the northern boundary of Landbay I from Potomac Avenue to Main Line Boulevard; Main Line Boulevard from the northern boundary of Landbay I to the future Bluemont Avenue; and Bluemont Avenue from Main Line Boulevard to Jefferson Davis Highway.

The Potomac Yard real property parcels within this proposed Tier II Special Services District would be parcels: 506 (part), 507 (part), 508, 509, 510 and 511. The public is advised that amendments or additions may be made to the proposed ordinance without further publication.

**ABC LICENSE**

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**OBITUARY**

**William B. Sutton**

William Bernard Sutton, 61, of Woodbridge, died Sunday, June 5, 2011 in Stafford County.

Mr. Sutton was an avid fisherman, crabber and hunter. He was affectionately known by his family as "Uncle Billy Claus".

Survivors include his mother, Mary Sutton; his son, Lance Sutton; his daughter, Danielle Sutton; his sisters, Linda Sites and her husband, Larry, Cindy Omundson and her husband, Greg "Vinnie", Kathy Bartell-Roberts and her husband, Danny, Mary Beth Treadway and her husband, Eric; his brothers, Chris Sutton, John Sutton and his wife, Kathy, Paul Sutton, Robert Sutton and his wife, Sandy; his grandchildren, Tristen Harris, Lauren Sutton, Colten Sutton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Sutton was preceded in death by his father, William Howard Sutton; his brother, James Michael Sutton; and a grandson, Landon Harris.

A Mass of celebration will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 10 at St. Mary Catholic Church 310 South Royal St. Alexandria.

In lieu of flowers, online donations may be made in his name to Capital Caring at [www.capitalcaring.org](http://www.capitalcaring.org).

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**The Alexandria Friends of Stratford gather in the front parlor of Betty Wright's home to hear a few words from Stratford Hall's director of development Moira Holdren.**

Supporting Stratford Hall

The Alexandria Friends of Stratford Hall held an evening celebration at the home of Betty Wright in March. The Friends help fund Stratford Hall's year-round outreach programs and educa-

tional programs and preservation of the historic site in Westmoreland County. Stratford Hall was the 2009 recipient of the Virginia Council for Social Studies' Friend of Education Award.



**Event co-chair Katherine Hoffman, Stratford Hall director of development Moira Holdren and raffle prize winner David Heiden.**



**Stratford Hall executive director Paul C. Reber, Ph.D., and Mary McCormack.**



**Kim and Murney Keleher.**



**Event co-chair Katherine Hoffman and Stratford Hall's director of development Moira Holdren.**



**Betty Wright greets guests to her home.**

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**Environmental Activists Needed.** 6 to 9 p.m. Clean up the community, the country, the 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 571-970-0257 or [phillip.ellis@sierraclub.org](mailto:phillip.ellis@sierraclub.org).

**ONGOING**

**Job opportunities** for the summer

2011 are available at the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Positions offer flexible schedules, competitive wages, and range from camp leaders to lifeguards, and cashiers to pool managers.

To see what the Department offers, visit [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation). Positions are open until filled. Call Wendy Irving, Human Resources Technician, at 703-746-5513.

**SATURDAY/JUNE 11**

**Town Hall Meeting.** 10 to 11 a.m. Sen. George Barker with Del.

Charniele Herring. This will be the first opportunity for new residents of the 39th district to meet with Sen. Barker in a town hall setting since Gov. McDonnell signed new legislative maps into law on April 29th. At Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria.

**SUNDAY/JUNE 19**

**Fairfax Elderhostel Alumni Assoc. Meeting.** 2 to 4 p.m. Ambassador David Newton will speak on "Yemen: The Middle East's Latest Hotspot." At George Mason Public Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale.

# SPORTS

## TC Grad Kilby Plays First Home Game for Aces

### Alexandria rally falls short against Southern Maryland.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**att Kilby wasn't pleased with his performance at the plate, but the Alexandria native was glad to be back home.

Kilby, a former T.C. Williams baseball star who recently completed his freshman season at Navy, played in his first home game as a member of the Alexandria Aces on June 7. Kilby finished 0 for 2 with a base on balls against the Southern Maryland Nationals while transitioning to game use of wood bats in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.

Kilby wasn't the only Ace who struggled with the stick. Alexandria went hitless for six innings and fell behind 3-0. A late Aces rally made things interesting, but the team's record fell to 1-3 with a 3-2 loss at Frank E. Mann Field.

Kilby's first game was June 5 on the road against the Bethesda Big Train.

"It's a great feeling being back home and being able to come out to the field and play," said Kilby, who batted cleanup and was the designated hitter on Tuesday. "... I love hitting with wood. It's how you can tell if someone's a good hitter."

As a senior at TC, Kilby hit .476 with six home runs en route to second-team all-state honors. He batted .459 with five home runs and a single-season school record 37 RBIs during his junior season.

During his freshman season at Navy, he went 6 for 22 (.273) with one double and two RBIs in 10 games,

including two starts. He said the pitching he's seen as a member of the Aces is comparable to what he faced during the spring.

"It's college pitching, the same thing I was facing," Kilby said. "I've just got to get back into the groove and everything and start swinging it a little better."

Kilby will miss two weeks while fulfilling a Navy training commitment in Norfolk, but plans to return by June 25. First-year head coach Corey Haines said he plans to use Kilby primarily as the designated hitter, but the former Titan could see time in the outfield.

"I think Matt's a big power guy," Haines said. "He brings a threat to the lineup. That's why I've got him in the middle of the lineup. I think he's got a chance to hit a few balls out and get a lot of RBIs in the middle of the lineup, that's why I put him there."

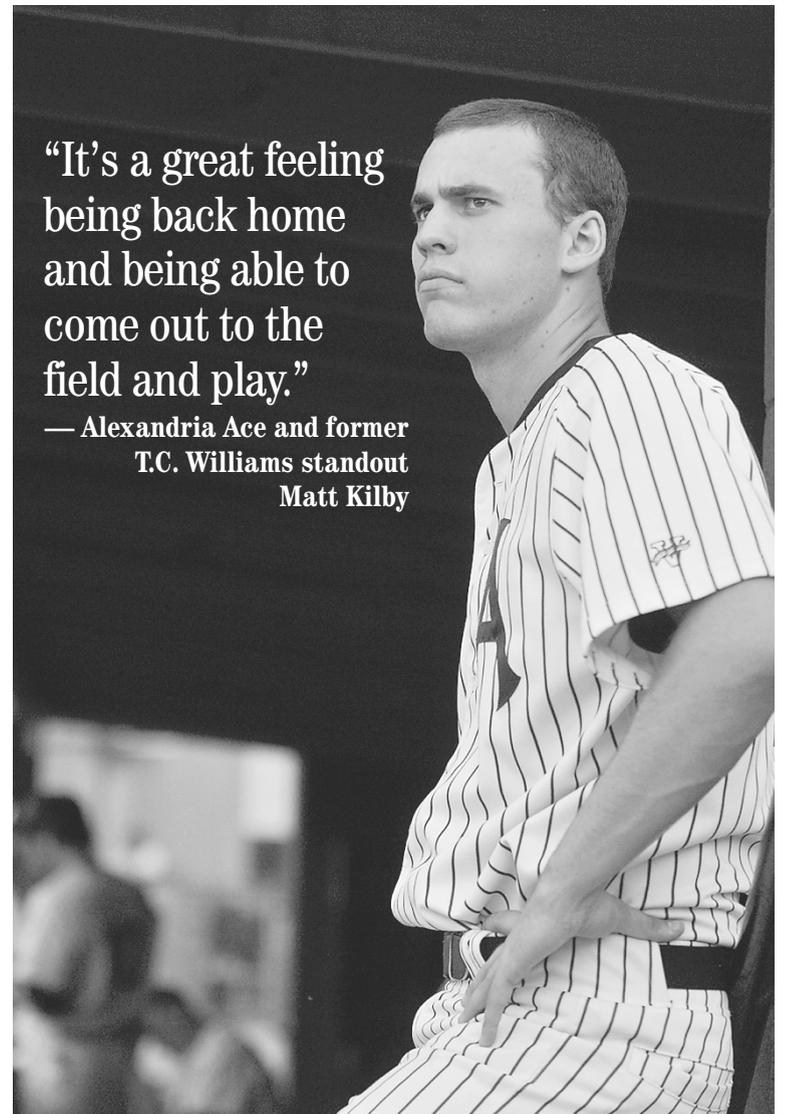
Kilby is one of many newcomers to an Aces team that returns only one player — pitcher Daniel Stinsman (Felician College).

"I think they're jelling pretty good," Haines said. "We actually have some roles filled now that are doing pretty good. They all have nicknames for each other, so that's one way you can figure out how they're liking each other, getting to know each other a little bit. I think it's going well even though we've only got one returner and it's a first-year coaching staff with a whole bunch of new guys, so there's no complaints there."

Jordan Oncay (Wilmington University) went 2 for 3 for the Aces on Tuesday, including a seventh-inning triple that broke up a no-hitter. Mike Goodwin (Wilmington University) went 1 for 3 with two RBIs.

Haines said the Aces' goal this season is to make the playoffs.

Alexandria will host the Herndon Braves at 7 p.m. on June 11.



"It's a great feeling being back home and being able to come out to the field and play."

— Alexandria Ace and former T.C. Williams standout Matt Kilby

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

**Former T.C. Williams standout Matt Kilby played his first home game for the Alexandria Aces on June 7.**

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Country Club Hosts State Golf Tournament

Mount Vernon Country Club welcomed the Virginia Senior Women's Stroke Play Championship on June 1 and 2. Ninety-eight-degree heat bedeviled the players on the first day, and gusty winds made for tough conditions in the second round.

Alexandria's Shelley Savage won the title, shooting 75-75-150. Springfield's Mimi Hoffman finished second, one stroke back.

"The wind was actually tougher than the 98-degree heat," Savage said afterward. "It made club selection difficult."

This is Savage's fourth title in this event. Savage is a retired Navy Nurse Corps captain, who works part time at the Virginia Hospital Center in the outpatient surgery center. She is a member of Army-Navy Country Club.

Mount Vernon's Shawn McCullough shot a sizzling 1-under 70 on the first day, but fell back with a disappointing 83 on the second. Three other Mount Vernon mem-

bers finished in the top 10 of the first flight: Linda DiVall, 75-84—159; Debbie Simpson, 79-81—160; and Susan Podolsky, 82-79—161. Simpson won low net honors in the flight.

The tournament field included 54 women, aged 50 and older, in three flights.

Belle Haven Country Club will host the Virginia Women's Amateur July 11-15.

— MICHAEL K. BOHN

#### 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 deposit is due when registering. Balance is due on the first day of camp.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt and certificate, and there will be awards for the winners of 1-on-1, 3-on-3, free-throw shooting, hot-shot shooting, knock out, team

competition and for the camper of the week.

Contact T.C. Williams head girls basketball coach Kesha Walton at keshawalton@hotmail.com or 703-296-8717 for more information.

#### Sports Updates On Twitter

Follow sports editor Jon Roetman on Twitter at @jonroetman for sports updates around Northern Virginia and Montgomery County, Md.

#### American Legion Baseball Players Wanted

The Montgomery College Rockville baseball team is looking for American

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN

**Shelley Savage of Alexandria, left, beat Springfield's Mimi Hoffman by one stroke in the 2011 Virginia Senior Women's Stroke Play Championship at Mount Vernon Country Club on June 2.**

# SPORTS BRIEFS

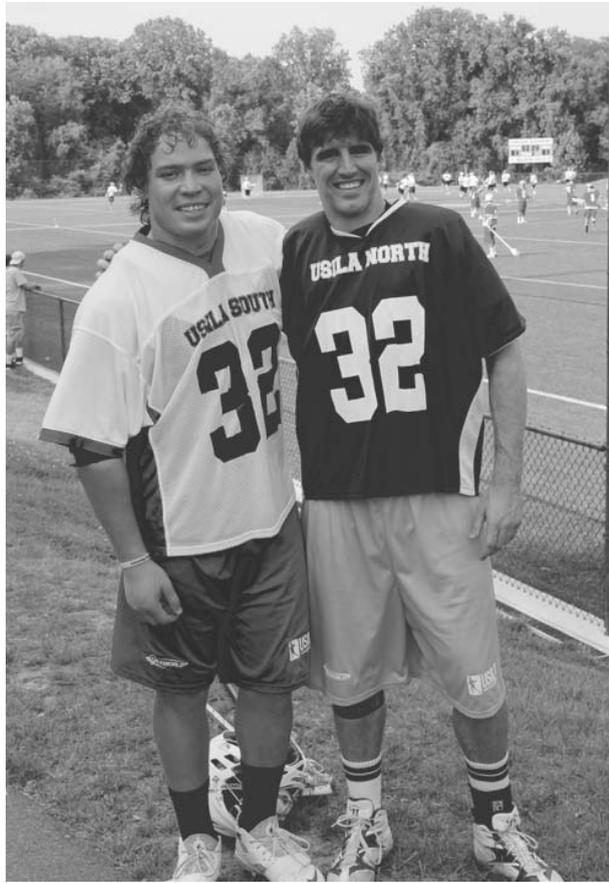
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Legion or showcase-quality players for the fall 2011 and spring 2012 seasons. The Rockville Express of the Cal Ripken League plays their home games at MC Rockville. Contact Coach Rick Price at 240-447-6948 for more information.

## Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans youth tackle football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs,

110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16. Registration fee is \$30. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification Card upon registration. The Sportsmanship and Equipment Days will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on July 23 (Anklebiters and 75 lbs.), July 30 (85 lbs. and 95 lbs.) and Aug. 6 (110 lbs., 125 lbs and 150 lbs.). The Alexandria Titans Football Camp (free for Titan players only) will be held Aug. 1-4 from 6-8 p.m. at George Washington Middle School. The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Booster Club is looking for sponsorships for the 2011 season. For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Recreation Department's Web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).



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**Zack Hoisington (left), Episcopal High School class of 2006, and Andrew Conner, SSSAS class of 2007, are seen at the USILA All-American Lacrosse Game held at Goucher College (Baltimore) on May 27. Hoisington (Colorado College '11) and Conner (Middlebury College '11) were both Division III Lacrosse All-Americans and played in the All-Star game. In addition, they were honored at an award ceremony on May 29 in Baltimore. Conner also earned an Academic All-American award.**

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**Open registration** began June 7 for Northern Virginia Community College's fall semester. Students may enroll online at [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu), by telephone at 703-323-3770, or in person at NOVA's campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. The 16-week fall semester begins Aug. 22. NOVA also offers two eight-week sessions starting Aug. 22 and Oct. 19.

**Colleen Johnson** of Alexandria was named to the dean's list at Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, for the fall semester 2010.

**Kyle Travers** of Alexandria has been named to the fall 2010 Champlain College's dean's list for academic achievements. Travers is majoring in Secondary Education -English.

Nineteen residents of Alexandria have been named to the fall semester dean's list at Radford University. They are **Emily Sohyoung Besse**, sophomore communications and pre-business major; **Brittany Leigh Booterbaugh**, junior foods and nutrition major; **Kasey Lea Cerny**, junior interdisciplinary studies major; **Kimberly Jolynn Crawford**, junior psychology major; **Amanda Michelle Dillon**, senior interdisciplinary studies major; **Deanna Marie Kelson Doyle**, junior art major; **Lauren Jennette Ebberts**, freshman psychology major; **Chloe Catherine Edwards**, junior psychology major; **Megan Marie Maple**, sophomore interdisciplinary major; **Nicole Leann Massar**, senior interdisciplinary studies major; **Kelley Jensen McVay**, senior psychology major; **Lucy Whitaker Neer**, sophomore design major; **Chad Bradley Rogers**, junior geography major; **Theodore Paul Rynn**, senior accounting, psychology and finance major; **Habtam Bainesagn Sahilu**, senior computer science and technology major; **Bailey Jo Walsh**, senior finance and accounting major; **Bridgette D. Wanzer-McCoy**, sophomore interdisciplinary studies major; **Anne Marie Warren**, freshman interdisciplinary studies major, and **Andrew Spencer Williams**, senior art major.

**Henry Gorman** of Alexandria received a Master of Science in telecommunications during the December 2010 SMU Commencement ceremony. After the University-wide event, SMU's schools and departments held individual ceremonies throughout the day to honor graduates.

**Timmy Phillips** of Alexandria received Academic 3<sup>rd</sup> Honors at The Fessenden School in West Newton, Mass.

**Stephanie N. Wright** of Alexandria recently graduated with a master's of science in physician assistant studies from DeSales University.

**Alice Noren** and **Sarah Harden** have been named to Longwood University's president's list for superior academic achievement during the fall 2010 semester.

**Madeline S. Ogden** of Alexandria was named to the Fall 2010 dean's list at Mary Baldwin College.

**Julio Villatoro-Contreras** from

Alexandria graduated in December with a bachelor of science degree in international business from West Virginia Wesleyan.

**Edward Trendowski** of Alexandria received his master of arts in pastoral theology through the Graduate & Professional Studies division at Saint Joseph's College of Maine, which offers online undergraduate and graduate education for working adults.

**Edward Ryan of Alexandria** was one of 303 undergraduates named to Denison University's fall 2010 semester dean's list by Provost Bradley Bateman.

The following residents were recently named to the dean's list at the College of William and Mary for the fall 2010 semester: **Sarah Gilliland** from Alexandria; **Philippe Halbert** from Alexandria; **Austin Toner** from Alexandria; **Juliet Blakeslee-Carter** from Alexandria; **Shazad Hussain** from Alexandria, and **Eva Baker** from Alexandria.

The following students have been named to the Fall 2010 Honors List at Mary Baldwin College:

Lisa Hebert of Alexandria;  
**Queen Elizabeth Martin of Alexandria;**

**Karie Micklem of Alexandria**, a senior at Washington and Lee University, has earned honor roll status for the recently ended fall term.

The following Washington and Lee students have earned dean's list status for the recently ended fall term: **Karie**

**Micklem**, a senior at Washington and Lee University; **Meredith Mitchell**, a junior at Washington and Lee University; **Joe Morgan**, a first year at Washington and Lee University; **Alex Uhlir**, a senior at Washington and Lee University

Kaplan University celebrated the graduation of its winter 2011 class during a live graduation ceremony on Feb. 5 in Miami. The following students were awarded degrees: **Bernadette Ashe** was awarded a bachelor in paralegal studies; **Crystal Bonsu** was awarded a bachelor in criminal justice; **Catavia Buck** was awarded a master of science in legal studies, and **Susan Daniels** was awarded a bachelor in paralegal studies.

**Timmy Phillips** of Alexandria received Academic 2nd Honors, Academic 3rd Honors at The Fessenden School.

The University of Mary Washington has announced its dean's list for the fall semester of the 2010-11 academic year. The following area students are among the 781 students who have been named to the dean's list: **Monique DeZarn**, a senior; **Peter Smeallie**, a senior; **Olivia Snider**, a senior, and **Renee von Guggenberg**, a freshman.

The following students from Hayfield Secondary School have been named to the Virginia All-State Chorus for 2011 and will perform as a group April 30 at the Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem High School in Virginia Beach: **Heather Evans-Soprano** and alternates **Rebeca Alvarez** and **Judy Hong**.



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**OBITUARY**  
**Mr. Elmer Holst, LLD** age 82 of Pilot Mountain passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at the Woltz Hospice Home. Mr. Holst was born in Yamhill County, Oregon on October 12, 1928 to Gustav Aldolph and Maria Rahman Holst. He was a retired Attorney with Holst and Hartshorn after practicing law for forty nine years and was a member of White Plains Friends Meeting. He received his Undergraduate Degree at Linfield College in Oregon and his Doctorate of Law Degree from American University in Washington, DC. He served our country in the United States Army and was a member of Pilot Mountain Masonic Lodge 493 AF&AM and recently received a sixty year Masonic membership pin. Surviving is his wife, Juanita Helen McCraw Holst of the home; brothers and sisters-in-law, Wendell and Imogene Holst of Hopkinsville, KY and Melvin and Joan Holst of Portland, OR and Dorothy Holst of McMinnville, Or. In addition to his parents, Mr. Holst was preceded in death by sisters, June Ranes and Elda Senn and by brothers, Raymond Holst and Herbert Holst. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 21, 2011, at White Plains Friends Meeting by Rev. Jake Penley. Burial followed in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors by VFW Memorial Honor Guard Mt. Airy Post 2019 and Pilot Mountain Post 9436 and Masonic Rites by Pilot Mountain Lodge #493. Memorials may be made to New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery Fund at P.O. Box 955, Dobson, NC 27017 to White Plains Friends Meeting at 849 Old Hwy. 601, Mt. Airy, NC 27030 or to Heritage Presbyterian Church at 8502 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria, VA 22308.  
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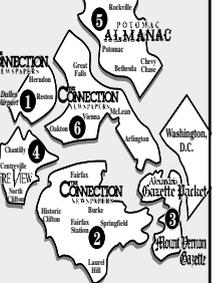
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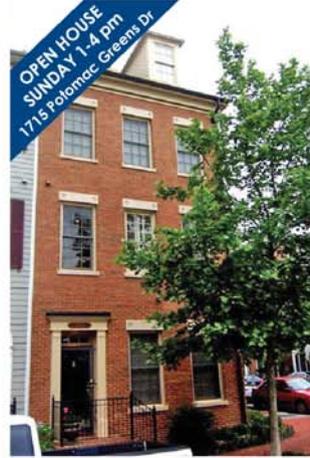
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