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Ready for summer house guests? The Holland House carriage house in Old Town is surrounded on three sides by gardens.

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More Time

Zoning changes for waterfront are delayed again as standoff lingers.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Sometimes the best decision is no decision at all. Especially when the votes aren't there to make something happen.

That's the situation City Council members are facing as the clock winds down before summer recess. Supporters of the controversial small-area plan for the waterfront desperately wanted a vote before council members take their annual two-month vacation from public business. A last-minute plan was even floated by Councilman Rob Krupicka that would have removed the zoning changes from

the small-area plan, rendering the effort little more than an outline for an art walk with historical interpretation.

"I would say that's not likely to happen now," Krupicka said after Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

Although Councilman Paul Smedberg called the Krupicka compromise "elegant," Vice Mayor Kerry Donley warned that the situation in Landmark illustrated the perils of creating planning documents that don't address zoning changes. Councilwoman Del Pepper liked Krupicka's idea and praised it as the only way forward,

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Going Hungry

Patchwork of services leaves thousands of children malnourished in Alexandria.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

There's no such thing as a free lunch. Sometimes that's especially true even for those who deserve one the most.

According to the Washington Area Boards of Education, Alexandria has more than 6,000 students who meet the federal poverty guidelines. Some are fed in the city's schools. Others are fed at

recreation centers. The city also has a patchwork of churches and social-service organizations. But city and school records can't account for what happens to all 6,000, leaving as many as 2,000 children hungry each summer.

"I would find it hard to believe that some of these children aren't falling through the cracks," said Mary Anne Weber, chairwoman of the Alexandria Community Ser

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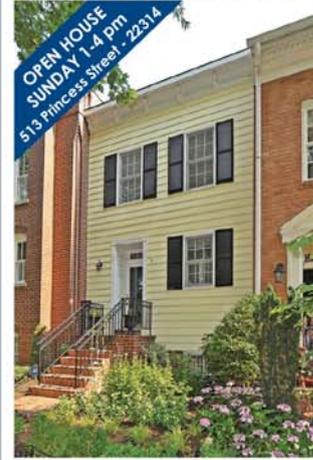
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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

The Green Nuisance

The mysterious green house at the northeast intersection of Duke and Royal streets has long been a subject of fascination. Now it's officially a nuisance.

City Council members unanimously adopted a motion Tuesday night declaring 325 Duke Street a nuisance, authorizing the city to spend as much as \$25,000 for repairs to the ramshackle painted lady. That strange shade of green paint has been peeling off the exterior for years, and debris fills a rear yard along a well-used stretch of South Royal Street. Perhaps most pressing is the deteriorating basement entry hatch, just a few steps away from a crowded city sidewalk in the heart of Old Town.

"It's something we'd like to see the owner take care of," said Code Enforcement Director **John Catlett**. "But we're not going to wait for that to happen."

City tax records show a woman by the name of **Nancy Lee Hoy** purchased the place in 1992 for \$277,500. According to Department of Finance records, property taxes have not been paid on the house since 2008. And city officials say extensive efforts to contact her by city officials since that time have been unsuccessful. Records show she owes more than \$12,000 in unpaid taxes.

"She has recently been in contact with the city," said Catlett. "How serious is she? We don't know, and that's why we need to declare this property a nuisance."

Killing Jim Crow

He's known as "the man who killed **Jim Crow**," one of the most prominent black lawyers of the Civil Rights Era. For decades, his name has adorned the **Charles Houston** Recreation Center. Now the Parker-Gray facility is about to have a much more personal connection to the man who successfully argued *Missouri ex Rel. Gaines versus Canada* before the United States Supreme Court in 1938.

"Education is the preparation for the completion of life," Hamilton once said.

Those words are about to be carved in stone. This week, Alexandria City Council members formally approved a design submitted by New York artists **Jennifer Andrews** and **Gregg LeFevre**. The artists envision a series of bronze panels that would serve as a timeline of significant events in Houston's life.

"Art you can walk on invites interaction, and we have witnessed the effect this installation method has of bringing people together," the artists wrote in an outline of their design. "When people move next to each other to share the space above an inset work, barriers are broken and conversations are sparked."

The total cost of the memorial is expected to be about \$300,000, which includes everything from fabrication and insurance to travel and installation.

Attack on the Potomac

Is Alexandria ready for a terrorist attack?

City officials seem to think so — or at least that the city could use some federal money to prepare for one. This week, Alexandria City Council members unanimously approved a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security for a \$734,000 grant from the Port Security Program.

If approved, the funds would help train the Alexandria Fire Department to respond to improvised explosive devices and other nonconventional weapons. The money would pay for specialized equipment for the city's Marine Operations Team, training classes, a new radar system and a new floodwater rescue boat for the Alexandria Fire Department.

"The rescue boat is a smaller boat that will be able to fit into smaller spaces and shallow water to search for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and enhanced explosive threats on the Potomac," interim City Manager **Bruce Johnson** wrote in his recommendation for the grant application.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Vets disembark. Wheelchairs up. Ready to go.

Old Soldiers Don't Fade Away

WWII veterans visit as guests of Honor Flight.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
THE CONNECTION

Aged limbs and shiny wheelchairs slowly carry veterans of WWII into their memorial. Faces are painted with pride — and anxiety. Emotions and excitement run high each time a group arrives.

"The veterans from Tuscaloosa, Ala. had been delayed repeatedly because of tornados and other causes. Finally arrived, I offered one a bottle of water and said 'Welcome to your memorial.' He turned away and quietly began to cry. It was such a precious moment," said Alaina Carter, Honor Flight coordinator for Reagan National Airport and a resident of Old Town Alexandria.

"Something else happens more frequently," continued Carter. "The groups of veterans come from a single area, but most do not know the others. Two men from South Dakota were talking. One said he had been an aerial gunner stationed in the Philippines with a certain wing or squadron. As each fact was stated the

other fellow answered 'So was I!' I walked away but they sat there and talked for a long time. The camaraderie you see is hard to put into words."

Both of Carter's grandfathers served in World War II, but she was introduced to the memorial by her mother during a visit from hometown Roswell, N.M. Months later, she joined the program. In addition to family support, Carter's involvement is fostered by her employer, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).

THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL was authorized by Congress in 1993, begun in 2001 and dedicated in 2004. Veterans were dying at the rate of 1,000 each day. People worried that those being honored often lacked physical and financial ability to visit Washington to see their monument. A man in Ohio organized flights of small private planes beginning in May 2005, and called it

"Honor Flight." Another in North Carolina took a step further by filling an entire commercial airliner, and called it "HonorAir."

The two operations joined in September 2006 to form "Honor Flight Network." As of fall 2010, the grand total of veterans transported is 63,000. Veterans pay nothing.



Alaina Carter of Old Town distributes water on a hot day at the World War II Memorial.

"There are 105 hubs [where flights originate] in 34 states," said James McLaughlin, chairman of Honor Flight Network and resident of Columbus, Ohio. Asked about the Washington-area volunteers who staff the receiving ends of flights, he said, "Wonderful! At the airports and the Memorial, vets are treated like 'rock stars.' Some even have been asked for an autograph."

ORGANIZING FLIGHTS at one hub is challenging, but manageable. The fact is that all the flights are headed to one place: Washington, D.C. Some days hundreds of people arrive in several aircraft at Reagan National and Dulles air

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Kicking the Can on the Waterfront Plan

FROM PAGE 1

but Councilman Frank Fannon said he would never support it, and Councilwoman Alicia Hughes has become increasingly skeptical of the financial analysis.

"I think it's time we all take a deep breath," said Smedberg, who offered the motion to kick the can down the road. "We need to examine what it really is that we want."

ALTHOUGH ANOTHER public hearing had been contemplated for June 28 with potential final action slated for June 29, council's action has delayed that until at least September. The current plan is that city officials add a second public hearing to the September docket. A final vote could come as soon as September, although considering the pace of the process so far that seems unlikely. Mayor Bill Euille said he's willing to support the plan whenever it comes up for a vote.

"I believe we are close," said Euille, adding that he expected action "If we can do it in September, fine. But the vote certainly doesn't have to occur in September as long as we can get it done sometime before the next decade."

Opponents of the plan have asked city officials to consider purchasing the properties slated for redevelopment instead of allowing developers to increase density and construct hotels along the waterfront. City planners responded last weekend, presenting a financial scenario laying out what that would mean for the city's bottom line. According to the Department of Planning and Zoning, purchasing the three properties and creating parks and cultural institutions would cost a cool \$220 million — adding about \$20 million to the city's annual debt service.



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The Torpedo Factory, shown here in the 1920s, would become the central cultural anchor of the waterfront plan if City Council members can agree on how to zone three properties slated for redevelopment.

"I think they attached a ridiculous number to it to say it's unworkable," said Boyd Walker, chairman of the Greater Alexandria Preservation Alliance. "I think one reason for that may be that they've been lobbied pretty aggressively by the development community."

THE PLAN THAT is currently under consideration would cost \$51 million over 25

years and has changed dramatically since winter when Planning Director Faroll Hamer unveiled her vision for the next generation of development along the waterfront.

Hamer's original plan had an above-ground parking garage constructed at the western edge of Waterfront Park, an extremely unpopular part of the plan that was later removed. It also included a 250-foot pier that extended from the foot of King Street, a feature that was scaled back significantly to fit within the boundaries of Alexandria.

"Those were all flashpoints in the discussion that have been eliminated," said Donley, one of the plan's strongest supporters. "And that's because we have been responsive."

How much more council members are willing to move remains to be seen. Current zoning would allow developers to build about 350,000 square feet by right, meaning they wouldn't need to get a special-use permit. The small area plan now under consideration would more than double the allowable density to 780,000 square feet caus-

ing concern among many Old Town residents that the plan is out of scale for the existing neighborhood.

"I'd like to see some other ideas," said Leslie Anderson, one of the 200 or so people who participated in a Saturday morning protest along the waterfront. "I think they should give the public a little credit for being able to handle choices about what we'd like to see on our waterfront."

CHANTING "NO HOTELS" on the way to City Hall Saturday, the protestors arrived at City Hall for the marathon

work session that lasted well into Saturday afternoon. After a pep talk from protester Katy Cannady, opponents sat silently in the audience holding up signs that read "Don't Rezone the Waterfront." The tactic was that opponents would sit as silent witnesses instead of jeering comments they found objectionable, a dramatic feature of other meetings on the waterfront plan.

"We need to be a silent mob," said Cannady, who says it would be a mistake to increase density at the three sites slated for redevelopment. "A cold stare is all they need to know."

"If we can do it in September, fine. But the vote certainly doesn't have to occur in September as long as we can get it done sometime before the next decade."

— Mayor Bill Euille



Former Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald speaks to opponents of the waterfront plan shortly before a work session last weekend.

Patchwork of Services Leaves Children Hungry

FROM PAGE 1

vices Board. "How are the kids going to get to the program? Who is providing transportation? There are a lot of factors to consider."

Poverty has gripped Alexandria for many years. Since 1979, the high rate of poverty in the city has qualified the city for federal money through the Summer Food Service Program. Currently scattered across 25 sites throughout the city, the program offers meals to those in need at recreation centers and churches. But even if the program was operating at maximum capacity, the city's recreation program would be able to serve 1,800 youths. Considering that only a fraction of the students receive nutritional assistance during summer school, that leaves thousands of the city's neediest kids underfed and malnourished.

"The reality is that child hunger isn't just an educational issue or a health issue, it's a moral issue," said Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell. "We must do everything we can to make sure our most vulnerable children are getting regular, nutritious meals, especially during the summer when they are most at risk."

LAST WEEK, McDonnell joined forces with Academy Award winner Jeff Bridges and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to announce a new campaign against child hunger in Arlington. Dubbed the Virginia No Kid Hungry campaign, the VIPs assembled at Barcroft Elementary School on South Wakefield Street. The public-private partnership hopes to connect low-income children to nutrition programs, including the Virginia Summer Meals for Kids Program.

The idea is simple — parents can simply call 211 to find summer meals sites near them.

"Our children are hungry because we have lacked a big-picture strategy to con-

Students In Poverty

Division	Students eligible	Percent of enrollment
Alexandria City	6,264	54 percent
Arlington County	6,515	32 percent
Fairfax County	45,276	26 percent

SOURCE: Washington Area Boards of Education

nect them to the nutritious food they need to grow and thrive," said Bridges, star of "Tron: Legacy." "The No Kid Hungry Campaign provides that strategy."

But implementing the strategy won't be easy. A review of city and school records shows that feeding all those children will be an operational challenge, even with the help of Hollywood and Richmond. Enrollment records show that a small percentage of students attend summer school, about one quarter of the high school population and a much smaller fraction of elementary school students. That means thousands of children who would otherwise receive free or reduced-price lunch do not receive services at city schools or recreation centers. School officials don't keep records of how many summer school students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, but the total amount is likely to be less than half the demand.

"We don't get everybody," said Becky Domokos-Bays, director of Food and Nutrition Services at Alexandria City Public Schools. "We know that."

A NEW STUDY published last week by the Food Research and Action Center shows that jurisdictions across America have been letting children fall between the cracks for years. The report concludes that only one in seven students who have access to the National School Lunch Program during the school year has access during the summer.



COURTESY PHOTO

Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell, center, speaks with Academy Award winning actor Jeff Bridges, right, at Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington to launch the Virginia No Kid Hungry Campaign.

"Our children are hungry because we have lacked a big-picture strategy to connect them to the nutritious food they need to grow and thrive."

— Academy Award winner Jeff Bridges

And despite record numbers of children being eligible for free and reduced-price lunches during the 2009-2010 school year, participation in summer nutrition programs fell in 2010 nationally.

"If low-income children are going to have access to the healthy food they need during the summer months," the report concluded, "aggressive steps must be taken."

A slumping economy drove increased de-

mand for services across Virginia just as state officials were looking to slash budgets, leaving many children caught in the middle. Nationwide, according to the Food Research and Action Center's analysis, 83,000 fewer students were served by the program in the summer of 2010 than the previous year. That's why Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States, the Sodexo Foundation, the Walmart Foundation and Dominion Resources have committed to offer more than \$300,000 for the Share Our Strength Program, which operates in 12 other states and will launch in five more next year.

"Our hope is that no Virginian ever has to worry about where they'll get their next meal," said Leslie Van Horn, executive director of the Federation of Virginia Food Banks. "These programs are in place to protect our most vulnerable children, and we're thrilled to be working with our partners to make sure that families know these programs exist year round."

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ONGOING

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THURSDAY/JUNE 16

Aquatic Master Planning Consultants. 7 p.m. The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission will host the City's Aquatic Master Planning consultants and receive an update on their progress. At Samuel Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive, Alexandria. Contact Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator, at 703-746-5493 or email laura.durham@alexandriava.gov.

Commission for the Arts - Youth Arts Festival. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Regular meeting in collaboration with the Redevelopment and Housing Authority. At the Dr. Oswald Durant

Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Contact Cheryl Anne Colton at 703-746-5565.

Public Health Advisory Commission. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. At the Alexandria Health Department, 4480 King St., Alexandria. Contact Dean Bryant, 703-746-4956.

Alexandria Housing Development Corp. 6 to 7 p.m. Regular monthly meeting with anticipated executive session as part of meeting. At the Alexandria Housing Development Corp., 801 N. Pitt St., Alexandria. Contact Mildrilyn Davis, 703-746-4990.

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting. 7 to 9 p.m. At Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Dr., Alexandria. Contact William Chesley, william.chesley@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5426.

Commission for the Arts - Film Festival Exec. Comm. 7 to 9 p.m. Meets at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Contact Cheryl Anne Colton, 703-746-5565.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Dedication of Ruby Tucker Park. 8:30 a.m.

The Honorable Mayor and members of City Council invite the public to the dedication ceremony of Ruby Tucker Park, 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria. The Lynhaven Citizens Association will sponsor a community celebration following the dedication. Contact Jack Browand, Division Chief, at 703-746-5504 or email jack.browand@alexandriava.gov.

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.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

Lupus Support Group. 7 p.m. The session is led by a trained professional who understands the challenges of lupus. Meets at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call or 202-349-1176 or 1-888-

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349-1167 or e-mail info@lupusdmv.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Housing Opportunities Expo. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registered exhibitors include financial institutions, real estate professionals, mortgage firms, the association of home inspectors, housing counselors, legal services, insurance agents, property managers and community-based housing providers. In addition, 10 workshops will be offered during the day on topics ranging from "How to Improve My Credit Score," "Buying a Foreclosure - Deal or No Deal," and "Looking to Rent - What You Should Know." At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Visit www.nvaha.org/EXPO2011.

BUSINESS NOTES

John Marshall Bank announced the addition of **Pam DeCandio** and **Ted Johnson** to its team of banking leaders. DeCandio, a senior vice president, will be based in John Marshall Bank's Alexandria region. DeCandio began her career in banking with George Washington National Bank in Alexandria in 1995. The bank was soon acquired by Franklin National Bank where DeCandio worked as an assistant branch manager until December 1996. In October 1997 she joined Virginia Commerce Bank as the branch manager of their Duke Street branch in Alexandria. For the next 10 years, DeCandio worked for Virginia Commerce Bank, resigning in April 2007 as senior vice president of Community Banking to join Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Company

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

Become a Foster Parent. 6 to 7:30 p.m. UMFS will hold a free, no obligation orientation session for prospective foster parents. Agency representatives will be on hand to answer questions and explain the requirements to foster or adopt. At UMFS, 5400 Shawnee, Suite 101, Alexandria. Call 703-941-9008 or visit www.umfs.org.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO T.C. WILLIAMS' CLASS OF 2011 ... The future has arrived!
(The preceding is a list of the schools into which T.C. Williams' Class of 2011 has been accepted.)

Waterfront Standoff

As waterfront plan protesters gathered at the foot of King Street Monday morning, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce President **Tina Leone** was walking her two Brittany Spaniels, **Cassie** and **Rita**. The City Council's work session on the plan was only an hour away, but Leone said she would rather spend time with the dogs than endure yet another marathon meeting about the waterfront plan.

"Everybody knows we're for the plan," she said. "What more do we need to say?"

A lot more needs to be said, apparently. This week, the Alexandria City Council decided to kick the can down the road and make a final decision about the waterfront after the summer recess. That leaves the dog days of summer for debating the value of hotels and the logic behind increasing density at three sites slated for redevelopment. Business interests are solidly behind the plan, setting up a heated clash with Old Town residents. At issue is the amount of density the city would make available to developers at the three sites.

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

When Plan B Fails

Last week, the Alexandria federal courthouse finished what may well be the trail of the century for bank fraud. At least the current century.

At issue was a sprawling \$3 billion fraud scheme that dates back to 2002, a time when Orlando-based mortgage-lending firm Taylor, Bean and Whitaker was looking for a creative way to meet its operating expenses, including payroll. Court records in the case show TBW treasurer **Desiree Brown** worked with TBD president **Raymond Bowman** in a scheme that would dupe some of the country's largest financial institutions. Last week, a federal judge sentenced Brown to six years in prison and Bowman to two-and-a-half years in prison.

"Their crimes contributed to the failure of Colonial Bank and the collapse of TBW," said Assistant Attorney General **Lanny Breuer** in a written statement, "harming hundreds of shareholders, investors and employees."

It all began as a way to cover up losses from mortgage-backed securities and other risky loans, moving money from one account to another. Then TBW launched what conspirators called "Plan B," selling nonexistent mortgage loans to Colonial Bank. The bank purchased tens of millions of dollars of worthless assets, a house of cards that would eventually come crashing down at the Alexandria federal courthouse last week.

"These TBW executives helped pull off one of the largest, longest-running bank fraud schemes in history," said Alexandria federal prosecutor **Neil MacBride**.

Making Lemonade

Old Town author **Ethel Carol Talley** says she's spent most of her life surrounded by lemons. Now she's ready to make lemonade.

Later this month, Talley will release her self-published memoir "The Heart of a Silent Cry." It's the story of a hard-knock life growing up in the foster care system of Washington, D.C. After her parents were unable to care for her, Talley became a ward of the court at six weeks. The book details her account of the psychological and sexual abuse she endured while part of the foster care system in Washington, D.C. Then the story descends into teenage pregnancy and alcoholism before overcoming the odds and graduating from Strayer University. Talley says she feels her story will be an inspiration to anyone with a wounded child still locked inside.

"Unfortunately, that covers just about every man, woman, boy and girl on the planet," said Washington author **Vikki Johnson** in the book's forward. "After reading this book, men and women will find it within themselves to stand up and be counted because they'll realize what they have to say matters!"

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

BUSINESS

Yoga Supports Military Families

Jim Ambrogi champions ThanksUSA cause.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
GAZETTE PACKET

Jim Ambrogi turns the heat up to 105 degrees before he starts his yoga class. "Sweating is great because it's a detox," he says. "You're dumping the toxins out. It feels like you've been wrung out."

Ambrogi practices the original "hot yoga," a style developed by Bikram Choudhury in India about 40 years ago. This form of yoga is unique because it's the same routine each time. Every session, the same 26 postures are repeated twice in an unchanging sequence.

"It really gives you a chance to see your progress week to week and month to month," said Ambrogi. "You're working your body from top to bottom, from the inside out."

But Ambrogi's yoga studio is distinct for another reason. His specialty is people with disabilities. He has worked with paraplegics, amputees, geriatrics and pregnant women.

"It's one thing to teach yoga to teach people with two arms and two legs. It's another to teach people who are missing any number of those limbs."

Ambrogi is himself 60 percent disabled from his time in Vietnam and Desert Storm but he doesn't let his disability slow him down.

"My big thing is I can work with anybody. Age doesn't matter, physical condition doesn't matter. I know how the body works. I can tell people what's wrong with their body."



Jim Ambrogi works with a student in his "hot yoga" class at Bikram Yoga of Alexandria.

He opened his first studio in the area in August 2001. Now he runs a studio in Alexandria. To find out more, go to <http://www.bikramalexandria.com>.

Thanks to a student, Michele Stork, Ambrogi has become involved in the ThanksUSA program.

ThanksUSA is a non-profit organization that pro
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Coffee and a Makeover

Barista gets "ambush makeover" from Circe Salon.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
GAZETTE PACKET

Shannon Murphy thought she was coming into work at Starbucks on Tuesday morning, June 14 for a mandatory sexual harassment seminar. Instead, she became the first person to receive an ambush makeover from Circe Salon and Spa.

Around 10:45 a.m., members of Circe Salon showed up at Starbucks in preparation for the surprise. The women stood out in their high heels and fashionable clothing.

The target, Murphy, arrived wearing all black, no makeup and her hair in bun. She seemed oblivious to the tension in the air and went about her business as usual.

Kim Powell and Kara Allan, the lead stylist and image consultant for this makeover, stood in line. When they got to the front, they said, "I'd like to order Shannon Murphy for an ambush makeover!"

Immediately a crowd surrounded her and photographs started being snapped. Murphy turned bright red but went along with the ambush. They blindfolded her and put her in a car to take her to the salon. At the salon, she seemed stunned but in good spirits. They explained that they would be pampering her all day long from hair to makeup to a facial to changing her wardrobe.

Allan, who took the lead on the makeover, spe-



PHOTO BY MAYA HOROWITZ/GAZETTE PACKET

Image consultant Kara Allan talks to "ambush victim" Shannon Murphy.

cializes in "women who are in their fashion rut who want to step up their game." She said, "I've always

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Kim Powell and Ellen Vlasak lead Shannon Murphy into Circe Salon.

Coffee and a Makeover

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had an obsession with make up and clothes. I really enjoy helping women change the way they feel about how they look. It just changes your life.”

For Richard and Ellen Vlasak, the owners of Circe Salon and Spa, the ambush makeover idea was practical. “We needed to come up with something that could get us into the community and showcase our talents from hair to makeup to aestheticians.”

“This is just the beginning,” said Ellen Vlasak. “This is exciting. This is fun.”

The Vlasaks have owned Circe for just over a year. Ellen Vlasak walked in to the salon while she was in chemotherapy, with very little hair and she said they treated her “like a queen.” Two weeks later, she and her husband bought the salon.

To learn more about Kara Allan, go to www.karaallan.com. To nominate someone for an ambush makeover, email makeovers@circedayspa.com. Include the nominee’s full name, a contact phone, a contact email, address pick up location and nominee’s work schedule and a brief reason for the nomination.

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We salute the 105 members of the Class of 2011 who graduated Saturday, June 11. Here are just a few of their accomplishments, both as individuals and as a group.

Academics

- ◆ Accepted by more than 130 colleges and universities in 28 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.
- ◆ Academic honors program offers and academic scholarships, including:
 - Four National Merit Scholarship Finalists
 - One National Achievement Scholarship Finalist
 - 21 inducted into the Cum Laude Society
 - More than one-third of the class was offered college scholarship or merit aid
- ◆ 98 enrolled in 23 Advanced Placement courses - a total of 93 percent of the class.
- ◆ Two selected to serve as U.S. Green School Fellows for their dedication to sustainability.
- ◆ Selected to participate in such prestigious programs as the Presidential Classroom, Virginia Governor's Schools, the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University, the Student Climate & Conservation Congress, Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.

The Arts

- ◆ Placed third in the Best of the Independent Schools Art Competition, selected to show in the Jim Moran Congressional Art Show, and in the *Alexandria Gazette-Packet*.
- ◆ Six were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent for the seventh straight year in wind ensemble at the Virginia District X Band Festival, including two superior duets.
- ◆ Received a rating of superior for the six straight year at the District X Orchestra Festival.
- ◆ Performed in the District X Honors Jazz Ensemble and the District X Chorus.
- ◆ Placed second and third in the Alexandria Rotary Club Music Competition.
- ◆ Performed in all drama productions, Evening of the Arts, and at Multicultural Night.

Community Service

- ◆ Prepared and served monthly dinners for wounded veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- ◆ Helped prepare more than 22,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table, collected more than 1,000 food items for the Salvation Army, delivered toys, and raised money for local people in need.
- ◆ Donated hundreds of mittens and coats for the needy of Northern Virginia.
- ◆ Walked, jogged, and ran for breast cancer, cystic fibrosis, brain cancer, and epilepsy research, homelessness and domestic violence.
- ◆ Participated in international causes in Romania, the Philippines, and Costa Rica.
- ◆ Sent letters to veterans, candy to the troops, supported efforts in Haiti and Darfur, and spent more than 1,000 hours with a wide variety of local organizations in support of senior citizens, preschool children, the hungry, the homeless, the environment, animals, and others in need.

Athletics

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



The members of the Class of 2011 have distinguished themselves in all areas of school life and in our community. As they leave us to attend some of the world's finest colleges and universities, we salute them for a job well done. We know they will use their talents to become respected and worthy citizens of the global community that awaits them. Best wishes and congratulations!

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PEOPLE

Rison and Sutherland Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. George Townes Rison IV of Ashland, Va., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mallory Ann Rison of Alexandria to Sean Edward Sutherland, also of Alexandria, son of Ms. Joyce Egger Sutherland and Mr. Charles Edward Sutherland of Alexandria.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Alan Kelley of Glen Allen, Va., and Mrs. Louise Sibold Rison of Richmond, Va., and the late Mr. George Townes Rison III. The groom-to-be is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Oskar Wilhelm Egger of Alexandria and the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Alfred Sutherland, formerly of Alexandria.

Miss Rison is a graduate of Lynchburg College, where she received a B.S. in special education. She currently works as a special education teacher at George Washington Middle School.

Mr. Sutherland is also a graduate of Lynchburg College, where he received a B.A. in sports management and a minor in coaching. He currently is the owner and operator of Rosemont Landscaping and Lawn Care.

An October 2011 wedding is planned.



Mallory Ann Rison and Sean Edward Sutherland

Wilson and Sade Are Engaged

Ms. Jennifer Joy Wilson, of Alexandria, and Mr. John William Wilson, III, of Port Republic, Va., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynne, to David Bennett Sade, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sade of Charleston, SC.

Miss Wilson is the granddaughter of Mrs. John William Wilson Jr. and the late Mr. John William Wilson, Jr. of Port Republic, Va., and the late Captain and Mrs. Frank Manson of Falls Church, Va. Miss Wilson earned a BA in German from Wake Forest University, where the couple met, and received a Fulbright grant to live in Germany. She is currently a graduate student in Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Mr. Sade is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Frierson Vincent, Sr. of Lynchburg, S.C., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sade of Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Sade earned a BS in finance from Wake Forest University and is a financial consultant at FI Consulting in Arlington.

A July wedding in Alexandria is planned.



Jennifer Wilson and David Sade

Cruise To Aid Foster Youth

The Fund for Alexandria's Child invites the community on its 8th annual cruise on Friday, June 24, to benefit foster youth. The cruise, which boards at the Cherry Blossom in Old Town Alexandria, offers music and dancing, buffet, drinks, desserts, raffle and a silent auction.

The Fund for Alexandria's Child helps youth by giving them the opportunity to enjoy experiences others take for granted. One hundred percent of all donations go to the youth. With the funds, the organization provides family visits, holiday gifts, emergency needs, and extra curricular activities for foster youth.

The reception begins at 7:30 p.m. and the

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cruise departs at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person (adults only). Music is provided by The Road and Michael George. For tickets call 703-746-5663 or e-mail thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov. For more information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild.

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Time to celebrate their talents and accomplishments, and to keep them safe.

It's a time to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of area teens. They're graduating from high school, many after completing college level work in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, for more than a year, earning scholarships and entry to college.

Some are accomplished athletes, ending high school careers as leaders on the field, demonstrating the benefits of practice and discipline, understanding more about what it means to work in a team than many adults ever will.

Some have excelled in theater, learning stage management, teamwork of different kind, complex tasks including lines, music, and more.

Local high school students pursue all sorts of music with passion. They are involved in many other arts, including photography, painting, sculpture.

There are teens who devote themselves to community service. They volunteer at homeless shelters, work on environmental projects, help in hospitals, animal shelters and nursing homes. Some have raised money for relief efforts in Haiti or Japan or the Gulf Coast.

It's not surprising that some of these teens are celebrating in a variety of ways. You can see photo slide shows of many area proms at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

Now the word of caution.

Many, many high school students consume alcohol, usually to excess. It's easy to forget, when high school students present themselves with maturity, with discipline, with intelligence, that they are, in fact, high school students. Their brains are not fully developed. They are not fully equipped to make what could turn out to be life and death decisions, especially in group settings. They still need guidance, protection, reminders, safeguards and safety nets, mostly from their parents.

During the summer, nearly twice as many teenagers die in traffic crashes than at other times, according to the Washington Regional Alcohol Program www.wrap.org. There have been some devastating examples of this locally.

The most important thing for parents to do for their teenagers is to talk to them. Even if your teen tries to deflect what you're saying, the information is still working its way into

his or her brain. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them.

Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home.

WRAP offers tips, facts and strategies on their website.

EDITORIAL

Correcting a Mother's Day Error

Because of an internal communications error, The Gazette didn't receive many of the Mother's Day photos submitted to us by readers until late last week. We're so sorry we missed Mother's Day, but you'll find those photos at <http://bit.ly/iCiJcS>.

— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lost Time In School

To the Editor:

Students in Alexandria are not

meeting standardized benchmarks of achievement. To address that, Superintendent Sherman has been trying to find a way to increase the amount of instruction time each year, but he has faced significant

roadblocks in how to make that happen. More time means more expense, and every minute added to the school day and/or every day added to the school year is bound to meet with opposition from fami-

lies who have other ideas about how to use that time.

I believe there is a compromise that would solve everyone's concerns — we can extend the instructional year by 10 full days without changing the calendar or adding minutes to each day, by simply teaching class the last two weeks of the year.

Right now, the school year effectively ends June 8, although students and teachers continue to report to school through June 21. I have a daughter in elementary school and a son in middle school, and both have ceased to have any classroom instruction as of June 8. The buses are running, the teachers are reporting to work, the kids are up and out the door at the usual time, but classroom instruction has been replaced with movies, field trips, and class picnics.

I can well understand keeping a day or two at the end of the year for a class picnic and some extra recess. But to essentially stop teaching for almost two full weeks is a waste of time and resources. I cannot fathom why we do not take advantage of the full existing school year for instruction if we're considering lengthening the school year and/or the school day.

I am not exaggerating the extent to which instruction has effectively ceased to take place at the end of the school year. Yesterday (June 9) my son spent the entire day walk

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Class Gift

The students in this year's Confirmation Class at Beth El Hebrew Congregation decided to give their class gift of \$600 to Beth El House, a transitional housing program for previously homeless mothers and their children. At the confirmation service Sunday, June 12, are, from left, Kyle Fedder, Joshua Wolf, Danny Wang, David Silverman, Sean Burstein, Rachel Narcho, Sophie Frank, Laura Jacobs, Carrie Kramer, Pilar Curtis, Mia Blackman and Alana Whitman. Nina Strauss presents the check to Milinda Selden, chair of Beth El House.

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OPINION

Celebrating Olympic Day

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA
NANNIE J. LEE MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is at it again. The Department was selected as a hosting site to celebrate Olympic Day because of its winning proposal submitted by the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center.

The Olympic Day Celebration Event at Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St., on Friday, June 17 at 5 p.m., features sporting activities, a musical concert and visits from Olympians. The Olympians' visits were coordinated by the National Recreation and Parks Association.

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Front Row: Paul Bearman, Kelly Bauer, Noah Abbe, Ny'a Palacio, Matt Moscoso, Ava Scott, Alex Muldrow, Grace Girard, Christian Muckerman, and Emily Siegfried.

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A Stroller Doesn't Go with this Outfit

BY ELIZABETH JOHNSON
CHAIR OF THE ALEXANDRIA
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

I'm not feeling you. It's not happening. What's the rush? I am not ready. These are just a few of the ways that the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) lets young people in our city know that, "There is More Than One Way to Say No to Sex."

ACAP is a coalition of youth, citizens, city agencies and community groups dedicated to reducing teenage pregnancy in Alexandria. Since 2000, ACAP has helped prevent adolescent pregnancy through culturally and age appropriate education, advocacy, technical assistance, direct service prevention programs and public awareness.

With a strong presence in the Alexandria City Public Schools and beginning efforts at Northern Virginia Community College, ACAP tries to reach teens where they are and where they spend their time. ACAP publishes a teen glossy magazine called Get Real, targeted to Alexandria teens, their questions and concerns. Have a question? Teens (or their parents) can text the word SEX or ACAP to 30644 to ask questions about love, sex and relationships.

The website for ACAP, alexgetreal.com, is a treasure trove of information on abstinence, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and more. alexgetreal.com is

directed to teens and to parents.

Parents searching through alexgetreal.com can find suggestions for starting conversations about sex and risky behaviors. They can prepare themselves for effective communication with their teenage children through online quizzes, such as "Am I an Ask-able Parent," or "How Would I Respond," and lists, like "What Teens Want to Know."

In addition to pregnancy prevention, ACAP also helps teens and parents navigate the world of healthy and unhealthy relationships.

On alexgetreal.com, teens can find a local telephone number to call for further advice if a teen suspects that he/she is in an unhealthy relationship. Parents can also access this helpline if they suspect a teen to be in a troubled relationship. The number is 703-746-4911.

The efforts of ACAP are paying off. The three-year rolling average teenage pregnancy rate for Alexandria has dropped from just under 60 pregnancies per 1,000 girls in 1999, to about 45 per 1,000 girls in 2009. This is a 25 percent reduction in the teen pregnancy rate for Alexandria, compared to a 15 percent reduction for the state over the same time period. The rate includes girls ages 10-19. ACAP's goal is another 20 percent reduction in the teen pregnancy rate between 2010 and 2015.

To be most effective, ACAP needs the support and involvement of teenagers, parents and other members of our community. If you are

interested in helping with the efforts of ACAP there are many ways you can participate.

1) Host a parent discussion or Home Health Party. Do you or your friends want to brush up on reproductive health topics (puberty, contraception, safer sex, etc.)? Do you want tips on how to talk to your kids about risky behavior? Invite friends, neighbors and family to your home for a workshop and discussion on these topics, how to get involved and/or ways to prevent adolescent pregnancy in the community. The ACAP coordinator can come to your home and lead a discussion for you and your friends.

2) Join the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy. ACAP meets on a quarterly basis at City Hall. Get involved in a sub-committee that puts ACAP's action plan to work. We are especially looking for community members who have experience in public relations, marketing, public policy and/or fund development.

3) Mentor a child or a pregnant/parenting teen. Mentoring is one of the most effective ways to decrease adolescent pregnancy, crime, drug abuse, poor school performance and gang involvement. The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership is looking for 300 adults to pair up with kids of all ages. Visit alexandriava.gov/mentoring for more information. If you want to mentor a pregnant or parenting adolescent, visit the Naomi Project at naomiproject.org for more information.

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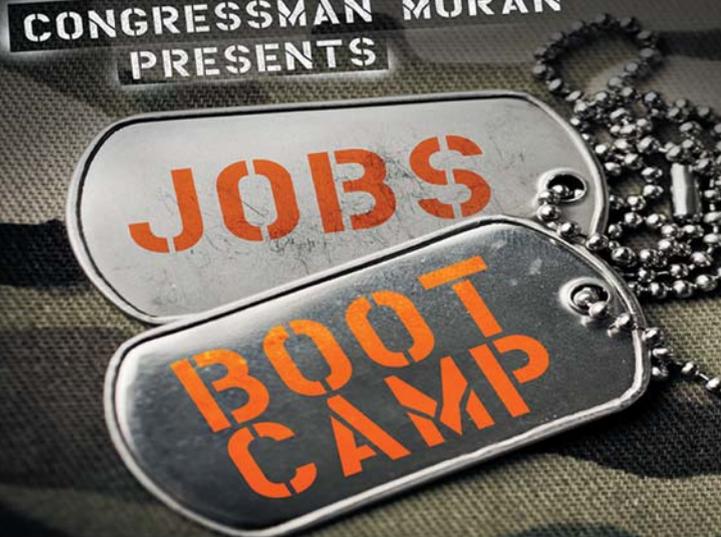
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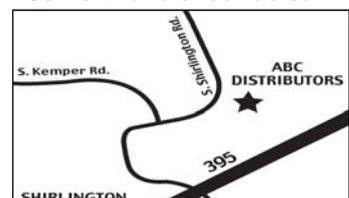


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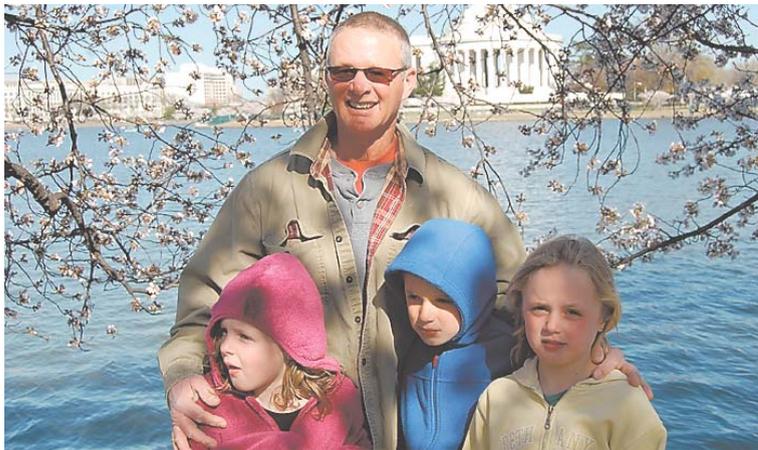
Dad takes his boys to see the Army - Air Force Game: Bret, Cole, and J.R. Newman in November of 2010.



Bradley Veney and son Kai on one of their many father and son days. They enjoy hitting the trails on their four-wheelers and spending quality time relaxing.



Daryl Mull of Alexandria enjoys a day at the beach with son Brady, 4, and daughter Mary Kate, 7.

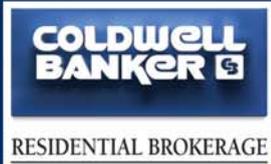


Native Alexandrian Robby White with his children Ella, Jack and Cecilia.

Chris Krese, along with daughter, Elle, and son, Chip, savor the winner's circle with Lightning McQueen and Mater at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Orlando.



Mike Sloper of Alexandria walks his daughter Katie Sloper Johnson down the aisle on her wedding day, May 7, 2011.



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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 12

ing from GW middle school to Old Town and back, with the time in between being spent having lunch and a tour of the Carlyle House (in 100 degree heat). While I'm sure he and his friends listened attentively during the tour of the Carlyle House, as an educational experience it hardly replaces the time he could have been spending in his math, science, and language arts classes that were canceled. The rest of his school year involves canoeing and other field trips. At the same time, my daughter's TAG classes have ended for the year, so she will get no further instruction in math or language arts. They will be watching movies instead.

If we were stuck with a school year that was just too long to fill with academic instruction, I'd be the first to recommend a few good movies to watch. But here we are faced with a fight over the expense and hassle of trying to make the school year and the school day longer, and we're frittering away two entire weeks at the end of the year. And I haven't even mentioned the week before Christmas break.

Let's use the time we have in the

school year before we even consider adding more time to it. Can't we all get behind this? The kids would say "no" — until you tell them that you want them to go to school in August as the alternative. I know my son would drop the tour of the Carlyle house in a heartbeat if given that choice.

Matt Petersen
Alexandria

Already Congested

To the Editor:

Last Thursday I drove up King Street from Pitt Street. I was going to The Lamplighter to get a lamp fixed. The traffic was stop and go and a lot of the licenses were from out of state.

I realize that Alexandria depends heavily on tourism and that adding a hotel on the waterfront and more restaurants is designed to increase revenue. On the other hand, it will also add more traffic to our already over-burdened streets. It will also encourage the establishment of shops geared more toward tourists rather than

residents.

Do we want Alexandria to be a working city geared toward providing its citizens needed goods and services or will Alexandria be a historical façade with no sense of community?

Carolyn Ostrom
Alexandria

Sharing Dad's Wisdom

To the Editor:

Not a day goes by where I don't speak with my dad. He's still teaching and I have much to learn.

It's true he's been gone from me for more than 21 years but his presence in my life has never been greater.

Let me be clear: It's Dad's "life lessons" during my formative years that have propelled Michael and Son Services to become the company it is today. It's Dad's practical schooling that has been the catalyst for our growth and community acceptance and OK, I'll take credit for being an unusually good student.

I was just a wet-behind-the ears

kid of 19 when Dad died unexpectedly, June 1, 1990. That dark day was a Friday. On Monday, three days later and after I borrowed the money to bury him, I took over his company and haven't looked back. Dad wouldn't have wanted me to do anything else; "Move forward," I could hear him say, and move forward I have.

Truth be told, I didn't know I was being schooled in a different type of classroom when I assisted Dad on his truck in the late '70s and '80s. There was no name for it then — but today I've referred to those times as "Man Education 101." How else to explain a high-schooler being able to take a \$250,000-a-year business with one truck and turn it into a \$40-plus million-a-year company with more than 200 service vehicles? That's not a boast, that's a son's humbled comment knowing he made his Dad's dream become reality. My father's was the fabled American dream — a 1968 journey from Palestine to this country with only a sixth-grade education and few English-speaking skills. But that didn't stop Mousa or "Mike" as he wanted to be called; he simply out-worked his competition.

Dad's exhortation to me that 'no is not an acceptable answer' continues to play a huge role in my business focus. And it's for that reason, along with the great people that work for this company that we've prospered despite a difficult economy.

So this is my Father's Day salute and on June 19, I will surely pause to remember Dad as I do every day. But more than anything, today I'm all about building upon Dad's wisdom, laying the foundation that helps my kids — the grandchildren he never knew — remember their grandfather. Because of him and his wisdom, they'll know that their dad:

- ❖ Will love them no matter what;
- ❖ Will always want to do stuff with them ... work stuff, study stuff and fun stuff;
- ❖ And will always be there for them in a crisis or otherwise ... no holds barred;

Dad taught me by example. And so, by example, I've been thinking lately: maybe my kids should see their old man go back to school and continue the college education he had to abandon in his freshman year? I've been kicking it around, so I think I'll discuss it with Dad. He'll tell me what he thinks. He always does.

Basim Mansour
(Proud 'Son' of Michael and Son Services)

The writer is president of Michael and Son Services, founded in 1976 and head-

quartered in Alexandria with offices in Richmond and Norfolk, and Philadelphia, Penn.

Overdue Collection

To the Editor:

Alexandria Library would like to thank Karen Ann DeLuca for writing a Letter to the Editor ("Limiting Library Losses") last week. In response, I would like to state that Alexandria Library is one of the last library systems in Northern Virginia to contract with a collection agency. Compared to other library systems, we were long overdue. Before we met with Unique Management Systems (UMS), we benchmarked other library systems' success stories with UMS. Because UMS only has library systems as clients, they are uniquely qualified to help library systems recover long overdue materials, our primary goal, and to recover uncollected fines and fees. Although we have made it easier for patrons to pay fines and fees with a credit card, it still made fiscal sense for us to contract with UMS.

Ironically, as Ms. DeLuca suggests that we charge patrons a "nominal membership fee" to join, we are planning our 75th celebration of becoming a free public library system. From 1794 to 1937, Alexandria Library was a "subscription" library, one which charged patrons to join. By not charging patrons to join, especially those who can't afford materials, we truly offer equal access to all. Again, thank you Ms. DeLuca, and we appreciate your being a faithful library patron.

Rose T. Dawson
Director of Libraries
Alexandria Library

Problems with Special Education

To the Editor:

The following letter is addressed to Superintendent of Schools Morton Sherman.

On behalf of the Alexandria Black and Hispanic Concerned Women, we appreciate the opportunity to dialogue with you regarding serious concerns in getting appropriate resources and opportunities for our youth in the Special Education Program in the Alexandria Public School System (ACPS). We have been meeting with parents who are very frustrated with the lack of services documented in their children's

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- ❖ **Lighting:** Consider if you need the fan to be a source of light as well.
- ❖ **Controls:** These make the difference between a fan that is merely functional and a fan that offers convenience, energy efficiency, and even home security advantages. More ways that you and our clients can

conserve energy ... even if you have an energy efficient dishwasher, you can use it more sensibly, saving water and electricity. Just practice these steps: don't rinse dishes before loading them, load your dishwasher to its max, use the air-dry option, and run it during the night.

By following some simple energy efficient steps that our volunteers use in many homes across the city, you too can decrease your utility bills and 'be cool' during these hot summer months!

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IEP's. Their frustrations and red tape trying to voice their concerns with the appropriate administrators motivated them to seek out the support of not only our group, but the assistance of the National Association for Colored People (NAACP), and other respected community advocates.

Parents with children in the Special Education Program recently attended the school board meeting sharing their children's dilemma, as well as, their concerns regarding a Special Education teacher proposed termination from the T.C. William High School, even though parents said she has provided the students with excellent instructions and badly needed support.

Some parents appear to be intimidated and admit that they do not understand the Individualized Education Program (IEP's). The booklet entitled "Your Family's Special Education Rights prepared by the Virginia Department of Education and Student Services" states that IDEA says that each student that a school identifies as having a disability and who needs special education and related services to benefit from their education is

entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and that (FAPE) must be provided in the Least Restricted Environment (LRE). This means that, as much as possible, given the educational needs of a child, each child with a disability will attend class and participate in other activities with children without disabilities. To be more specific, "Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004" (IDEA), a Federal Law governing the education of students with disabilities requires that families be informed of their special education rights including how families and schools working together can resolve the problems. This law should be the guideline for developing the best learning environment to meet the needs of all our children.

Never the less, the scope of problems in the ACPS Special Education Program are extremely vast, but we have asked our parents to brainstorm and write down areas of concern that must be addressed within the ACPS administration to improve opportunities for all our children rather than a select few.

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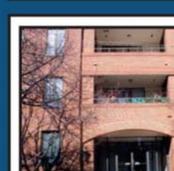


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Alexandria Deputy Fire Marshall Buchanan jokes with a group of firefighters outside the entrance of the newly opening Virtue Feed & Grain on Wednesday evening, June 8.

Virtue Opens in Old Town

Celebrity chef Cathal Armstrong and his wife and business partner Meshelle expanded their list of Alexandria establishments with the June 8 opening of Virtue Feed and Grain, an American fare restaurant located in the old Olsson's bookstore building on the waterfront in Old Town.

"The grand opening was crazy, but in a good way," said builder Murray Bonitt, who specializes in historic renovations and oversaw the transformation of the former bookstore. "We had over 650 people there and have seen capacity crowds every night since then."

The restaurant formally opened for dinner June 10 and will begin serving lunch sometime the week of June 20.

"We call this a 'New American Tavern' with a focus on really good food in a comfortable atmosphere," Bonitt added. "It's been one long year of hard work to finally get it opened but it was worth it."

— JEANNE THEISMANN

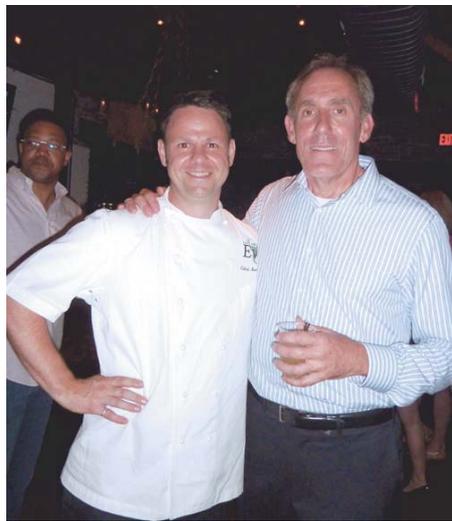


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Celebrity chef Cathal Armstrong and builder Murray Bonitt celebrate at the opening of Virtue Feed & Grain in Old Town June 8. The restaurant occupies the old Olsson's bookstore building along the waterfront on South Union Street.



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Receiving \$2,500 Scholarships

Career and Technical Education students at TC awarded.

BY SVETLANA AVELLAN
GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams High School seniors Shaquille Taylor and Timothy Trout were the recipients of the Rotary Club of Alexandria Career and Technical Education Scholarship Award (CTE) June 7 at Belle Haven Country Club, where each received a \$2,500 scholarship for post-secondary studies.

The Rotary Club created the CTE scholarship in 1991 to reward students who complete a CTE program in high school. CTE offers programs such as technology education, marketing, trade and industrial, health and medical sciences, and business and information technology. In addition, the instructional programs provide opportunities for industry credentialing.

Taylor completed the technical drawing program, which includes education in engineering and architectural drawing. Taylor earned his AutoCAD certification, which takes six to 12 months to complete. The AutoCAD program provides potential designers, engineers and architects the knowledge of the most recent AutoCAD design software. Taylor will attend Hampton University in Hampton, Va., while pursuing a degree in architecture.

Trout completed the automotive technology program and is currently in the Jobs for Virginia Graduates program. The program serves 1,250 high school stu-



COURTESY PHOTO

T.C. Williams seniors Shaquille Taylor, left, and Timothy Trout were awarded \$2,500 scholarships through the Rotary Club of Alexandria Career and Technical Education award program June 7 at Belle Haven Country Club.

dents per year and since 1998 has helped over 5,000 Virginia students graduate and find employment. Trout plans on attending WyoTech Technical College in Blairsville, Pa., while pursuing a degree in Diesel Technology.

Students under CTE attending Alexandria and Fairfax County high schools are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Applicants are reviewed based on future goals, courses taken, financial need and teacher recommendation and must pursue their education in a post-secondary setting.

To learn more about CTE programs, visit <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/career/> or contact Sherri Chapman at 703-824-6633.

Cappie Award Winner

Virginia Tucker, a freshman at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School won the Cappie for Lead Actress in a Play for "Our Town" at the 12th annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, June 12. "I feel so blessed, right now — it's an honor," she said. "I think how real and true 'Our Town' was, with real-life themes of love and death, and we had an amazing cast. The power of storytelling can connect and inspire people, and that's why I act."



PEOPLE

Local Nonprofits Awarded \$76,000

Rotary Club, Alexandria Day Nursery distribute yearly grants.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria, in partnership with the Alexandria Day Nursery and Children's Home, continued its decades-long tradition of awarding grants to local nonprofit organizations with the presentation of \$76,000 to 25 organizations at the annual Contributions Day luncheon June 14 at Belle Haven Country Club.

The Alexandria Rotary Foundation, funded through events such as the signature Taste For Giving gala, donated \$40,000 to local organizations dedicated to serving an array of needs in the community. Alexandria Day Nursery and Children's Home, originally established in the 1930s as part of the Rotary Club, awarded \$36,000 to nonprofits primarily focusing on the needs of children.

"We've been awarding grants as long as I have been in Rotary, and that is 31 years," said longtime club member John Woods. "But until Taste For Giving, our funds were much more limited to the \$10,000 level. It's rewarding to see the impact our efforts have



PHOTO BY LARRY ALBERSON

Representatives of 25 local nonprofits received grants totaling \$76,000 at the Rotary Club of Alexandria's Contributions Day luncheon June 14 at Belle Haven Country Club.

on so many worthy organizations in the city."

The Alexandria Rotary Foundation grant recipients are: Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, First Night Alexandria, Computer C.O.R.E., Community Lodgings, The Child and Family Network Centers, The Campagna Center, SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia, Alexandria Sym-

phony Orchestra, ALIVE!, Goodwin House, Center For Alexandria's Children, Carpenter's Shelter, Alexandria Choral Society, Friends of Guest House, Senior Services of Alexandria, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Alexandria Seaport Foundation, KI Services and the Scholarship Fund of Northern Virginia.

Alexandria Day Nursery and Children's Home grant recipients include: Resurrection Children's Center, Beverley Hills Church Preschool, Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool, Westminster Preschool, ALIVE! and The Child and Family Network Centers.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

OBITUARIES

Robert Wetherby Shaw

Robert Wetherby Shaw, 94 of Alexandria, died at Goodwin House on May 4, 2011. The son of the late Wilber Duane and Marion Wetherby Shaw, he was born on Feb. 20, 1917 in Minneapolis, Minn. Marian Grey Mitchell Shaw, his wife of 42 years, died in 1993. He is survived by his son, Robert W. Shaw, Jr. and his wife, Martha Dare Marks of Alexandria; his daughter, Anne Shaw Hanson and her husband, Randall Tyler Hanson of San Diego, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Tyler Shaw Hanson and Erika Grey Hanson of San Diego, Calif. and Marian Hardaway Shaw of Alexandria. He is also survived by his sister, Janet Shaw Lingamfelter of Lago Vista, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. His sister, Mary Shaw Randolph of Minneapolis, Minn. and his brother, John Putnam Shaw of Bethesda, Md. predeceased him.

Mr. Shaw moved with his family to Washington D.C. in 1937. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics from George Washington University. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II as a field telephone lineman in the field artillery battalion in the Pacific. For 10 years, he was employed with the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer. He worked for the Federal Government for 38 years. At the time of his retirement, he was a financial economist with the International Finance Division of the Commerce Department. His interests included fly fishing, bird hunting, golf, tennis, and

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visiting France.

Graveside services will be held at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St., Alexandria, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Goodwin House Foundation, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22311. Arrangements by Demaine Funeral Home in Alexandria.

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 was held June 10 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Alexandria.

In lieu of flowers, online donations may be made in his name to Capital Caring at

www.capitalcaring.org.

Online guest book at covenantfuneralservice.com.

Barbara Whitlock

Barbara Elizabeth Whitlock of Woodbridge, formally of Alexandria, lost her battle to cancer on Friday, June 10, 2011 at her home.

She is preceded in death by her parents Paul and Susan Ziegenfus and a grandson Wesley Allen Whitlock.

She is survived by her beloved husband Bill Whitlock of 47 years, her four children Willy Whitlock of Petersburg, W.V., Debbie Gecan (Greg) of Dale City, Va., Tonya Halterman (Mike) of Petersburg, W.V. and Karen Wratchford (Larry) Maysville, W.V.; 12 grandchildren; four step grandchildren; a great-grandson and two



step great-grandchildren; One brother Donald Ziegenfus (Jan); two nieces of Greensburg, Ind., and many cousins.

Barbara had a heart of gold and was loved and admired by many people. Her laughter, love for her family and life in general will be dearly missed. Barbara loved many things in life one being able to watch her grandchildren whether it was a dance competition, a football, basketball, baseball or softball game or just to have them around to bake cookies and shop with. She was also a devoted fan of the Washington Redskins.

The family received friends at Mount Castle Funeral Home in Dale City, on Tuesday, June 14. Services were held Wednesday, June 15. Interment followed at Quantico National Cemetery.

BUSINESS NOTES

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

Full Circle Communications, LLC, celebrates its 15th anniversary in June. Alexandria resident Paula Tarnapol Whitacre is principal of the company, which provides writing and editing services. Since 1996, Full Circle has worked

on more than 300 print and online publications for nonprofits, government agencies, and companies. For more information or to subscribe to a free monthly newsletter on writing tips, visit www.fullcircle.org.

Samueli Institute of Alexandria, involved in integrative medicine research, has recently been recognized as one of the 2011 Best Places to Work in Virginia, ranking 11th in the small business category.

WWII Veterans Visit as Guests of Honor Flight

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ports. In addition, bus-loads come from points within day-trip distance of the Memorial. Washington-area volunteers meet the challenge and are the keys to the operation's success.

Known as the "ground crew," they: greet arrivals with cheers, music and pomp; push wheelchairs; provide food and water; and act as tour guides. Each smile reinforces the words "Thank you."

Reagan National "greeters" usually number between 60 and 100, the record being over 200. About 50 volunteers have been trained as "guardians;" they push wheelchairs and remain the entire day as a personal assistant to a veteran. Boeing is noteworthy because it conducts in-house training classes and, on short notice, can provide up to 30 "guardians" when needed. The "tour guides," who also remain on the bus an entire day, number about 20.

"My Dad was in the Navy for 4 years and in both theatres, Pacific and then European, until the

war ended" and "Once I attended a flight arrival, I realized how much it meant to these vets," is the way Owen Beirne, Jr. explains his involvement. "It is a gift to be able to do it each time" and arrivals are never the same. Beirne is vice president in the Washington office of Merrill Lynch and he notes the firm is generous in support of Honor Flight; for example, to keep volunteers informed and on schedule, Beirne accesses his employer's email system. His family is supportive, too, and all have participated in airport ceremonies.

"It's a joy to take part in welcoming the veterans," said Nancy Griffith who lives in Clarendon. "I have attended dozens of arrivals and you can tell that we make them happy." Griffith reports that her employer, the Congressional Federal Credit Union, strongly endorses Honor Flight Network.



Andrew Leighton is one of the musicians and entertainers who add color to arrival festivities. He lives in Lyon Park and is very proud of having welcomed nearly 100 flights.



MICHAEL MCMORROW/GAZETTE PACKET
Nancy Griffith of Clarendon extends a heartfelt welcome to a WWII veteran. At left is SSgt John Cogley, from Iowa but stationed at Fort Belvoir; he represents the many active duty members of the armed forces who greet the service men and women of an earlier era.



MICHAEL MCMORROW/GAZETTE PACKET
Owen Beirne, Jr., greeter and volunteer communicator.

Join The Ground Crew

To volunteer, send your name, address, email address, telephone number and the type of activity that interests you. For Reagan National, send the information to dca.honorflight@gmail.com. For Dulles, send the information to heroeswelcomeiad@comcast.net

Hot Yoga Supports Military Families

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vides need-based scholarships to the children and spouses of military veterans. Each scholarship is \$3,000 and allows for the recipient to go to 2-year or 4-year college, or technical or vocational school. The organization hopes to provide about 500 such scholarship this year, said Stork, the executive director.

Founded in 2005 by two sisters, ThanksUSA stands for Treasure Hunt Aiding Needs of Kids and Spouses of those serving the United States of America. It is comprised of both the scholarship program and a national treasure hunt that raises awareness and funds for the cause.

As a veteran, Ambrogi felt a personal connection to the cause. "It's important to take care of the family so the soldier can stop worrying about that and do his job." He began advertising for ThanksUSA in his

classes, contacting other studio owners and holding a weekly raffle as an incentive to donate.

"We appreciate the generous support of Jim Ambrogi and his students, along with his challenge to other Bikram studios nationwide," said Stork. "Jim's studio alone has raised enough money to fund a new scholarship for one of the many military spouses and children who come to us for educational assistance. We are grateful to all the Bikram studios who participated in this special campaign. With their support, we will be able to thank many more military families with the gift of education."

Ambrogi says, "Soldiers want to know that they've got the support of the people back home and what better way than something like this?"

To learn more or donate, go to www.thanksusa.org.



Touring Detention Center

Interns at the Alexandria Gazette Packet spent June 2 at the Alexandria Detention Center learning about the facility and law enforcement procedures from Lieutenant Tom Dumproff, watch commander and sheriff's department information officer Harry Covert. Pictured are Svetlana Avellan, Missouri State University senior; Maya Horowitz, recent College of William and Mary graduate; Yorktown High senior Ross Sylvestri; T.C. Williams seniors Thomas Conner and Liam Malakoff; Dumproff; Jeanne Theismann, Gazette Packet, and Covert.

SCHOOL NOTES

The students in the Documentary Studies class at T.C. Williams H.S. have produced and published a book documenting the stories of select T.C. Williams alumni. Mayor Bill Euille is one of the showcased alumni, as is actor Dermot Mulroney and award-winning documentary filmmaker Christopher Quinn. Many other less well-known but equally interesting alumni are included as well. Information about the book can be found at www.weararethitans.com.

The following students from Alexandria will attend Virginia's 2011 Governor's School for Humanities and Visual & Performing Arts at Radford University: Jonathan R. Forbes, Matthew S. Mirliani, Grace E. Montgomery,

Paloma M. Alcalá, Catherine L. Beall, Charlotte L. Clinger, Joseph J. Powers, Hannah L. Dempsey, Yvonne E. Fox, Holly A. Curtis, Shannon M. Power, Joanna M. Morgan, Leigh A. Orleans, and Emma S. Brown.

The four-week session will be June 26 through July 23. The students will attend classes taught by university faculty members in the humanities, visual and performing arts to explore fields that they are considering as career options.

Maria Aleksandrova, the daughter of Michael and Yana Babson of Alexandria, was named to the dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy for the second quarter of the 2010-11 school year. Maria is a junior at the Academy.

Fifth Annual Del Ray Music Fest

Celebrate the rich diversity and talent of the community at the Fifth Annual Del Ray Music Festival on Saturday, June 25. Scheduled from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields at 2701 Commonwealth Avenue, the Del Ray Music Festival will include music, food, games, and a chance to ring in the summer with friends and neighbors, no admission fee required.

Chaired by Kate Moran, longtime Del Ray resident and lead singer in her own band, the festival is organized with the support of an all-star group of Del Ray citizens. The festival will feature a variety of music including jazz, blues, folk, country, Celtic, Reggae and rock. The majority of the musicians who will take the stage are residents of the neighborhood as well — something that makes this an extra special show for the performers and gives everyone a chance to hear some wonderful local talent. This year's festival, headlined by Emmet Swimming, also features local favorites like the Justin Trawick Group, Johnny

Grave and the Tombstones and the Walkaways.

"When you look out into the crowd and see friends and neighbors, it reminds me that, even though we live just outside of a big city, the small town vibe is still alive and well here in Del Ray," said Dave Dodd, front man for the local band Elroy Jenkins.

The festival will be continuing its collaboration with the National Capital Area Affiliate of Guitars Not Guns, which will be raffling off a signed guitar and will have the Harley String Band performing on its behalf.

Two additional activities will be occurring in conjunction with the festival this year. The first is Del Ray Music Week, taking place from June 20-24, which will host local musicians as they perform along "The Avenue" at local Del Ray businesses. The second is a Thumb Wrestling Tournament, to occur at the festival, and will be a fundraising activity to raise money for purchase of a mobile stage to be used at Del Ray activities held throughout the year.

The day will also feature games for the kids and food from neigh-



The Del Ray Music Fest is Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields at 2701 Commonwealth Ave. in Alexandria.

borhood favorites Evening Star, Pizzeria Del Ray, Taqueria Poblano, and Pork Barrel BBQ.

This festival is made possible by

the support of its sponsors, most notably Jennifer Walker and Bobi Bomar, both Alexandria Realtors.

For information on sponsorship

opportunities, e-mail info@delraymusicfestival.com. Visit the Web site at www.delraymusicfestival.com.

Live Music Line-up for 31st Arts & Crafts Festival

Artists and nonprofits in Alexandria are kicking off the summer in style at Market Square June 18-19. Artists, musicians, crafters, artisans and food vendors will take over the Square for the 31st Old Town Arts and Crafts Festival and Volunteer Fair on Saturday, June 18 from 1-6 p.m.; and Sunday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Old Town Arts and Crafts Festival features live acoustic performances by local musicians. Alexandrians Peter and Alison Lattu have been arranging the festival's entertainment for 31 years and note that "many (festival performers) have been nominees or winners of Wammies — the Washington Area Music Association Awards."

Volunteer Alexandria is honored to include these featured musicians:

SATURDAY, JUNE 18:

Alexandrians Suzanne Ives and Michael Dunkley of Bump-

kin Pie, joined by even more Alexandrians David Kitchen and Scott McKnight, dish up some Americana goodness to get the festival going.

Jean Bayou, president of the Songwriters Association of Washington, joins with Ron Goad to sing her own Blues-inspired Folk and Folk-inspired Blues.

Sense of Wonder plays an inventive concoction of Contemporary Folk tunes. The duo is also known throughout the area as Rick & Audrey as they entertain kids and families.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19:

Lisa Taylor, singer/songwriter, guitarist, drummer, Wammie winner and popular area performer, plays it once more with feeling to start off the festival's second day.

Austin Ellis, a North Beach, Md., native now in Nashville via D.C., comes back home to deliver his soulful R&B grooves.

Janine Wilson, Wammie award winning singer/songwriter joins Kevin Dudley of rockabilly group Atomic Hillbilles renown, to wrap

up the festival on a striking sultry roots-rock note!

The event is sponsored by Sue and Marty Goodhart of Sue Goodhart and the Goodhart Group, St. George Gallery of Old Town Alexandria and HonestAire. Local artist and art activist Leisa Collins is also a supporter and Bittersweet Catering~Café~Bakery provides gift donations. For more information on sponsorships, contact Susan Townsend, stownsend@volunteeralexandria.org.

The event is free and open to the public. Locals and visitors can enjoy the sunshine and tunes while perusing artist's wares. It's a place to find unique items, creative hostess gifts for summer travels, last-minute Father's Day gifts as well as updated information about emergency preparedness, alternative transportation, and volunteer opportunities. For more information about the musicians and the festival, visit www.volunteralexandria.org.

Pretty People Vintage Grand Opening

Pretty People Vintage — helmed by Annie Lee, formerly of Annie Creamcheese — will celebrate its opening in historic Old Town with private parties and special promotions June 30 through July 3.

Visitors to the store will receive special discounts, treats inspired by the store's playful animal theme, and the chance to win a surprise designer item, to be revealed via the store's Facebook page on June 29 at noon; commenters to that post receive an extra chance to win the item. Those who "like" Pretty People on Facebook will be the first to know about discounts, giveaways, and new items from Pretty People.



Annie Lee

SCHEDULE

❖ Wednesday, June 29: Designer giveaway item revealed via Pretty People's Facebook page

❖ Thursday, June 30: Private VIP party: Party Animals

❖ Friday, July 1: Private VIP party (evening): Vintage Gone Wild

Public Grand Opening begins (store hours): Wild card sale (draw for 15 to 30 percent off one item, excluding some designer items), gifts with purchase and

animal-themed treats and jungle juice all weekend long, plus chance to win designer item.

❖ Saturday, July 2 – July 3: Public Grand Opening continues: Wild card sale (draw for 15 to 30 percent off one item, excluding some designer items), gifts with purchase and animal-themed treats and jungle juice all weekend long, plus chance to win designer item.

Pretty People Vintage is located at 108 N. Patrick Street in Old Town Alexandria; call 703-739-2522. Go to www.prettypeoplevintage.com.

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130 S Union Street, 571.970.6324,
shopatzoe.com

Talk of the Town

The New Kids on the Block

Nothing makes The Wanderer's heart beat faster than the scent of a new merchant in his town. He has had a successful hunt lately and is proud to present his findings to readers. He is part bloodhound, you know.



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Hannah and Timothy consider themselves matchmakers. They get to know you and using their great knowledge of wine they can suggest something that you will enjoy. They taste, critique and choose wines that represent exceptional taste and value for their customers.
1309 King Street, 571.970.6903,
letastevinva.com

F PRETTY PEOPLE

We have a celebrity stylist in Old Town. She has dressed some A-listers and now she has chosen Alexandria for her newest venture in vintage clothing. Eclectic and vintage pieces in an artistic setting inspire ideas for individual style that Annie Lee can help you turn into successful and memorable looks.
108 N Patrick Street, 703.739.2522,
www.prettypeoplevintage.com



C LOU LOU

This fabulous spot for all your favorite accessories has come to Old Town. Lou Lou, a privately owned boutique that started in Middleburg in 2005, has been spreading throughout the metropolitan area and has just opened their 9th shop on the corner of King and S. Lee. There is something there for everyone, even a comfy sofa for the husband.
132 King Street, 703.299.9505,
loulouboutiques.com

ENTERTAINMENT

EVERY THURSDAY

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

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

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

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 to 8 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.

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, 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.

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.

Waterfront Walking Tour. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Meet at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum. Event takes place on the waterfront at foot of Cameron Street near Gazebo and Food Court. Sponsored by Alexandria Archaeology.

Fairfax Elderhostel Alumni Assoc. Meeting. 2 to 4 p.m. Ambassador David Newton will speak on “Yemen: The Middle East’s Latest Hotspot.” At



THURSDAY/JUNE 16

“In Black and White.” 6 to 8 p.m. Photography by Nina Tisara and Peggy Fleming. “In Black and White” highlights two different aspects of African American life and culture. Tisara’s series “United in the Spirit” focuses on worship in Alexandria’s African American community, while Fleming’s work “Crown Me!” looks at the social life of one group of African American men and a traditional American pastime. Meet the artists at the opening reception on June 16, 6-8 p.m. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria.

George Mason Public Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Call Rebecca Prather at 703-534-2274.

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 McClelland at 703-360-0920 or 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, 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 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, 703-746-5592.

Charity Cruise to Aid Foster Children. 7:30 p.m. dockside reception; 8:30 p.m. departure. Tickets are \$75/person. Fostering the Future Cruise for The Fund for Alexandria’s Child. Aboard the Cherry Blossom paddle wheel boat at the City Marina at Cameron and Union Streets in Old Town. To reserve your space, call 703-746-5663 or visit thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov.

“Glee.” 7:30 p.m. Featuring Cadence, a quartet of singers from Canada; ethnic music and dance from the Indonesian Youth Choir-Cordana; and Pan-African music from South Africa’s Wits Choir.

Tickets are \$10/adults; \$8/students and seniors. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Purchase tickets by calling 703-683-6040 or visit www.classicalmovements.com/dc.

Golf Fundraiser. 2 p.m. Mount Vernon High School will host the first annual Michael M. Skinner Golf Classic. Shotgun start on the Woodlawn Course of Fort Belvoir. Cost is \$125/person and proceeds go to fund student programs at Mount Vernon High School. Registration forms can be downloaded on the MVHS website <http://www.fcps.edu/MtVernonHS>.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Concert. 7:30 p.m. Chantry presents music of William Byrd for Saints Peter and Paul. Tickets are \$30/\$15. At St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4342

Civil War Sharpshooters. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Reenactors representing Civil War “Brady’s Michigan Sharpshooters” come to Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site for a special living history program. Featured activities will include a rifle display and presentation, skirmish drills, camp life scenarios, and a bugle call demonstration to illustrate how riflemen moved and fired by signal calls. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

Del Ray Music Festival. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Headlined by Emmet Swimming, also features local favorites like the Justin Trawick Group, Johnny Grave and the Tombstones and the Walkaways! Includes jazz, blues, folk, country, Celtic, Reggae and rock music. In addition to the music, the day will feature games for the kids and food from neighborhood favorites Evening Star, Pizzeria Del Ray, Taqueria Poblano, and the award winning Pork Barrel BBQ. Along Mount Vernon Avenue and at the Mount Vernon Recreation fields at 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.delraymusicfestival.com.

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Northern Virginia Housing Opportunities Expo. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. The City of Alexandria will host the first Northern Virginia Housing Opportunities Expo at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. The Expo will feature more than 70 exhibitors and workshops in five languages on a range of issues related to renting, homeownership, and home improvement. Visit www.nvaha.org/EXPO2011.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Villa Sinfonia. 3 to 4 p.m. Featuring the San Francisco, CA (String Orchestra). At Market Square, 301 King St., Old Town Alexandria.

Contact: Maureen Sturgill, maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5420.

TUESDAY/JUNE 28

Hands-On Civil War Activities. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Try on Civil War clothing, decode secret messages, learn about life in a Civil War hospital and more. For ages 3-12 and their caregivers. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call Carlyle House at 703-549-2997 or e-mail carlyle@nvrpa.org

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

Author Talk. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. “Crash Into Me” author Liz Seccuro will speak about her new book. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria.

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

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. Free. The U.S. Air Force Band — The Airmen of Note perform at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Lunch Bunch Concert. Noon to 1 p.m. With Folk by Association (Eclectic Acoustic). At Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Old Town Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5592.

JUNE 30

Christmas in June. 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Candlelight Service for military families and friends. The church service at 7:30 p.m. will be a traditional Christmas Eve Service with candlelight, carols, and communion. This event is for all military families and friends who were unable to spend the Christmas holidays with their loved ones. At Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-5500. Make reservations at www.trinityalexandria.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 2

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

SUNDAY/JULY 3

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.

WEDNESDAY JULY 6

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

SATURDAY/JULY 9

Meade Skelton. 8 to 10 p.m. At St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub in Del Ray, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-739-9268.

“Reconciliation and the Elaine, Arkansas Race Riot of 1919: Forgive or Forget.”

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

THURSDAY/JULY 14

Michael DeLalla 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.

SATURDAY/JULY 16

Civil War Spotlight Talks. Free. Explore Civil War Artillery Projectiles. 30-minute talks from 10 a.m. to noon; and 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about a variety of Civil War-period ammunition, from a 100-pounder Parrott shell to a Ketcham hand grenade. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

SUNDAY/JULY 24

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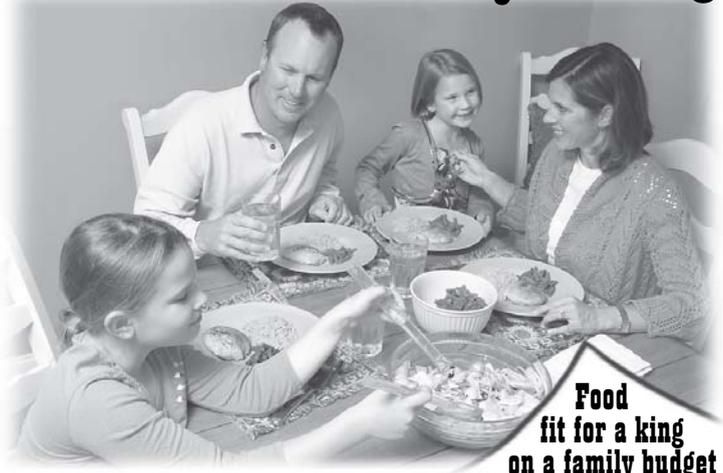
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JUNE 2 THROUGH JULY 10

Philosophy of Nature. With artist Kurt Godwin. Through the paintings in 'Philosophy of Nature,' Kurt Godwin attempts to understand the universe by layering scientific diagrams that explain natural phenomena with alchemical symbols, emblems, and other icons — both contemporary and ancient. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

JUNE 9 TO JULY 5

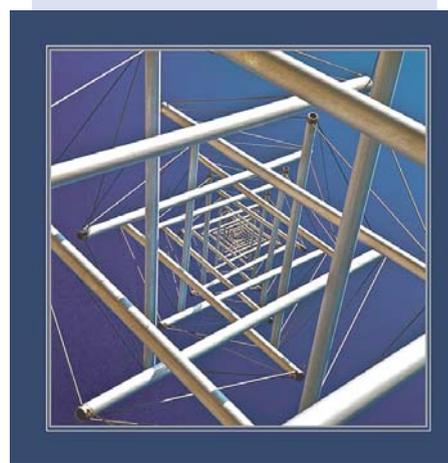
The Gravitational Pull of Memory. Free. Prints and Collages by Veteran Printmaker Ann Zahn. Opening Reception & Meet the Artist: Thursday, June 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m. At the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Visit www.theartleague.org.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 18

Four Seasons: A Photography Exhibition. Exhibition by photographers Fred Eberhart and Joseph Romeo at Broadway Gallery, 5641B General Washington Drive, Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 20

Artist Pam Rogers. "The Germination Project: Emerge." Mixed media including handmade natural pigments. Opening reception is Saturday, June 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, NVCC Alexandria campus. Call for Instructors for Art Camp



Concentric Angles, a multi-award winning photograph by Master photographer **Joseph Tessmer of Alexandria,** has been chosen by the Arts Council for display at the Dulles Airport Gateway Exhibition. The photograph was taken at the Hirshhorn museum and sculpture garden as part of the portfolio presented to the Professional Photographers of America to obtain the coveted degree of Master of Photography.

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

NOW THROUGH JUNE 26

Birds & Beasts. Creature-centered clay creations. At the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery; hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. At 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 26

In the Flesh 3. In the Flesh 3 examines contemporary figurative art, showcasing the work of 21 artists while exploring the deep-seeded relationship between humanity and art. Reception is June 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 26

Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

JULY 6 TO JULY 31

Poetry of Light. Pastels by artist Rachel Estrada. Artist's Reception: Saturday, July 9 from 5–7 p.m. Closing Reception: Saturday, July 30, from 5 – 7 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call at 703-549-6006.

MONTH OF JULY

"Artistic Visions." Twenty artists in multiple media will showcase their recent artistic expressions. A summer show and sale at the Gallery at Convergence. Meet the artists reception is July 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

NOW THROUGH JULY 31

Exhibition of Commemorative Wares. Features ceramic wares that reflect the Alexandria community's keen interest in current and historic events. At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria. Open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$2 admission. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

African Heritage Cultural Festival

Saturday, June 18, 12-6 p.m.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
GAZETTE PACKET

The African Heritage Cultural Festival is taking place on Saturday, June 18 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., Alexandria.

"It's one of the oldest festivals, next to the Irish Festival," said Cheryl Lawrence, regional program director for the Department of Marketing, Public Relations and Special Events for the City of Alexandria. "It's been around since the 1970s."

This year's theme is "Reaching Back Moving Forward," and it highlights African American history from the Civil War to the present.

Featured performers include Sandra Johnson, contemporary jazz; SAMO'O and the band JFC, Caribbean sound; Elikeh, Afro funk music, and the Michael Stephens Project, R&B. Additional performances will include the Alexandria Community City Theatre, 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 group performances.

There will also be a film festival in the Alexandria Black Museum, a showcase of traditional arts and crafts, and various exhibits and workshops.

"We asked vendors to be really creative," said Lawrence. Guests will have a chance to "win door prizes or just walk away with some keepsake."

Between 500 and 1,000 people

are expected to attend. Mayor William Euille and members of the City Council will be arriving around 3 p.m.

In terms of food, Lawrence said there will be "all the good stuff" from BBQ sandwiches to ice cream to hot dogs and hamburgers.

"We hope people walk away empowered and with a little more knowledge about African culture," said Lawrence. "It's about understanding our differences but how we are all the same. How it evolved into how we are today and looking at the future."

The City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and the African Heritage Cultural Festival Committee are cosponsoring the festival. The Alexandria Black History Museum and the Office of Historic Alexandria helped plan the festival.

The festival will take place rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, activities will be moved inside the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

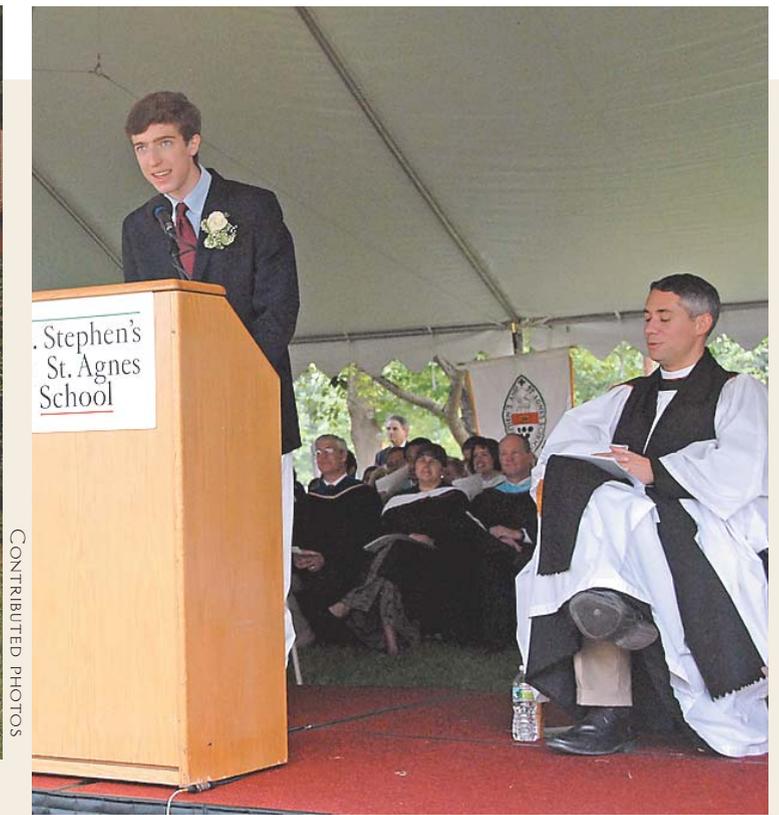
To learn more, visit alexandriava.gov/recreation or call the City's Special Events Hotline at 703-746-5592.

PEOPLE



Commencement

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School held its Commencement for the Class of 2011 on Saturday, June 11 on the grounds of Virginia Theological Seminary; 105 graduates received their diplomas and celebrated with faculty, family, and friends. Above, some of the school's graduates gather on Commencement day.



Mathias Heller, class valedictorian, addresses the audience.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



The Envoy of Alexandria held a graduation ceremony on June 14 to recognize patients who have recently finished their rehabilitation at the nursing home's rehab center, and to recognize patients who are currently in rehab at the facility.



Recognition

Wilhelmina Archie shows off her diploma, which she received during a graduation at The Envoy of Alexandria Nursing Home on June 14.



Cheryl Barton, director of physical therapy at The Envoy of Alexandria, speaks during a ceremony to honor patients who have recently finished their rehabilitation at the center.

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Her 85th

Living Legend Mollie Abraham celebrates her 85th birthday surrounded by family and friends.



PHOTOS BY JANET POWERS

Home Life Style

PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET



Tips From An Expert

Old Town resident Tamara Saltonstall is known for her gracious entertaining and home design skills. Here, she shares her personal tips for entertaining overnight guests.

1. Fresh linens on the beds and an extra blanket. I always dry my linens with a lavender sachet for a great fresh scent.
2. Stocked mini-bar/refrigerator with water, juice boxes for the littles, beer and wine for the olders.
3. In this day of airline restrictions I completely stock the bathroom with everything. Soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, personal care products, Tylenol, sunscreen, sewing kit, etc.
4. The new coffee machines are the best, especially if you have a guest that is an early riser. I like the Kuerig and the Tassimo as they both can make an espresso, latte or Earl grey in seconds.
5. A basket of snacks is a necessity. Fill it with nuts, chips, mints, hard candy, etc. When your visitor isn't familiar with the area, be sure they aren't hungry at midnight with no idea where to go.
6. On that note, I have a binder that has local area restaurant menus and to-go menus. I also have flyers of all of the area attractions, metro maps, regional maps, etc. that they can peruse through. This is an easy thing to pull together by visiting the Visitors Center on King Street in Alexandria.
7. I also put a \$20 metro pass in the binder since they might be going to museums and the metro is sometimes difficult to navigate.
8. I always put a candle and matches in every room.
9. On the bedside table, I put out a bottle of water, new Chapstick and a flashlight for emergencies.
10. Updated magazines. It's so much fun to be traveling and reading magazines. I have Time, Sports Illustrated and People.
11. And then, of course, flowers everywhere. I tend to cut them from my garden, but the safest bet is to purchase an orchid from your local grocer.

Old Town resident Tamara Saltonstall browses a binder of local information she keeps for visiting houseguests.

Guest Relations

Creating a home away from home for overnight guests.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are upon us again, and for many people, that means entertaining a steady stream of visiting family and friends. Some hostesses relish the opportunity to turn entertaining into an art form, but for those without the Martha Stewart gene, some advanced planning and a few easy tips go a long way to making any guest feel welcome and comfortable in your home.

"I learned so much from my mother," said Old Town resident Tamara Saltonstall, whose entertaining skills were passed down in her family. "And my grandmother and great-grandmother wrote weekly home and design articles for the Bermuda Sun going

back as early as the 1920s."

Saltonstall, who lives in the historic Vowell-Snowden home on South Lee Street, is known as one of Alexandria's most gracious hostesses and frequently opens her home and garden for fundraising events and home tours.

"I spent the majority of my childhood traveling with my parents," said Saltonstall, whose mother was Miss Bermuda and father a Navy aviator. "I think much of my design and entertaining wisdom comes from these experiences and I am forever grateful to my parents for exposing me to so much."

A busy wife and mother of three, Saltonstall enjoys hosting overnight guests in a two-bedroom guest cottage that was once the carriage house on the property that boasts expansive gardens, tennis court and

pool.

"I have a checklist of things that I do before my guests arrive," Saltonstall said. "Most are easy but just require a little extra thought, like having lots of toiletries on hand for anyone traveling to visit by plane because of all the TSA regulations."

A trademark of Saltonstall's hospitality is a large binder she keeps of area attractions and restaurant menus for guests to use to

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A view from the office/living room of the Holland House carriage house.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

A Unique Retreat

Looks can be deceiving when approaching the Holland House's guest home, located in Old Town next to a seated bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson. With a beautiful, green landscape full of flowers, pathways and a medium-sized gazebo, no eye would guess that what seems like a garage-sized home holds two stories with a full office, kitchen, bedroom and two bathrooms.

Owners Grace-Marie and Douglas Turner allow friends and family members to stay in their guest home, which includes a parking lot on what used to be a swimming pool.

Interior designer Stephanie Dimond painted the walls in cool colors such as light mustard yellow, mint green and grey to bring space into the rooms. Not only is the home comfortable, but is full of surprises such as a shower made of brick with stucco and a glass brick sink.

The bedroom contains two colors: a dark grey that brings depth to the room, and a light grey that changes hues depending on the location of the sun. With the perfect shading and chirping birds, any guest will feel like they are at home.

- SVETLANA AVELLAN



Stainless steel appliances gleam in the soft light reflected through the windows from the carriage house garden of Holland House.



The basin sink in the Holland House pool shower room.



A first floor shower at Holland House, originally designed as a pool shower, is made of curved brick covered in stucco.

Guest Relations

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GAZETTE PACKET

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help plan their visit.

"I also keep a basket of snacks in the guest rooms and put out fresh flowers, usually from my garden, in all the rooms in the house," Saltonstall added. "And don't forget a carafe of water on a bedside table."

If possible, designate a bathroom for your guests' use. Put out clean towels and be sure there is soap and shampoo readily available. Liquid shower soap is best for guest bathrooms and a nice touch is to have a hair dryer and a stash of new, unopened toothbrushes and toothpaste on hand.

And don't be shy about asking in advance what your guests like — or are unable — to eat.

"We are lucky to live in an area with so many choices when it comes to restaurants," Saltonstall said. "But it's always a nice touch to put some extra thought into what to prepare or suggest for dinner options based on your individual guests' needs."

If your guests will be bringing children, be sure to childproof your home as best as possible and safely store fragile items or heirlooms. If your own child's room will be used as a guest room, be sure to remove anything your child will need easy access to and clear some room in a closet or dresser for clothing.

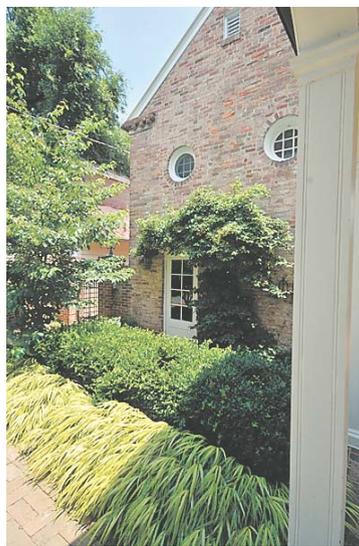
"I love living in a home that has seen such glorious entertaining in its history," said Saltonstall of the property once owned by longtime Alexandria Gazette editor Edgar Snowden in the 1800s and more recently by Supreme Court justice Hugo Black, who purchased the property in 1939 and lived there until his death in 1971. "It's a privilege to share this wonderful property with family and friends but when it comes to entertaining visitors, anyone can make their guests feel special by paying attention to the little touches and details that mean so much."



The master bedroom overlooks the side and rear gardens.



The master bath features a walk in shower.



The carriage house is surrounded on three sides by the Holland House gardens. The original main home was built by a British Sea Captain in 1760s, a two-story farmhouse.

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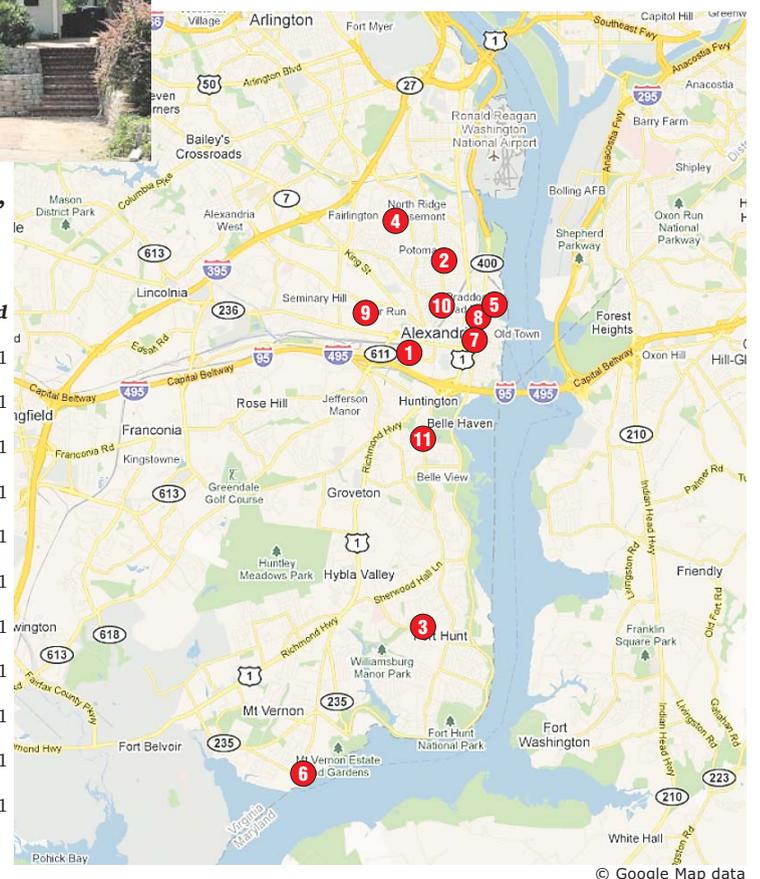
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Home Life Style



The "Snuggery Suite" features a queen size bed and full bath. A rear skylight fills the suite with light during the day.



Walking up from the suite, a spacious living room opens up to the terraced, walled garden.

Alexandria's Victorian Bed & Breakfast

216 S. FAYETTE STREET

Built in 1890, this charming Victorian townhome is available for full house rental. The B&B is operated by Kathryn Huettner and includes innkeeper services. Continental breakfasts of sweet and savory pastries plus snacks and coffee, tea and juices are provided. 216 opens into a front parlor suitable for dining or office work, a galley kitchen soaking with light from a skylight in the roof, a step down and into living room that opens up to a terraced, walled garden. A "Snuggery Suite" is just below deck and accessible by way of a spiral staircase. Two bedrooms and a full bath are located on the second story. One bedroom features two twin brass beds overlooking the terraced garden. The second bedroom features a queen size bed with reading lamps built into the headboard posters. Huettner visited many restaurants within walking distance, trolley distance and metro transport, collecting menus which she arranged in binders for the guests. The house is not set up for children under 10 or pets. There is also no smoking in the house. The full house rental is suitable for up to five guests. For more information visit www.216BandB.com

— LOUISE KRAFFT

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A Victorian mirror reflects the front bedroom on the upper level.



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be partners with the administrators in developing ongoing training, viewed as team members, and feel free to speak out regarding inequities within the ACPS System. For example, we are aware that at George Washington Middle School, the administration has taken the entire third floor; there is no adequate space designated for teachers to have lunch or to store their food properly. Students are also at a disadvantage because some of those rooms need to be used for therapeutic purposes and time out for our children with diagnosed emotional problems. The work environment should have adequate heat and air conditioning that operate appropriately, teachers should not have to work in coats and have space heaters in the classroom. These concerns are a distraction to the children in the classroom as well.

Listed below are other areas of concern:

❖ Too often, teachers are pulled away from students at critical times during units. The structure and flow of the lessons are interrupted and the students don't respond well to interruptions. There were more than 27 substitutes in one day at GW.

❖ Teachers' planning periods are being used for professional development, even on days when they have only one planning period. This makes it impossible for the teachers to implement new initiatives with any measure of effectiveness when there is no planning. Technically, teachers are teaching from the hip and worrying about compliance. Teachers need adequate time to plan and execute creative lessons that will definitely benefit the students. Teachers are being asked to teach multiple grade levels (plus "honors" section). They definitely have little, if any, planning time to effectively teach.

It is worthwhile to note, that some teachers have large gaps in their days (free for long periods of time) and it is not clear, as to how that time should be used.

Grade level teaming led to better understanding/monitoring of student progress. Please revisit this decision and reinstate the process. Also, with no teaming, multiple grade levels freely mix in the hallways.

❖ There were many high salaries reported by the Alexandria Gazette; however, there are too many cooks spoiling the broth: For example, teachers learned to plan wonderful collaborative ELL lessons from Dr. Rojas; then, the MYP lessons were introduced, and then Dr. Brown's office worked feverishly in September, October and November to instruct teachers on how to write lesson plans in a different format. None of the three formats are remotely similar and with no planning period it is absolutely conflicting for teachers who really want to do their best and to comply with the requirements.

❖ The Director of Middle School position appears to be of no value to ACPS. To date, there is no documentation of purposeful effectiveness stemming from this office. Parents are concerned that creating positions such as this is an absolute waste of ACPS funds, which could be used to provide direct services to our special education students.

❖ Parents would like to know more about the qualifications of teachers and other pro-

professionals in the Special Education Program. Parents prefer recruiting teachers who are locally based, and have experience working with African American and Hispanic students. The TAG Program still continue to be mainly White, while the Special Education Program is comprised of mainly Black and Hispanics. Students in the Talented and Gifted Program are thriving and continue to receive the necessary resources and support to reach their educational goals. In contrast, the Special Education students had to be mainstreamed into General Education because of scheduling conflicts. When Special Education students are mainstreamed, many start off in the Science Inclusion Classes. This causes the classes to become overcrowded and prone to discipline problems. The ELL students even with help from ELL teachers in the general education classroom, continues to struggle.

❖ Regarding the ACPS Discipline Plan, students are absolutely noncompliant without facing the appropriate consequences. The violence at some schools escalates week by week. Students violate the "dress code" chew gum, run, curse, and spit in the hallways without consequences. When reported, teachers have been told to choose their battles. There is no in-school suspensions, which increases the suspension rate because there is no middle ground. When students mess up, they are suspended out of school instead of being in the classroom completing their school work.

In closing, the information presented is a snapshot overview of what is happening to the students in Special Education, and their teachers in the classroom. It is the parents' desire that you give careful consideration to their concerns and that you provide a written response that includes your corrective action plans to address the complex problem hindering the progress of students receiving Special Education services in the Alexandria Public School (ACPS). Also, alternative careers for students who may not attend college should be included in your plans.

Ramona Hatten, Coordinator of the Parents Advocate Support Group
Donna Lockhart, Secretary
Dorothy Turner, Advisor
Gwendolyn Menefee, Advisor

Political Stand-out

To the Editor:

He is seen around town, friendly to all he meets, remembered for the positive impact he had on the Alexandria community, and he is a proven entity in public service. He is former Alexandria Police Chief David P. Baker, and his presence in Alexandria generates talk around town that he might possibly choose to run for a council seat.

Although he admittedly had a painful period in his life a couple years ago where he mistakenly drove under the influence of alcohol and, consequently, chose to resign from his position as police chief, he paid the price for his error. He asked for no special treatment and endured the accompanying consequences that included jail time,

a fine, loss of driver's license along with the personal shame and public embarrassment.

Undoubtedly, Baker would be a stand-out in the political arena. He has demonstrated he has ethics, integrity and is an honest individual. He has been candid and shared his experience in a way to educate and assist others. He did the right thing and conducted himself like a real man.

Baker would be a true asset on the Alexandria City Council. His diverse leadership skills, his articulate communication skills and his congenial personality would serve him well. At all socio-economic levels, the residents of Alexandria can relate to him because he has demonstrated he is like them — human.

Baker is academically educated as well as street smart. He would bring a wealth of experiential wisdom to the council. He is wise enough to know his boundaries and savvy enough to retain his principles without allowing politics to influence him or change him in a detrimental way.

The city of Alexandria has everything to gain if Baker decides to run. He should be encouraged to take the leap and, as the saying goes in police lingo, "Attaboy, Baker."

Karen L. Bune

The writer is an adjunct professor in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University.

Integral Part Of Waterfront

To the Editor:

The following letter is addressed to Mayor Euille and members of City Council.

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC) has discussed the Waterfront Small Area Plan (SAP) and recommends that the following four changes be made prior to the adoption of the SAP. The AAC believes that these changes will strengthen the SAP and make the Waterfront the vibrant, dynamic, historic place envisioned. In addition, as AAC testified before both the Planning Commission and City Council, the Commission recommends to Council that it ask Planning and Zoning Staff to incorporate these changes, as well as others already accepted by Staff from many sources, into a fresh version of the existing draft before any vote is taken. Staff submitted two major sets of revisions in April and May, fundamentally changing the SAP beyond mere editorial fixes. While Staff is trying hard to reconcile the changes and draft, and AAC has supported and assisted those efforts, no specific language has been provided to show what a final draft would look like. AAC finds that the myriad of changes proposed in two 20-plus page addendum, collectively change the nature of the SAP. For these reasons, AAC believes a corrected and clear draft is essential to allow all to understand what Council is considering before a vote is taken.

The four changes are:

Endorse the Waterfront History Plan. The Waterfront History Plan should be endorsed and incorporated into the SAP. Planning and Zoning staff have stated that the History Plan was to be endorsed. Absent a formal endorsement, and incorporation into the

SAP, the History Plan is relegated to the status of an informational appendix to the Small Area Plan.

Revise the SAP to emphasize the Alexandria's culture and the preservation of its history and identity before discussing future development. The Waterfront History Plan was drafted by the AAC to fit development of the waterfront within the context of Alexandria's history and identity. Its format was drafted to complement the SAP so that future design and development can complement Alexandria's heritage. As drafted, the SAP presents history and cultural aspects, including the arts, as fitting into development rather than the reverse. An emphasis on history and culture does not inhibit development but will encourage greater attention to Alexandria's heritage and identity.

Include within the SAP guidance for the implementation of the cultural and preservation aspects in preparation for the later planning stage so that the cultural and preservation components are as desirable, urgent, and probably as development. The SAP as drafted is focused on possible or proposed development and includes a plan for specific types of development, a budget, and an implementation strategy. The budget and implementation strategy elements are missing from the SAP in relation to the history and culture options unless tied to development as a potential condition (e.g. proffer) for development. This leaves the impression that history and culture are not an important component of the waterfront. This impression is strengthened by the repeated references to the history and cultural aspects as suggestions or aspects that require further determination. The Waterfront History Plan provided a phased, incremental implementation strategy which should be included in the SAP.

Off budget estimates for the cultural and preservation aspects and include them in the SAP on their own merits, independent of any development proffers. The Waterfront History Plan includes a budget strategy which sets forth various funding approaches and provides City Council with a way to know what can be done to implement the history interpretation and preservation of the SAP and when. It does not require an approved budget; rather, it is an informational budget planning guide. However, absent a specific budget strategy, planning and implementation of history will be ad hoc and dependent upon the willingness and schedules of developers. Having a separate history budget strategy will turn many aspects of the Waterfront Small Area Plan into something immediate and achievable rather than something distant and reliant solely upon development proffer.

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission urges City Council to require the above changes to the Waterfront Small Area Plan prior to the adoption of the SAP and that it direct Planning and Zoning staff to provide a fresh version of the existing draft incorporating all changes before Council votes on the SAP. These changes will provide greater guidance for future planning and development while ensuring that the historic preservation and the cultural aspects

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of the SAP are as integral to the Plan as they are to Alexandria's residents and visitors as well as its identity. The AAC appreciates City Council's consideration of the above recommendations.

S. Kathleen Pepper, Chair
Alexandria Archaeological
Commission

Support Parks And Arts

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 11, the City Planning department unveiled a new plan that would take the waterfront in a totally different direction. As I began to focus on what an alternative plan would look like, I could see that one of the key elements is that the three parcels in question, Robinson Terminal North and South, and the Cummings Family property should have public instead of private uses, providing the vision of public access to the waterfront that has been promised in this plan all along. Limited access in front of private development is not sufficient for a great public waterfront. To create a great public space these parcels must be put in the public domain and provide the greatest public use to the citizens of Alexandria and the more than 3 million visitors who come to Alexandria each year because of our history and our proximity to the Washington D.C. The plan for parks and arts is the direction we need to go.

The Washington Post, owners of the Robinson Terminal Properties, and The Cummings Family, owners of the arms trading company Interarms, have both had years of use along the waterfront for their warehouses. Now that these industrial uses are no longer there, it is time to take back our waterfront, and create one of America's great open spaces. Our waterfront is the same length as the Mall in Washington and to create a great, wide continuous open space with the remaining historic structures on our waterfront restored in full. We will have waterfront dining at the Beachcomber and maybe the Alexandria Marine building. We can also add waterfront dining to the veranda of the building next to the Torpedo Factory, transform the Food Court. The initial costs of this plan are about equal to what is being proposed in the original plan: \$50 million. That is the price of purchasing the properties and the flood mitigation combined. Except in this plan we get beautiful parks, opened vistas of the water, increased property values

for the residents of old town, restored buildings and flood mitigation. And we can get the whole package up front, instead of the hotels first, amenities later package that the city planning department proposed. Even if you take the Planning Department's much inflated number of \$220 million for this plan, I think that needs to be put in perspective. We are spending \$250 million for a metro station in Potomac Yards, so isn't the waterfront worth that sort of public investment? But let's step back. Only \$31 million is required to acquire the properties. Flood mitigation could be taken out as I think it has become the consensus that this needs to be done regardless of the plan. I was told that the restoration of the Beachcomber could pay for itself if it were leased to a restaurant. I think other historic buildings could be adaptively reused and restored in partnership with possible users. There presently is no analysis of whether an arts district or the restoration of historic properties could open up other financing opportunities or grant funding and lastly it is very symptomatic of the shortsightedness of the planning department that a Parks and Arts Plan would only generate \$164,000. The Torpedo Factory generates \$20 million in revenue for the city, and it is obvious why: with over a million visitors a year they help the local economy tremendously. This plan will strengthen the Torpedo Factory by opening up more studio space to artists if both Archeology and the Art League are given a permanent home and standalone sites on the waterfront. They will both generate more visitor dollars.

This plan will strengthen Alexandria's commitment to open space and the arts. It will also ensure that we are creating a more walkable city with places to exercise and enjoy the water. It will not overcrowd our streets which currently discourages visitors from coming. This is the right plan, and even if it takes a few years to get there, it is a plan we will see in our lifetime. City Council should not operate under the threat of lawsuits by the land use attorneys representing Robinson Terminal but needs to take this once in a lifetime opportunity to damn the torpedoes and full speed ahead for the Parks and Arts Proposal and then work with citizens over the summer to make this plan reality.

Boyd Walker

Overwhelming Opposition

To the Editor:

The following was addressed to

Mayor William Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, and Council members Del Pepper, Paul Smedberg, Alicia Hughes, Frank Fannon and Rob Krupicka.

Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan (CAAWP) would like to provide the City Council with our feedback and recommendations following the Council and Planning Department work session on Saturday, June 11. We represent the views of concerned voters and residents who have signed our petition calling for the Council to consider alternatives for our riverfront that will be significantly better than the currently proposed plan. To that end, we request that Council do the following:

1. Acknowledge opposition from Alexandrians to the City's preferred redevelopment plan; a plan that the Council seems to favor but the community opposes. This plan currently involves permitting at least three hotels and other high density development at the Robinson Terminal sites and the Cummings Turner properties.

As the Council is aware, our community is concerned with the extreme density that would result from the apparent preferred plan. Hundreds of citizens gathered Saturday morning for a "Hands Across the Waterfront" demonstration, rallied at Market Square to protest, and attended the work session carrying "Don't Rezone the waterfront" signs. Over 1,000 citizens have signed the CAAWP petition.

Citizens oppose the proposed mixed-use plan that would include high-density hotel, residential, and commercial occupancy.

This would create infrastructure constraints for Old Town including increased traffic for individuals, tour buses, and other transportation modes, and result in increased traffic from large trucks supplying goods to the hotels, restaurants and other commercial businesses.

Amongst many other problems, this scenario will also restrict already scarce parking for residents and visitors.

2. Provide more time for our community to evaluate, validate, and analyze the content and financial implications of the new alternative proposals submitted by the Planning Department at Saturday's work session.

The "Arts and Parks" alternative was only just revealed on Saturday. The community needs time to assess and evaluate the alternative proposal.

Additionally, we are concerned that the \$220 million cost estimate for this alternative has not been thoroughly assessed. It further

does not incorporate the ancillary revenue benefits from tourism created by the improved public access at our waterfront and a vibrant waterfront arts and cultural district. We would also like Council to reconsider the overall "revenue neutral" objective of any public plan.

3. Vote to hold a public hearing at the June 28 Council meeting so that the community has the opportunity to comment on alternatives that include more park land, and a stronger cultural and artistic foundation.

Council has an obligation to allow the citizens of Alexandria to comment on, and ask questions about, the recently released alternative plan, the possibility of a separate rezoning decision and further express their views regarding the high density proposal put forth by the Planning Department. We request that this public hearing be held at the June 28 Council meeting.

4. Defer any vote on a Waterfront plan until this fall to allow the community more time to work with the Council and the Planning Department to analyze alternatives to what now appears to be the mostly commercial alternative that is unacceptable to the Council's constituency.

In the wake of overwhelming public opposition, the Council has an obligation to defer any vote on the current small area plan until such time as concerned citizens can voice their opinions and propose viable alternatives. CAAWP would like to work with the City over the next several months on such an alternative.

For the first time in a generation, a large portion of the great riverfront of Alexandria is essentially "for sale." The City has the opportunity to acquire land that will enhance our public spaces along the Potomac River. The community prefers increased parkland, museums to celebrate our history, and improved public access for all.

We are sure that Council members want to leave an enduring legacy for future generations, and the best way to do that is to work with the community to craft a new plan.

We look forward to the Council adopting these four key action items.

Andrew Macdonald
Co-Chair, Citizens for an
Alternative Alexandria Water-
front Plan (CAAWP)

Boyd Walker
Co-Chair, Citizens for an
Alternative Alexandria Water-
front Plan (CAAWP)

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TC Well Represented at Region Rumble

Seven Titans play for Northern Region, which beats Northwest Region.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams seniors Jay Whitmire and Joe Massaquoi were supposed to compose one of the top lineman combos in the Northern Region during the 2010 season — a pair of Division I talents wreaking havoc in the trenches.

The duo of destruction never came to be, however, as each suffered a significant injury. Whitmire missed the first half of the season after injuring an ankle and a knee injury kept Massaquoi out the second half. The Titans didn't play a single game with both on the field at the same time.

On June 12, Whitmire and Massaquoi got one more chance to play on the same team, and the duo didn't disappoint.

They were among seven Titans to suit up for the Northern Region during the 2nd Annual Region Rumble Football All Star Game at South County Secondary School. A strong

defensive effort and a pair of rushing touchdowns by Hayfield quarterback Jason Stewart led to a 20-12 victory for the Northern Region, which improved to 2-0 in the event.

Massaquoi, who will play for Marshall University, recorded a sack and knocked down a pass.

"I felt like I got to show what I could have done if I wasn't injured," Massaquoi said. "I felt like I dominated. ... When I got that sack, it brought me back to during the season. A rush went through my body."

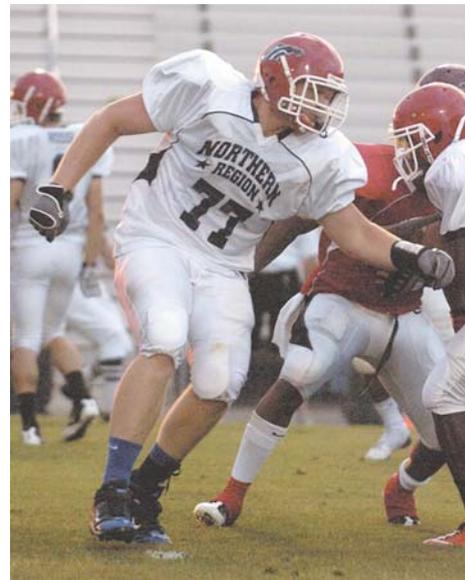
Whitmire, who will play at the University of Virginia, played right tackle for the Northern Region. Receiver Will Rossi was the other TC offensive player on the roster. Joining Massaquoi on defense were linebackers Damian Benton and Tevin Isley and linemen Deontre Sanders and Eric Berger.

"That's like the whole reason I did this was just to play with my TC guys one more time," Whitmire said. "If I was just by myself, I wouldn't have done this."

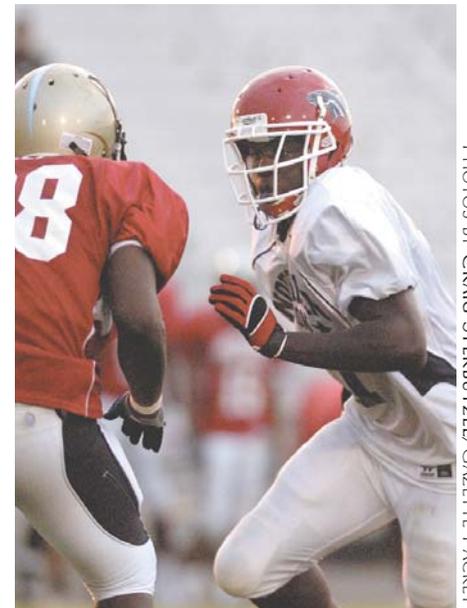
At times there were four Titans playing on the defensive side of the ball.

"We had good chemistry," Isley said, "and we had good chemistry with the other players during the practice week."

T.C. Williams head coach Dennis Randolph coached the Northern Region and said the Titans got strong reviews from



T.C. Williams senior Jay Whitmire played right tackle for the Northern Region during the June 12 Region Rumble at South County Secondary School.



T.C. Williams senior Joe Massaquoi recorded a sack and knocked down a pass during the Region Rumble on June 12 at South County Secondary School.

other coaches.

"I'm proud of our kids," he said. "... Once [other coaches] saw our kids, they said, 'Hey, you've got some athletes.' Our kids did a great job."

T.C. Williams finished the 2010 season with a 6-4 record, the program's first win-

ning season since 1995. The Titans ended the school year as the most well-represented team at the Region Rumble.

"I felt this was like a TC game," Massaquoi said, "because we were so deep here."

TC Crew Finishes Strong

TC takes home multiple medals in final two regattas.

BY LUCI BACH
FOR THE GAZETTE PACKET

Competing against the strongest high school rowers in North America, T.C. Williams' crew team medaled in multiple events at the two final regattas of the season: the Scholastic Rowing Association (SRAA) National Championship on May 28 in Camden, N.J., and the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association (CSSRA) National championship on June 5. Seniors Emily Leidolf and Nora Willkomm — who have rowed for TC since eighth grade and missed TC's prom to compete one last time at the Canadian Nationals — won bronze in the uber-competitive senior girls pair category, just one second behind the silver medal winners.

In addition, TC's girls second varsity eight — having switched up the roster to qualify as a "junior eight" under Canadian rowing rules — won a silver medal at St. Catharine's. The second-place win in Canada came on the heels of the boat's bronze-medal finish at the SRAA National championship — after turning in the fast-



T.C. Williams seniors Emily Leidolf and Nora Willkomm won bronze at the Canadian nationals.

est overall time in both the qualifying heats and the semifinals — and two weeks after the boat won gold at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta. Rowing as a junior eight in Canada were: Madison Stone, Emily Breeding, Caroline Olsson, Allyson Emblom, Katie Pickup, Alexandra Lemke, Nadia Magallon, Paige Mellerio, and Kate Arnold. In the U.S. championship regattas, the boat also included Jackie Tilley, Kate Banchoff, and Macaela Huddle.

Five TC boats advanced to the finals at the CSSRA championships at St. Catharine's. The girls senior eight — which included seven seniors racing together for the last time after five years on TC's varsity crew team — came up short in the quest to repeat their 2010 gold medal win at St. Catharine's. They finished in fifth place overall, out of the original 24-boat field.



The T.C. Williams junior eight are seen after receiving their silver medals at the Canadian nationals.

TC's senior girls eight included: Rachel Blumenstein, Marion Wolz, Nora Willkomm, Emily Leidolf, Kelsey Donley, Christina Wohler, Emma Carlisle-Reske, Jackie Tilley, and Alexandra Lemke.

In addition, racing in a combination cobbled together only a week ago, TC's girls senior lightweight four finished in fourth place at the Canadian Nationals in a category that included the most experienced lightweight rowers in North America. Indeed, the gold medal winners, seniors from Ontario's E.L. Crossley high school, had already won gold at both the Stotesbury Cup Regatta and the SRAA nationals when they arrived at St. Catharine's determined to

bring home the "Triple Crown." TC's young rowers — Macaela Huddle, Nadia Magallon, Caroline Olsson, Paige Mellerio, and Kate Arnold, competing in their second championship race of the day — took the competition in stride. They held onto third place in the final race until just before the finish, when New York's Eden School sprinted past them to win bronze. TC's lightweight boys' eight — Brian Comey, Cody Brooks, Roger Gildersleeve, Jeffrey Coan, Chris Porter, David Salmons, Sam Zickar, Constantine Ivanis, and Ethan Vannatta — also advanced to the finals at the Canadian national championship. They finished in sixth place in a field that originally included 12 boats.



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'Angels' Wanted for Miracle League

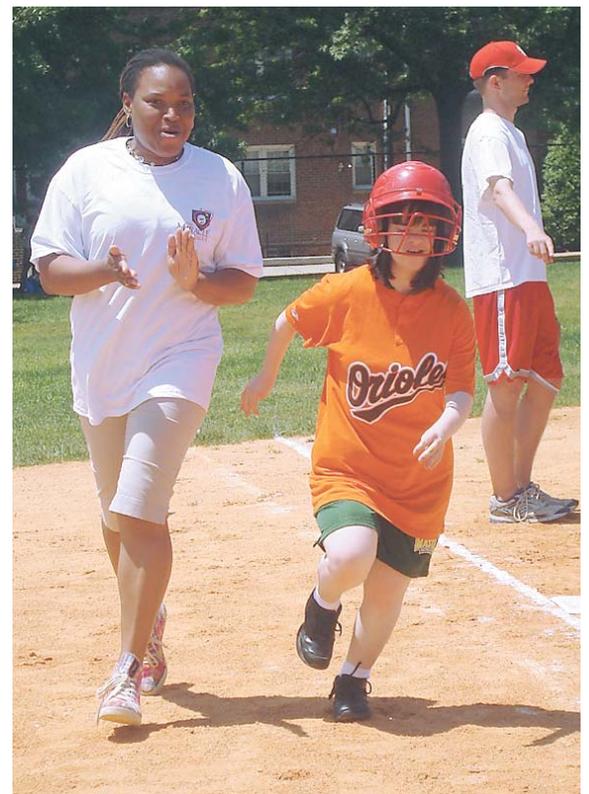
The final game of Alexandria's inaugural Miracle League baseball season took place June 4, when the Kelley Cares Foundation presented a check for \$10,000 to the Miracle League of Alexandria to kick off a fundraising campaign to build a synthetic turf Miracle Field made specifically for special needs participants.

"Even though the first Miracle League season is over, registration for the fall league will begin soon and we are always looking for 'Angels in the Outfield' volunteers and corporate support," said Therapeutic Recreation Director Jackie Person. "Community volunteer and financial support is critical in helping us reach our goal of building an accessible Miracle Field."

The Miracle League of Alexandria was formed to create additional outdoor recreational opportunities for individuals of all abilities to have a chance to play baseball as part of an organized league. Donations are being sought to raise \$135,000 to build a synthetic turf Miracle Field for use by the league as well as community sports organizations.

"No experience is required, just the desire to make a difference," Person said. "We strive to remove physical and social barriers by welcoming and valuing everyone who would otherwise be excluded."

To contribute to the Miracle League of Alexandria, contact Bill Rivers at 703-683-6526 or rivers15@comcast.net. Donations can be made online at www.MiracleLeagueofAlexandria.com.



Chelsea Murray, right, running with 'Angel in the Outfield' volunteer Ann Redfearn from Teen Programs.

Recreation Center To Host Olympic Day

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pics: fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship.

McCullough, a soccer paralympian, was a starter for the U.S. Paralympic Team for 12 years. He played in the 1998 World All-Star Game in Rio de Janeiro and competed in the 1996 Atlanta and 2004 Athens Summer Games.

On Sept. 17, 1988, Limas made history when she became the first American, the first female to win a gold medal at the 24th Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea in the sport of Tae Kwon Do. Limas, a member of the United States Tae Kwon Do team for six years, competes in a sport that has seen extraordinary growth throughout the United States and worldwide.

As taken from the Olympic Committee's website:

"Olympic Day is a worldwide commemoration of Baron Pierre de Coubertin's June 23, 1894, convening of the first International Olympic Committee (IOC) meeting at the Sorbonne in Paris, and the founding of the Modern Olympic Games. National Olympic Committees (NOCs) throughout the world will also participate in the international celebration, with each Olympic Committee sending Olympic Day greetings to participating nations."

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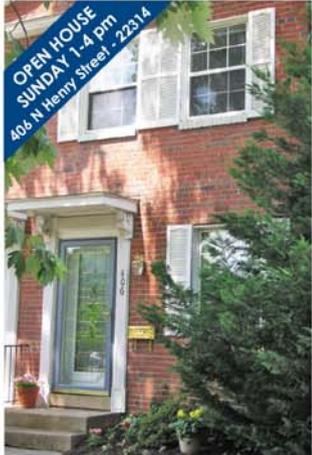
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