



Princess Ann (Helen Megel), the Prima Donna (Nina Learner) and Jack (Kalista Diamantopoulos) listen as Cool Cat (Alex Bourjaily) explains why he is graduating from the Toy School.

## Youth Showcase Theatrical Talents

Last weekend parents and patrons were treated to a showcase of rising talent on stage at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. The Singing for Musical Theatre Class performed a "Broadway Musical Revue," Creative Dramatics went on stage with "Tales for Beatrix Potter," "Leaping Beauty" came into action with the members of the Animals in Action group,

"Toy School" was enacted by the Tweeners Creative Dramatic Class, middle school students took Shakespeare on stage with the "Haunting of Will Shakespeare" and the High School Improv Troupe just created works out of suggestions. The showcase was produced by Genie Baskir and the stage manager was Rob Cork. At the Little Theatre, Roland Branford Gomez is the governor of education.

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Ben Belmont as a beetle in "Leaping Beauty" joins hands with his classmate before the performance on Saturday morning.



The middle school students for "The Haunting of Will Shakespeare" begin to apply make-up for their March 24 performance.

## A Changing City

Census shows shifting black population and increase in African-born residents.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria is getting older and more educated, and its residents are increasingly likely to take public transportation to work. These are the conclusions of the latest Census information, which shows that Alexandria is a city in the midst of perpetual change.

"This information is important for a number of reasons," said Planning Director Faroll Hamer,

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### Up

- percent of workers commuting by transit increased from 16 percent to 22 percent
- percent of foreign-born residents from Africa from 24 percent to 27 percent
- percentage with a bachelor's degree increased from 54 percent to 60 percent

### Down

- median household income as a percent of the regional median income decreased from 98 percent to 94 percent
- percent of school-age children decreased from 25 percent to 24 percent
- percent of foreign-born decreased from 25 percent to 24 percent

## 'The Rock Stars Of Alexandria'

Salute to Women Awards 2012.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Commission for Women held its 32nd annual Salute to Women Awards March 26 in a ceremony that honored 14 individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

"I can't believe I am standing here," said Misha's Coffee owner Andrea Seward, winner of the Leadership in Business and Career

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Fire Chief Adam Thiel congratulates Capt. Rodney Masser, recipient of the Vola Lawson Award.

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## Kissing and Riding

For years, city leaders have thought the surface parking lot at the King Street Metro is just too suburban. Rosslyn doesn't have a surface parking lot. Neither does Clarendon. That's why Alexandria transportation officials have put together a \$7 million plan to rebuild the facility. Although city officials once considered adding \$433,000 to minimize disruption by spreading the construction out into six phases, that was abandoned to save money and fast-track the project.

"It's like peeling off a Band Aid," said **Rich Baier**, director of Transportation and Environmental Services. "You can either do it very slowly or very quickly."

The new design has enhancements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities, additional landscaping, bus waiting areas, larger bus bays and additional bus layover spaces. Several items were spiked to bring the project in under \$7 million, including "high-quality" shelters, dynamic message boards at the bus shelters and a brick sidewalk on Diagonal Road.

"Some of the design options suggested for elimination are, in our view, of vital importance to the success of this project," wrote Transportation Chairman **Kevin Posey** in a letter to City Council members.

Nevertheless, council members took action this week on the scaled-down version of the plan. Perhaps the biggest change will be the elimination of 30 parking spaces, which are currently metered spaces that provide free parking on the weekends. All of these spaces will be removed in the reconstructed station design.

"The fact that we have a parking lot there creates a conflict, and that conflict will exist if we have a parking lot there," said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. "It wasn't that long ago that we had a pedestrian fatality here, so pedestrian safety has to be the number one priority."

## Committee to Commission

Forget about the Waterfront Committee. Say hello to the Waterfront Commission.

In an effort to implement the waterfront small-area plan, members of the Alexandria City Council took action this week to re-fashion the committee into a more muscular commission. The group will help guide and track implementation of the plan. That includes advising the council on everything from flood mitigation and design guidelines to redevelopment and traffic studies.

"This action anticipates the appointment of a senior director within city government accountable for integrated management of the waterfront," wrote Waterfront Committee Chairman **Nate Macek** in a letter supporting the change. "The Waterfront Commission would provide complementary public oversight of this new office in a structure that parallels that of other city departments advised by commissions."

Although city officials first suggested that a member of the Traffic and Parking Board be included in the new commission, Councilman **Paul Smedberg** offered an amendment to the plan that removed that position. In its place, Smedberg suggested an at-large member.

"People understand the importance of getting the traffic study done," said Smedberg. "But I think an at-large member would be able to bring a different expertise."

## Biking to Work

Spring has sprung, and the bicycles are already flooding city streets. That means Bike To Work Day is on its way. May 18 will be the 15th annual Bike To Work Day, an opportunity to promote cycling. Alexandria will host three of the 40 regional "pit stops" where commuting cyclists can start the day with free food, gear and prizes. Alexandria pit stops will be located at Market Square, John Carlyle Square and the Mark Center transit center.

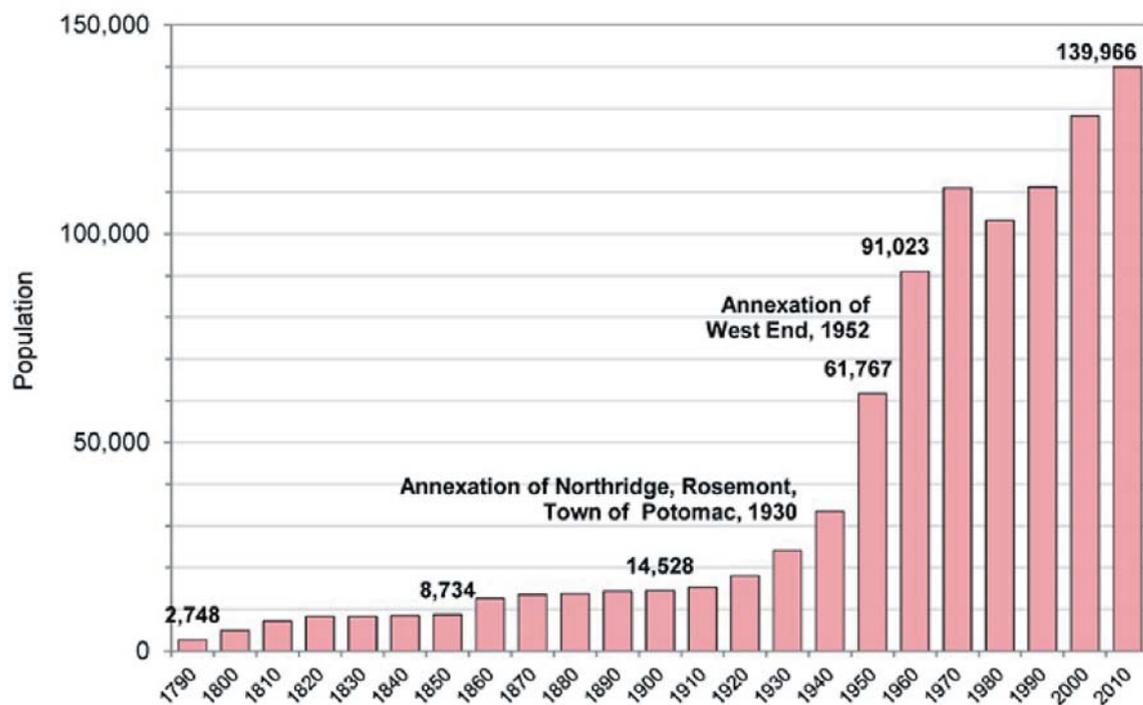
"That's when **Frank Fannon** takes his bike out of the Smithsonian," quipped the vice mayor Tuesday night.

"Wait until you see the new one," Councilman Fannon shot back. "It's the 1780 model."

"So it's more modern than the last one," added Councilman **Rob Krupicka**.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Census Population of Alexandria  
1790 - 2010



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Census Population of Alexandria

## Census Shows City Midst Change

FROM PAGE 1

"not only because it determines our political representation but also we use it to anticipate demand for city services."

One of the most striking trends in the recent Census data is the shifting black population in the city, which has moved from the east part of the city to the West End. In the last decade, nearly all of the areas with substantial black population and African-American population on the east side lost a substantial share of that population. Meanwhile, in the West End of the city, the share of black and African-Americans increased, most significantly in those areas with a substantial foreign-born population.

"This shift is striking," said Pat Mann, urban planner. "And it's continuing a trend that we first saw in 1990."

Another interesting demographic trend in Alexandria is the age distribution. The city's population

has a greater share of singles and young couples in their late 20s and 30s. It also has a much smaller proportion of school-age children and seniors than the rest of the country. City planners say this age distribution reflects Alexandria's location close to the center of a large urbanized region, where residents are seeking housing close to work that is also at the center of regional activity.

"This city is very attractive to young professionals," said Mann. "We have a lot of families, but not nearly as many as the nation as a whole."

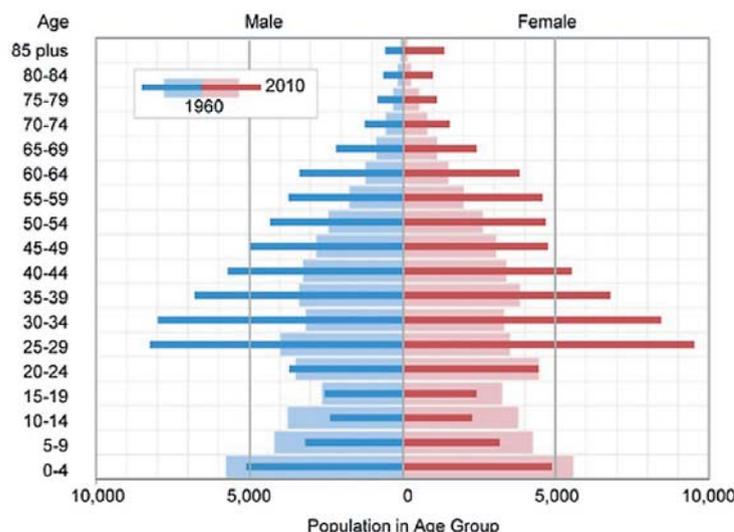
**UNLIKE MOST** communities in the U.S., Alexandria has been documented in every Census dating back to the first in 1790. With a population of 2,748 people in 1790, Alexandria ranked 22 in size among the 24 urban localities identified in the Census. It was the fourth largest city in Virginia at the time, ranking behind Richmond, Norfolk and Petersburg. In the early 20th century, Alexandria began to grow

dramatically with a series of annexations, including Northridge, Rosemont and Del Ray.

The city's most dramatic growth took place in the 1940s and 1950s as a result of World War II and the beginning of the Cold War. The city's population nearly doubled between 1940 and 1950, a dramatic increase that was followed by the 1952 annexation of the West End. Since 1960, population growth in the city has maintained a relatively steady rate.

"The data shows that the city continues to be characterized by a racially, ethnically and economically diverse population, and a high level of educational attainment compared to the rest of the nation," concluded City Manager Rashad Young in a memorandum outlining the Census information.

Alexandria Population by Age and Sex  
1960 and 2010 U. S. Census of Population



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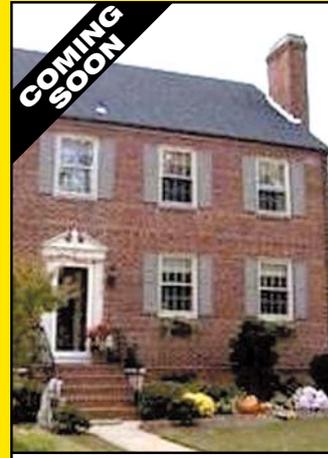
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# PEOPLE



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Quinn Hynes, second right, with friends at AMC opening weekend of the Hunger Games. Hynes' character is featured in the first minutes of the film.

## A Hunger for Being On-Screen

Student answers call for extras.

BY MONTIE MARTIN  
GAZETTE PACKET

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"I didn't think it would happen, I had no experience and I honestly thought I wouldn't be in the film," said Hynes. "Then I got the call at dinner one night."

Hynes plays the role of a lowly coal miner in District 12. SEE LOCAL EXTRA, PAGE 12

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# At-Risk Kids At Risk

## City Council members consider elimination of Urban League program for troubled youth.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Since 1981, the city of Alexandria has been funding an Urban League program to help at-risk youth. The intervention program has presented generations of troubled youth with community service assignments, group sessions, life-skills classes and field trips. Currently, the program has 85 at-risk youth who

have been identified as needing help or are already in the court system. That's at risk now that City Manager Rashad Young has recommended eliminating the program.

"As programs and families struggle across the city during these very tough economic times, it is my belief that cutting funding would be detrimental to undeserved families and threaten the quality of life for our communities," said LaDonna Saunders, a parent who testified during the budget pub-

lic hearing. "There is documented research identifying the positive effects after-school programs have on children's self-concept, educational outcomes and community safety."

The proposed elimination of funding to the Urban League of Northern Virginia comes at a time when the organization is recovering from a nine-month period when it lost its tax exempt status because of problems filing 990 forms with the Internal Revenue Service. From November 2010 to July 2011, according to IRS records, the Urban League of Northern Virginia did not have a tax-exempt status. As a result, some donors to the organization's annual golf fundraiser were told they would not be able to deduct their contributions.

"We are still working with the IRS to get a full retroactive status," said Keith Taylor, vice chairman of the nonprofit.

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BY CAROL COOK

**"M**r. Bud's coming! Mr. Bud's coming! Mr. Bud's coming! Mr. Bud's coming to read to us!" For more than 20 years, that has been the chant of children at ALIVE! who, literally, hang on every word that Harry "Bud" Hart reads to them.

"They run up to him and hang on his legs so he cannot move more than a couple of inches with each step," said Mike Oliver, who also volunteers for ALIVE! and nominated Hart to be a 2012 Living Legend of Alexandria. ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) is a non-profit organization of volunteers from more than 40 local religious congregations and the community working to help those in need in Alexandria.

"I really enjoy being around kids. That's more fun than anything else I can do," said Hart, an attorney and the founding partner in the Alexandria law firm Hart, Calley, Gibbs, & Karp, P.C., which specializes in zoning and land use law. "Reading is important. I'm having a lot of fun. I don't know what I would do if they told me I couldn't do it anymore," Hart said.

"He's a guy who could be making billable hours," said Oliver. "He's a well-connected lawyer who's in demand." Instead, he sets aside time every week to read to children. "Is it the reading? No. It's the attention he pays to the kids every Thursday," Oliver said. "He's very dependable. He's reliable. It's the act of making those kids special. It is a visit by an outsider who is saying, 'You are pretty important to us.'"

Ken Naser, the executive director of ALIVE! said, "You can set your clock by him arriving every Thursday afternoon. The kids squeal with delight," he said. Hart also is the pro-bono lawyer for ALIVE! and one of its major fundraisers.

**IN 1982**, the Childhood Development Center of ALIVE! needed repairs to an old school bus they used to transport low-income children to its programs. ALIVE! held a walkathon to raise funds. Now in its 31<sup>st</sup> year, Hart's walking is sponsored by the Alexandria Kiwanis and he has raised thousands of dollars. The walkathon begins at ALIVE!'s Childhood Development Center at 2723 King Street. Participants walk down to Market Square in Old Town and back. This year's walkathon is scheduled for May 6.

Hart was born in Chicago, raised in Milwaukee and moved to the City of Alexandria, where he served in the City Attorney's office from 1964-1968. While in that office, he was appointed to the board of the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center, where he served for about 25 years including nearly a decade as chairman. During that time he spearheaded the building of a new, state-of-the-art facility.

Naser and Hart both graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. "In terms of how to live a life, he is one of our proudest alumni. He's got very big shoes. There's no slowing him down," Naser said.

Hopkins House in Alexandria also benefits from Hart's commitment to community where he reads to children on Wednesday

afternoons. Hopkins House is a non-profit organization that has facilities in Old Town Alexandria and the Route 1 corridor in Fairfax County that provide educational programs to children, youth and their families regardless of income, to help them achieve their full intellectual, economic and social potential. Glenn Hopkins, president of Hopkins House, has known Hart for more than two decades. Hart has been a trustee of Hopkins House since 1984 and was chairman of the board from 1999 to 2008, a time when Hopkins House developed a strategic plan to re-focus its efforts and resources and built a new facility on the Route 1 corridor. Hart is especially concerned about reaching out to at-risk youth and keeping them in programs that can help them succeed. "What we're doing with kids, we need to do more," Hart said.

Hart is an extraordinary person, humanitarian and father, Glenn Hopkins said, and he has attracted other prominent business leaders to the board of Hopkins House through his example. "He blesses the community with his involvement and it's not something he announces," Hopkins said. "That's the magic he shares with all of us. If there are angels among us, he's one of them."

Clearly, reading to children is just one small part of what makes Hart worthy of being named a 2012 Living Legend of Alexandria but Hart is humble about his contributions.

"I can't take credit for any of this," he said. "It's a gift."

As a land-use lawyer, Hart says he has gotten particular satisfaction from the "bricks and mortar"



PHOTOS BY NINA TISARA

**For more than 20 years, children at ALIVE! hang on every word that Harry "Bud" Hart reads to them.**

projects that he was able to help bring to fruition, including the new Juvenile Detention Center, the new Hopkins House building and a new facility for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of which he is an active member. "When you chop wood, it's important to see the pile — to know that you made a difference," Hart said.

**IN ADDITION** to ALIVE! and Hopkins House, Hart also has been actively involved with the Community Services Board and the Alexandria Kiwanis Club. Hart also credits Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and his involvement with the Christian Family Movement for his passion to give back to the community. The watchwords to "observe, judge and act" are ones he applies to his volunteer activities.

Despite his success in the worlds of law and philanthropy, Hart holds his family first and foremost. "The most important accomplishment of my life was getting Connie to marry me," Hart said, referring to his wife of 49 years. He met

Connie while a student at Georgetown Law School and they married in 1963. He is the very proud father of five "terrific" children: Anne Marie, Michael, Joe, Elizabeth and Mary Catherine, and 12 grandchildren. Elizabeth is the manager of his law office in Old Town and Mary Catherine is a partner in the law firm.

Hart said to benefit from a good work, "Don't tell anybody and don't get caught!" He said that humility is not thinking of yourself little, and he credits Connie with being better at that than anybody he knows. She is very "other-centered," Hart said. "It's important to do something that will live longer than you do," he said. "It's important to absolutely insist on enjoying life and that requires centering on other people."

Hart says he recommends that people not take credit for God's generosity and he says that to have a perfect day, "Do something for someone who cannot repay you."

"This is all a gift. If you've got a gift, spread it around," he said.

## Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria's Living Legends. The project was conceived by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Club Managers Associa-

tion of America, Dominion Foundation, Erkiletian Real Estate Development, John McEneaney in memory of Ginny, Renner & Company, CPA, P.C. and the Rotary Club of Alexandria.

This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a Legend for 2013, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com) or contact Nina Tisara, [AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com](mailto:AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com).

**Bud Hart surrounded by his grandchildren at the recent Meet The Legends reception where he was honored as a Living Legend of Alexandria.**



# Council Considers Eliminating At-Risk Youth Program

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The Urban League of Northern Virginia is one of many nonprofit agencies that had trouble dealing with new reporting requirements of a new law. As a result, Taylor said, the organization was notified after the fact about the loss of nonprofit status. Some donors were

notified about the loss of tax-exempt status, which meant that the contributions could not be deducted. Budget officials at City Hall say the organization's status with the IRS played no role in the decision to slash a program for at-risk youth.

"That didn't factor in to the conversation," said Budget Director

Morgan Rountt. "It wasn't even part of the conversation."

**AT STAKE** is the future of a program that has helped shape the future for many Alexandria children, a cut that Chatman labeled as "short-sighted." Part of the program provides community service assignments for city and commu-

nity nonprofit associations. This involves many young people who have been caught up in the juvenile justice system, and the Alexandria Court Services Unit referred most of the individuals in the program. For young people who committed an offense or delinquent act, this program offered a diversionary alternative as a con-

dition of probation or alternative sentence.

"In FY 2011, the Court Services Unit discontinued referrals for the placement of juvenile offenders when they developed an in-house program to provide this service," wrote Young in a budget memorandum on the issue.

Another part of the program was known as New Horizons or NULITES, National Urban League Incentives to Excel and Succeed. This program is aimed at addressing high-risk behaviors such as delinquency, teen pregnancy, violence and minority male achievement. Program activities include life skills development group sessions, group counseling, field trips and enrichment activities. During her testimony to City Council members, Saunders said that her niece is a participant in an Urban League program she has seen work firsthand.

"The ability of NULITES and the New Horizons program to inspire and prepare youth to identify career goals, prepare for college and provide mentorship opportunities is priceless," said Saunders. "Support for these programs are essential to the success of [her niece] and many other students just like her."

**THE ORGANIZATION** describes itself in tax documents "an interracial, nonpartisan, community service and advocacy organization that uses the tools and methods of social work, law, economics and management to secure equal opportunities for disadvantaged African-American and other minorities who live in the Northern Virginia area." Today, the building is ironically located in an old slave-dealing office on Duke Street. Its programs have been part of the fabric of the city for many years.

"Those were hard decisions to make," said City Manager Young when asked about cuts to human services. "Human nature is that you really don't want to make reductions there because you see the value of those kinds of programs, but to have a balanced budget you've got to create those trade-offs."

Lavern Chatman, former executive director of the nonprofit who is now spearheading a fundraising dinner, says city officials are not considering the long-term benefits of intervention.

"These kids that will be hanging in front of the stores and not doing productive types of things," said Chatman. "So, for us, this would be a devastating cut."

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT CASE NO. PUE-2011-00127

On February 13, 2012, Virginia-American Water Company ("Virginia-American" or "Applicant") completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in water rates ("Application"). The Application was filed pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings. Exhibits and the prefiled testimony of William R. Walsh, Rod Nevirauskas, Jerry L. Ware, Dr. James H. Vander Weide, Patrick L. Baryenbruch, Paul R. Herbert, Michael D. Youshock, and Gary Naumick were included with the Application.

The Applicant requests authority to increase rates for water service to produce an increase in water revenues of \$5.723 million. According to the Application, the proposed rate increase would constitute a 15.93% increase in the Applicant's water revenues and is based on an 11.3% return on common equity. Of the total increase, \$1,660,831 in additional revenues would be allocated to the Alexandria District (a 12.2% increase). Additional annual revenues of \$1,650,119 would be allocated to the Hopewell District (a 12.50% increase); \$1,841,276 to the Prince William District (a 24.81% increase); and \$570,294 to the Eastern District (a 33.82% increase). According to the Application, this is the first Virginia-American rate case that includes the Eastern District service territory, which was acquired by Virginia-American through a merger with United Water Virginia.

The proposed rates for the Alexandria District are as follows:

### RATE:

	Gallons Per		Rate Per
	Month	Quarter	1,000 Gallons (minimum charge)
For the first	2,000	6,000	\$2.0230
For all over	2,000	6,000	

### MINIMUM CHARGE:

No bill will be rendered for less than the minimum charges set forth below:

Size of Meter	Minimum Charge	
	Per Month	Per Quarter
5/8 inch	\$12.18	\$36.54
3/4 inch	\$18.31	\$54.93
1 inch	\$30.47	\$91.41
1 1/2 inch	\$60.95	\$182.85
2 inch	\$97.50	\$292.50
3 inch	\$182.89	\$548.67
4 inch	\$304.83	\$914.49
6 inch	\$609.66	\$1,828.98
8 inch	\$975.44	\$2,926.32

The Application states that operating expenses have continued to increase and the Applicant has made significant system investments in the two years since the last rate case. In addition, the Application states that Virginia-American is not earning its allowed return on equity, which will continue as the Applicant's capital investment projects continue absent a rate increase.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals. While the total revenue that may be approved by the Commission is limited to the amount produced by the Company's proposed rates, TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may approve revenues and adopt rates, fees, charges, tariff revisions, and terms and conditions of service that differ from those appearing in the Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents.

The Commission has suspended Virginia-American's proposed rates pursuant to § 56-238 of the Code. The Applicant may, but is not obligated to, implement the proposed rates for service rendered on and after July 12, 2012, on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, has scheduled a public hearing to commence at 10 a.m. on September 25, 2012, in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, for the purpose of receiving comments from members of the public and evidence related to the Application. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing need only appear in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom at the address set forth above prior to 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff. Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TTD).

Copies of the Application and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Applicant, Richard D. Gary, Esquire, and Charlotte P. McAfee, Esquire, Hunton & Williams LLP, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-4074. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Applicant may provide the documents by electronic means. Copies of these documents also shall be available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Any interested person may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before May 11, 2012, a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Anyone filing a notice of participation simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Applicant at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Interested persons shall refer in all of their filed papers to Case No. PUE-2011-00127.

On or before July 20, 2012, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Staff, the Applicant, and all other respondents any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUE-2011-00127.

On or before September 18, 2012, any interested person may file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above, written comments on the Application. On or before September 18, 2012, any interested person desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. All correspondence shall refer to Case No. PUE-2011-00127.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Rules of Practice may be obtained from Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118.

VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

# NEWS



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**Winners of the 2012 Salute to Women Awards were announced March 26 at the Carlyle Westin Hotel. Front row: Yasmin Faruki, David, Summers Emma Beall, Brooke Ninman, Elsie Mosqueda and Patricia Rodgers. Back row: Commission for Women chair Elizabeth Johnson, Betty Morrison, Rebecca Griesse, Mary Jane Nugent, Capt. Rodney Masser, Gwendolyn Lewis, Dr. Jane Grayson, Rachel Alberts and Andrea Seward.**

## 'The Rock Stars Of Alexandria'

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Development Award. "There's Mrs. [Patsy] Ticer sitting in front of me and Vola Lawson and Marian Van Landingham on stage — these are the rock stars of Alexandria. I am so humbled to be in this crowd of women."

Held at the Carlyle Westin Hotel, this year's awardees included four T.C. Williams High School students who founded the Teens Talk program.

"We wanted to find a way to help teens empower other teens," Emma Beall said of the program that helps promote open dialogue on sex and teenage pregnancy between teens, their parents and the community.

Former Vice Mayor Mel Bergheim was on hand to present the Cultural Affairs Award, newly renamed to honor his late wife Donna, to The Little Theatre of Alexandria's Rachel Alberts.

"It was two years ago tonight that we lost her," said Bergheim, whose voice was breaking as he spoke of his wife's passion for the arts and love of the community. "She would be very humbled to have this award named in her honor."

Other winners included Dr. Jane Grayson, Betty Morrison, Mary Jane Nugent, Rebecca Griesse, Patricia Rodgers, Elsie Mosqueda and Capt. Rodney Masser, winner of the Vola Lawson Award.

"I was unprepared for this," said Masser, who founded the pink t-shirt campaign for firefighters that raised more than \$9,000 for the city's Breast Cancer Fund. "This was really a department-wide effort to bring recognition to the Walk."

A newly unveiled women's History Tour brochure was presented to Jim Butler, husband of the late Susan Butler, before the recipients of the awards were announced.

"This is such an honor," said Rodgers as she accepted her award. "Making Alexandria a city where women and girls thrive will always be my inspiration."

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**Misha's Coffee owner Andrea Seward, center, is congratulated by City Councilwoman Alicia Hughes and Commission for Women chair Elizabeth Johnson on the Leadership in Business and Career Development Award.**



**Rachel Alberts, founder of the Partners in Education program with The Little Theatre of Alexandria, with her husband Sam after winning the Donna Bergheim Cultural Affairs Award.**

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## Interrupting Harassment and Bullying

**Empowering bystanders to intervene, students to set boundaries.**

**W**ith a controversial and much discussed new movie, “Bully,” coming out this week, local school districts continue to wrestle with the issue of bullying in the schools.

And while school officials are still looking at “cyber-bullying” as novel and separate phenomena, it’s fair to say that for students, there is little distinction between the teasing, harassment and worse that happens on school grounds and the school bus and the nastiness, rumors and character assassination that takes place online. The combined effect, including the graphic, lasting, visceral attacks that are possible online, can make school literally unbearable for some and more than unpleasant for others.

As adults, we can only be thankful that we escaped this environment before the advent of cell phone cameras and videos, instant posting to websites and other technological “ad-

vances.” (I have long believed that middle school, by its very existence, is unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.)

Fairfax County undertakes an annual survey of all students in grades 8, 10 and 12 that gives insight into the lives of teens.

More than 30 percent of Fairfax County students recently surveyed reported being depressed in the past year.

This is probably not unrelated to the fact that 56 percent of students surveyed reported being bullied while 43 percent admitted to bullying others. This is consistent with findings from other areas, with 8th grade as a bullying “hot-spot.” In Fairfax County, 62 percent of 8th graders said they had been bullied and 55 percent admitted to bullying others. Of course there is some overlap in the two groups.

“We’ve seen that over 40 percent of the students who say they have been bullied have themselves bullied someone,” Mary Ann Panarelli, director of Fairfax County Public School’s Intervention and Prevention Services department told Connection reporter Alex McVeigh. “It’s not a matter of punishing it out of the system, it’s a matter of enacting a culture change.”

In seeking that culture change, much of the outreach is dedicated to the bystander, the person witnessing someone being bullied, and their ability to make the bullying behavior less acceptable.

Students who witness bullying can say to the perpetrator: “Why would you say something like that? Why would you do that?”

Panarelli added: “Things like going up to the victim after, saying ‘I saw what happened, and don’t agree with it,’ helps that victim from feeling isolated.”

It’s the sort of lesson that can start very young. We can learn to say: “This is not right,” even in the face of fierce peer pressure. This ability to set boundaries which can begin in preschool will serve our children well later in life when they are resisting being a passenger in a car driven by someone who has been drinking or refusing to participate in rumors and ostracizing.

This starts with learning empathy, to care for animals, people and things who are vulnerable and face challenges.

— MARY KIMM,

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Rebuilding Public Trust

To the Editor:

The public appears to have lost trust in the Alexandria Public School Board and its superintendent in the wake of the recent independent audit which revealed likely unethical activity on the part of employees of the Alexandria

Public School system. The problem in this most recent case is accountability and public trust. Please note the auditor’s finding of a “dysfunctional environment.” And this in a public institution that is supposed to teach our children not just skills, but some deeper understanding of the ethics and morals that are fundamental to public trust.

Allegedly, certain employees

mismanaged capital improvement plan funds by taking advantage of a “dysfunctional environment” and intentionally flouting District policies. The audit findings included the discovery that employees: awarded contracts without first checking to ensure money was available, transferred dollars between projects without school board oversight, and failed to timely pay more than \$3 million worth of outstanding invoices. Worse yet, the audit revealed that employees actually encouraged vendors to submit fraudulent invoices. Finally, the audit uncovered at least one potential conflict of interest: an employee, previously a contractor for the Alexandria City Public School, hired a district vendor for a personal job.

In the wake of these findings, the vice mayor has called for the resignation of the superintendent, and both Councilmember Fanon and Councilmember Hughes have called for significantly greater oversight — even as the chairperson of the school board has challenged the right of Vice Mayor Donley to call for the superintendent’s resignation.

It seems to me there are a number of serious issues that will be critical to address.

First, the vice mayor and council members are exactly right. They bear the burden and responsibility for raising the taxes not only to pay the operating costs for the school system, including the salary and

benefits of the superintendent, but also accept the tax burden to finance the long-term debt issued on behalf of the school district. They properly expect accountability. They have not received it.

Second, the mayor and council need an exact accounting of what taxpayer funds were siphoned off from classrooms and programs because of the mismanagement of the funds, the other “dysfunction,” and the costs associated with not just the audit, but also the loss of critical personnel. What will this cost in terms of reduced services to students? And they need, as we need, comfort that the “right management atmosphere” that has been so missing will be installed.

Third, it is clear there has been an aura of fear, or as one individual described it to me, “the wrong management atmosphere.” There has been significant turnover. Some key staff at the school system have been overwhelmed and overburdened with responsibilities. The message from the top is one of no accountability. So it should come as no surprise that there appears to be an ethical morass in the system. The mayor and council have not just an incentive and moral responsibility to demand for better, but also an accountability to all of us who care about our community and its future — and for the wise and caring investment of the taxes we pay to city hall.

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**Snapshot** 5:35 p.m., March 23, Northridge.

OPINION

# Tourism Marketing Benefits City

BY STEPHANIE PACE BROWN  
ALEXANDRIA CONVENTION & VISITORS  
ASSOCIATION



COMMENTARY

**A**s president & CEO of the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association, it is my pleasure to lead a team that is dedicated to our mission of increasing visitor spending in Alexandria. The city welcomes 3.3 million visitors annually, generating more than \$22 million in City tax revenue to help provide the services that our community needs.

We recently announced that visitor spending in Alexandria has jumped 17 percent during a five-year period of national recession — dramatically outpacing regional neighbors as spending increased an average of seven percent in Virginia.

Five years ago, a new advertising campaign was developed after extensive research to identify a brand that would pass three important tests: 1) authentically represent Alexandria, 2) motivate travel, and 3) distinguish Alexandria from its competitors. The research included 1,400 surveys by leisure and business travelers, and nearly 400 city residents completed the survey.

The research concluded that we could best attract visitors to Alexandria by focusing on historical ambience, 18th and 19th century architecture, charm, great restaurants, and interesting shops. Our brand focus became “historical ambience and contemporary flair.”

The ACVA developed new advertising for the city with the theme, “Shop, Dine and Celebrate on America’s Historic Main Streets.” The advertising is anchored with a beautiful logo incorporating a feather quill into an 18th-century-style script.

Ads were developed to highlight these key attributes and motivate potential visitors. Headlines used in the ads include “The

Artful Getaway: More of what you love for less” for the fall, “Wonder-Land is closer than you think” for the holidays, and “Charm-Ville is closer and more affordable than you think” for the spring. Magazine advertising appears in northeast regional editions of Cooking Light, Real Simple, Town & Country, Travel + Leisure, Elle Décor, Southern Living, Preservation Magazine, American Heritage and AAA World. In 2011, advertising drove 800,000 visits to the City’s tourism website, VisitAlexandriaVA.com, an increase of 100 percent over 2008. The website is expected to reach 1 million visits in 2012.

In 2010, a third party research company measured the return on investment to the City for our full page magazine advertising. Within six months, the advertising generated \$4 of City tax revenue for every \$1 invested.

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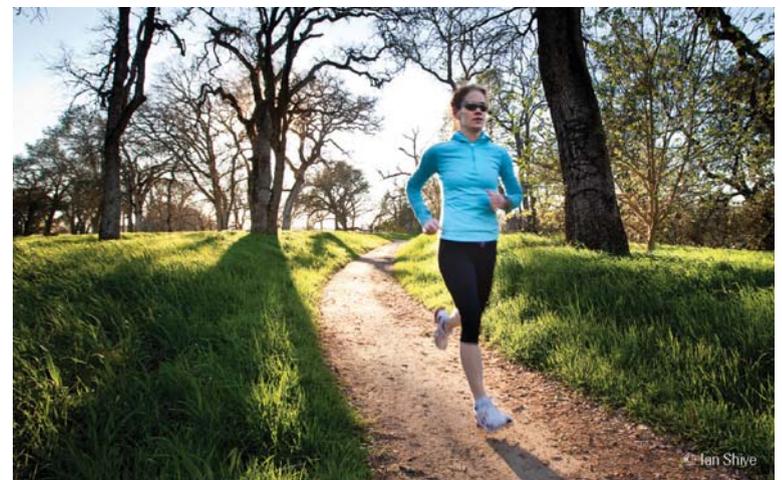
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## Later Market

The Old Town Farmers Market is about to get a little later. This week, members of the Alexandria City Council voted to approve an amendment to the farmer's market regulations to change the hours. Instead of beginning at 5:30 a.m., the market will open at 7 a.m. And instead of closing at 11 a.m., the market will close at noon. City officials say the change is based on a survey conducted of vendors, customers and businesses.

"The overwhelming information that came back indicates that our time preference for a start time was 7 a.m. and our preference for an end time was noon," said **Jeremy McPike**, director of General Services. "When we looked at our businesses throughout King Street, roughly 80 percent indicated that they felt the extension of hours was positive because it was more commensurate with their hours of operations."

The Old Town Farmers Market is a tradition dating back to 1752, the oldest continuously operating market in the country. In February 1992, City Council members approved policy amendments to provide a framework for the composition, governance and management of the farmers market. Back in September, Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** suggested that she was hearing from some vendors and customers that the market could be open later. The idea was met with resistance.

"We should not make this decision based on whether or not some members of council feel like getting up at 6 o'clock," Councilman **Paul Smedberg** said at the time. "In fact, it's quite busy at 6 o'clock."

So the city conducted a survey that included 72 vendors, 153 customers and 62 local businesses. The results showed that 58 percent of vendors and customers preferred changing or extending the hours. An overwhelming 77 percent of local businesses and 73 percent of customers favored keeping the market open later. The effort passed with a unanimous vote Tuesday night, and city officials hope to institute the new hours in May.

"I'm ecstatic," said Hughes.

## Another Ponzi Scheme

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

That was a difficult lesson more than 700 businesses and 600 individuals this week at the Alexandria federal courthouse. That's where a 10-year, \$7 million Ponzi scheme unraveled this week as 58-year-old **David Allen Maloy** was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

"Since the creation of Ponzi schemes, the FBI has investigated con artists and fraudsters who prey upon unwitting investors," said **James McJunkin**, assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington office, in a written statement. "Through a series of lies and deceptions, David Maloy set up and operated a multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme that hurt hundreds of businesses and individuals across the country."

It all started in 2003, when Maloy created Cash Rewards, a Texas company that marketed an advertising tool to retail businesses that could be used to attract prospective customers with a time-deferred, mail-in cash rewards certificate. The web of deceit attracted numerous retailers in Virginia and across the country, including real-estate agents, boat dealers and automobile salesmen. The house of cards collapsed after Cash Rewards declared bankruptcy in 2009.

"To make matters worse, he lavished himself and his friends with cars, jewelry and other luxury items until his complex Ponzi scheme all unraveled," said U.S. Attorney **Neil MacBride** in a written statement. "This 10-year sentence demonstrates that crimes of this size, scope and impact will be met with serious consequences."

## A New Recession

Think we're out of the doldrums yet? Think again. Business license tax revenue is down. Recordation tax revenue is down. Revenue from the federal government is down. Debt service is up.

"While there is no consensus of economists," wrote City Manager **Rashad Young** in a recent financial report, "the Economic Cycle Research Institute predicts that a new recession is inevitable, despite improvement in high-profile economic indicators."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



**Melissa Russell wears a dress by Lilly Pulitzer from the Pink Palm in Alexandria.**



**Lisa Reed wears locally-owned Zweet Sport clothing.**

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/CAZETTE PACKET

## Toast to Fashion Benefits Campagna Fundraiser sparkles with fashion, food and fun.

**W**ith glittering displays of spring fashion trends and accessories, the ballroom of the Belle Haven Country Club was transformed into a fashion-lover's dream during the Campagna Center's 13th annual Toast to Fashion on Thursday, March 22.

The Toast to Fashion, the Campagna Center's premier fundraiser, combines a fashion show, marketplace, raffle, and reception with all proceeds supporting the center's childhood-development programs. Guests got a peek at some of the hottest spring trends (think pink and rainbow-brights) from local boutiques, including Haute Papier, Queen Bee Designs, Skinfinity and The Dressed Up Nut.

"We had well over 200 guests and great participation from numerous local business establishments," said Tammy Mann, president and CEO of the Campagna Center. "The Toast to Fashion provides an opportunity for the community to learn about programs of the center, and the volunteers we rely on to help raise funds for our work."

The Campagna Center, which has been serving children in Alexandria since 1945, operates a range

of childhood-development programs, including Early Head Start, Afternoon Adventures and Summer Safari, as well as adult and family literacy programs. Each year, the center's teachers, staff and volunteers help more than 1,700 children and families.

"Every bit helps us close the gaps we have to fund these much-needed services. Just this week we had hundreds of parents show up to register their child for a space in Head Start this coming fall," Mann said.

The event was hosted by the Junior Friends of the Campagna Center, and featured a fashion show emceed by ABC7 Sports reporter Britt McHenry. Laura Hartman and Jeannine Hyde co-chaired the event.

"This is not only a fun event, but a special event, because everyone here is helping make the future a little brighter for the children and families served by The Campagna Center," said Kate Michael, former Miss D.C. and president of K Street Kate, an online lifestyle magazine and talk show.

For more information on The Campagna Center's programs, go to [www.campagnacenter.org](http://www.campagnacenter.org).

— VICTORIA ROSS

## Local Teen Is Extra in 'Hunger Games'

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trict 12, a subject state of the evil Capital. As a youth between the ages of 12 and 18, Hynes' character is eligible to become "tribute" in the annual Hunger Games, a tradition in which one male and one female from every district must fight to the death on live TV.

Hynes is featured in scenes at the beginning of the film, with a total of six minutes of screen time. As Hynes discovered, six minutes in Hollywood means six days on set.

Taking such a length of time off from school couldn't have been at a worse time in Hynes' academic life. When he received notification his scene would be shot in North Carolina during exams, Hynes had to approach school officials and explain the uniqueness of his situation.

"The school was supportive; that situation hadn't really happened before," said Hynes. "The first day of filming was the last day of exams."

All his hard work paid off opening weekend, as the "Hunger Games" broke box office records and grossed an estimated \$150 million. To celebrate, Hynes and his family rented a theater at AMC Hoffman and invited 100 of his friends and family to view the film. While the family did not collect money for tickets, they suggested donations and raised upwards of \$3,000 for a local shelter.

Hynes' friends reacted to the film with glowing reviews, and emphasized how neatly the film followed the book. "The action was great," said Molly Salter, a junior at Georgetown Visitation and long time friend of Hynes. "They did a good job matching the book, it was very accurate."

While the film may leave most audiences hungry for the next installment, few can match Hynes' excitement to play yet another part in the series. "I definitely want to be in the sequel," said Hynes. "I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

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# SPRING FUN



The Potomac Riverboat Company offers several ways to enjoy Alexandria by water



The Mount Vernon Spring Wine Festival and Sunset Tour is May 18-20.

## Spring Fever!

A guide to Alexandria in the Spring.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**R**ecord-breaking temperatures made it feel like Spring long before it became official March 21. And just as the blossoms all over town are breaking out of their winter hibernation, so are activities that make Alexandria come alive. From festivals to fairs, Little League games, theater classes and garden tours, Alexandria offers something for every form of Spring Fever.

Major highlights include the upcoming Virginia Historic Garden Week tours April 21-28 but there's no need to wait for a special event to enjoy the city's many attractions and diversions. Rising temperatures mean no more excuses for not getting outside and discovering what makes Alexandria so unique.



The Grandest Congress at the Carlyle House

### OUTDOORS

Enjoy the last few days of the Cherry Blossom Festival with a Blossoms by Bike Tour from Bike and Roll (703-548-7655) or a see the blooms by water with the Potomac Riverboat Company (703-548-9000).

Once the blossoms are gone, check out the tours to Mount Vernon by both companies or rent a bike for the day to tour historic Alexandria at your leisure.

The Potomac Riverboat Company is now in its third full season of offering water taxi service to Washington Nationals games, and the popular Pirates Cruises run from Memorial Day through Labor Day with the

Canine Cruises beginning mid-June. The Skipjack Minnie V is a 90-minute hands-on sailing experience that departs from National Harbor (703-548-9000).

Walking is the best way to see the city and Alexandria Colonial Tours offers several tours in addition to the popular Ghost Tour. Check out the History of Alexandria Tour, the African American History Tour or the Faith and Heritage Tour (703-519-1749).

On your own, walk across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, through Dyke Marsh or visit the Winkler Botanical Preserve on the city's West End.



Street musicians on King Street.

The popular Mount Vernon Spring Wine Festival and Sunset Tour takes place May 18-20 ([www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)).

Volunteer to be an "Angel in the Outfield" buddy or coach for the city's Miracle League team for special needs children and adults. For more information, contact the Sports Office (703-746-5402) or the Therapeutic Recreation Office (703-746-5422).

### THEATRE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria performs the Agatha Christie thriller "Witness for the Prosecution" April 21-May 12 and "All the

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# SPRING FUN



First Thursday in Del Ray.

## Things To Do in Spring

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Kings Men" from June 9-30. The late night show "The Woman in Black" runs from June 1-23 (703)683-0496.

MetroStage opens "Be Careful, the Sharks will Eat You" April 4, which runs through April 22 (703-548-9044) and Port City Playhouse stages "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" from April 20-May 5 (703-838-2880).

### MUSIC

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra hosts world-renown violinist Midori March 31 and April 1 with its season finale performance May 19 ([www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org)).

The Eclipse Chamber Orchestra performs April 15 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial ([www.eclipseco.org](http://www.eclipseco.org)) while the 500-seat Birchmere is legendary for its variety of musical artists ([www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com)).

### FARMERS MARKETS

Alexandria offers several Farmers Markets in Old Town, Del Ray, Upper King Street, Four Mile Run and the West End (<http://alexandriava.gov/FarmersMarket>).

### FESTIVALS

Del Ray's popular First Thursday events kick off in May and Hell's Kitchen reality show winner Rahman "Rock" Harper will serve as the celebrity judge at this year's Taste of Del Ray festival, scheduled for June 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. ([www.visitdelray.com](http://www.visitdelray.com)).



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The Torpedo Factory Second Thursday art nights take place year round and feature a variety of arts and entertainment ([www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org)).

### HOME AND GARDEN

In addition to Virginia Historic Garden Week ([www.VAGardenWeek.org](http://www.VAGardenWeek.org)), the Spring Garden Market at River Farm is April 13-14 (703-768-5700) and the Carlyle House Annual Garden Day and Craft sale will be held April 21 (703-549-2997).

## BULLETIN BOARD

### MONDAY/APRIL 2

**Volunteers Needed.** The Alexandria Domestic Violence needs volunteers to answer the hotline and cover the shelter on the weekends. Training starts April 2. Training lasts for seven weeks and an interview is required. Contact Jennifer Clayton at 703-746-4911.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

**Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Alexandria.** 2 p.m. Meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. All Parkinson's patients and caregivers are welcome.

**The City of Alexandria's Beautification Commission** is accepting nominations for the

2012 Alexandria Beautification Awards. The awards program recognizes City residents, organizations, and businesses for their efforts in contributing to the beautification of City neighborhoods and public vistas with landscaping and aesthetic design. Nominations must be received by Friday, May 11. Nomination forms are available at <http://alexandriava.gov/Beautification>. Nomination forms may be returned by e-mail to [AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com](mailto:AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com) or by postal mail to: Alexandria Beautification Commission, 6300 Stevenson Ave. #908, Alexandria, VA 22304 Nominated properties must be visible from the public right-of-way. Award winners will be recognized at the Beautification Awards Ceremony this September.

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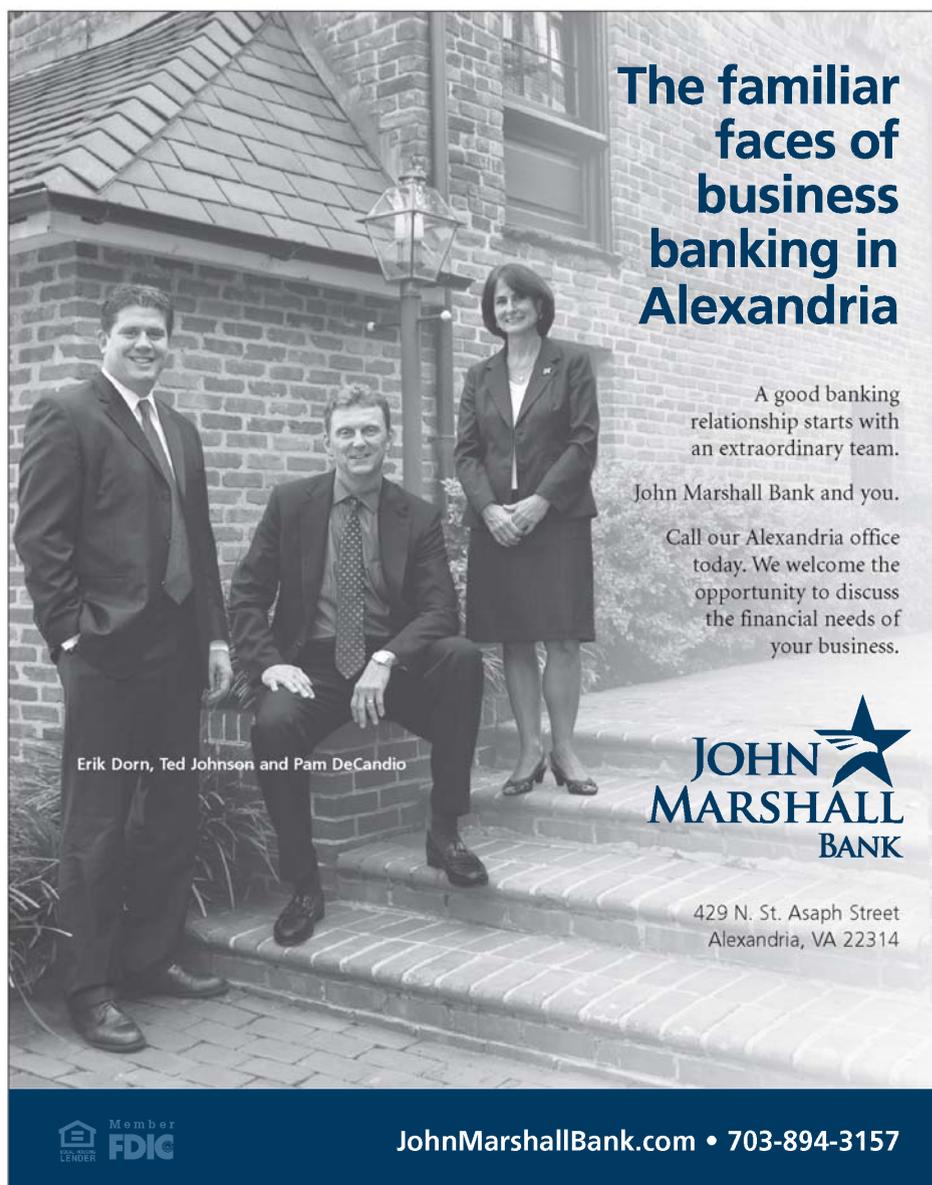
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Tricia Hines moved to Arlington with her family in 1983. Her extended family members are long-time Arlington Realtors, so she's been hearing about Arlington real estate every day since that time. She officially joined American Realty in 2001 and became an Associate Broker in 2008. Prior to real estate, Tricia was an Economist for the Department of Commerce and a Tax Law Specialist for KPMG, LLP.

Her education in economics and law has helped immensely in relating to the economic growth we've seen in Arlington. She believes Arlington will continue to be a strong market – and great investment – for years to come. Where else can you live so close to the city and still have a back yard, parks, trees, tennis courts, bike trails, fantastic libraries and more?

Tricia has one child, a daughter, at Claremont Immersion School. She also has a 110-pound Rottweiler named "Tiny." They all love the area, all it has to offer and the opportunity to meet people of such a wide variety of backgrounds. Tiny especially loves Arlington's fantastic dog parks. Tricia is a member of the National Ski Patrol and volunteers at Whitetail Resort in Pennsylvania every Winter. She is also a member of the Arlington Rotary Club.

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# HOME SALES

In February 2012, 120 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,375,000-\$92,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,375,000-\$150,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address	BR	FB	HB	...	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision
6 WOLFE ST #22	4	4	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$2,375,000	Townhouse			22314	HARBORSIDE
1020 PRINCE ST	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$2,200,000	Townhouse	0.10		22314	OLD TOWN
706 FORDS LANDING WAY	4	3	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,333,000	Townhouse		0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING
208 WALNUT ST W	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,250,000	Detached	0.18		22301	ROSEMONT
3604 NORRIS PL	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,066,670	Detached	0.11		22305	BEVERLY HILLS
3750 SEMINARY RD	5	4	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.47		22304	CHELSEA
713 ROYAL ST S	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,002,500	Townhouse	0.07		22314	YATES GARDENS
219 MASON AVE E	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$935,025	Detached	0.17		22301	DEL RAY
507 PENDLETON ST	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$840,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	PORTNERS LANDING
1228 ROUNDHOUSE LN	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$821,500	Townhouse	0.02		22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
701 ARCH HALL LN	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$790,000	Townhouse	0.05		22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
5002 JOHN TIGER DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Townhouse	0.04		22304	CAMERON STATION
1020 ORONOCO ST	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$747,500	Attach/Row Hse	0.04		22314	OLD TOWN
711 DAY LN	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$737,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314	POTOMAC GREENS
3013 KING ST	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.16		22302	OVERLOOK TERRACE
245 SOMERVELLE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.03		22304	CAMERON STATION
804 COMMONWEALTH AVE	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$670,000	Detached	0.11		22301	TEMPLE PARK
1012 WYTHE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Townhouse	0.05		22314	OLD TOWN
531 SAINT ASAPH ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.02		22314	TANNERY YARD
416 WILKES ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$653,950	Townhouse	0.03		22314	JEFFERSON SQUARE
700 CATTS TAVERN DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
125 LEE ST N #DH-408	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22314	TORPEDO FACTORY
422 FERDINAND DAY DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$649,900	Townhouse	0.03		22304	CAMERON STATION
3536 GODDARD WAY	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$636,000	Townhouse	0.05		22304	QUAKER RIDGE
2712 SYCAMORE ST	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$632,000	Detached	0.08		22305	DEL RAY
807 OVERLOOK DR S	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Detached	0.16		22305	BEVERLY HILLS
460 UNION ST S #4A	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Townhouse			22314	HARBORSIDE
133 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.02		22304	CAMERON STATION
5331 FILLMORE AVE	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$599,950	Detached	0.28		22311	FILLMORE DAWES PARTNERSHIP
14 CHAPMAN ST W	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Townhouse	0.04		22301	ROSEMONT PARK
5110 GRIMM DR	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$579,000	Townhouse	0.03		22304	CAMERON STATION
45 REED AVE	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.07		22305	ALEXANDRIA
1237 MADISON ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$549,500	Townhouse	0.02		22314	BRADDOCK PLACE
107 CAHILL DR	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Townhouse	0.04		22304	TOWNNES AT CAMERON PARKE
910 POWHATAN ST #201N	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$531,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
1016 PENDLETON ST	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Detached	0.06		22314	OLD TOWN
4675 KIRKPATRICK LN	2	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.06		22311	STONEGATE
513 PATRICK ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.06		22314	OLD TOWN
4684 KIRKPATRICK LN	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$522,000	Townhouse	0.04		22311	STONEGATE
1224 ORONOCO ST	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$490,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	OLD TOWN
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #426	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	CAMERON STATION
5858 DORIS DRIVE	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$483,900	Detached	0.37		22311	DOWDEN
403 CAMERON STATION BLVD #60	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Townhouse			22304	CAMERON STATION
606 COLUMBUS ST N	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	PARKER GRAY
951 PITT ST N #951	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse			22314	WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA
212 DUNCAN AVE	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$468,000	Detached	0.11		22301	DEL RAY
231 GUTHRIE AVE	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Townhouse	0.09		22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
2924 LANDOVER ST	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.04		22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
400 MADISON ST #201	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE
2925 MOSBY ST	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$449,000	Townhouse	0.04		22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
2933 SYCAMORE ST	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$443,500	Townhouse	0.06		22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
22 MYRTLE ST E	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.08		22301	ROSEMONT PARK
15 KENNEDY ST	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.07		22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
519 FAYETTE ST S	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$432,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04		22314	CAVALIER HOMES
319 ASHBY ST	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$431,000	Detached	0.13		22305	WILMAR PARK
335 ASHBY ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$427,500	Duplex	0.06		22305	DEL RAY
224 NELSON AVE	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Townhouse	0.05		22301	DEL RAY
330 WEST ST S #302	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
344 CLOUDES MILL CT #34	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Attach/Row Hse			22304	MILL STREAM
1200 BRADDOCK PL #616	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			22314	BRADDOCK PLACE
5422 WYCKLOW CT	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Townhouse	0.03		22304	HOLLAND TOWNE
730 ARMISTEAD ST #67	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$406,000	Townhouse			22312	BEAUREGARD HEIGHTS
629 FAYETTE ST S	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.05		22314	JEFFERSON HOMES
698 ARMISTEAD ST N #50	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$397,500	Townhouse			22312	BEAUREGARD HEIGHTS
3 MYRTLE ST	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Detached	0.10		22301	TEMPLE PARK
54 TAYLOR RUN PKWY W	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Duplex	0.07		22314	TAYLOR RUN
910 POWHATAN ST #302N	1	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$389,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
202 GLEBE RD	5	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Detached	0.14		22305	WILMAR PARK
232 EVANS LN	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Townhouse	0.05		22305	LYNHAVEN
309 HOLLAND LN #204	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22314	ROYALTON
1010 WOODS PL	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$370,000	Detached	0.19		22302	WOODS
202 ASPEN ST	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$353,500	Townhouse	0.08		22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
5439 RICHENBACHER AVE	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$352,000	Townhouse	0.05		22304	KMS TOWNHOUSES
5108 DONOVAN DR #308	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	CARLTON PLACE
5004 BARBOUR DR #A	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$348,000	Townhouse			22304	CAMERON STATION
2669 CENTENNIAL CT #18	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Townhouse			22311	SEMINARY HEIGHTS
250 REYNOLDS ST S #1305	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$339,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	TEMPLETON OF ALEXANDRIA
607 BASHFORD LN #2	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$335,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22314	HARBOR TERRACE
3126 WELLINGTON RD #109-31	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$334,999	Townhouse			22302	PARKFAIRFAX
501 SLATERS LN #610	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22314	MARINA TOWERS
114 ROBERTS LN #301	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$310,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22314	FORT ELLSWORTH
287 PICKETT ST S #301	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$287,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	HILLWOOD
309 YOAKUM PKWY #215	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$284,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
4862 EISENHOWER AVE #367	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$266,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN
301 REYNOLDS ST S #202	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$262,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	LOFTS
3615 GUNSTON RD #526-36	1	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$258,000	Back-to-Back			22302	PARKFAIRFAX
23 S HUDSON ST	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$257,500	Townhouse	0.07		22304	WAKEFIELD
5300 HOLMES RUN PKWY #1518	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	THE GREENHOUSE
4561 STRUTFIELD LN #3411	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$236,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22311	PALAZZO AT PARK CENTER
3101 HAMPTON DR N #1607	1	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$228,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22302	NORTHAMPTON PLACE
307 YOAKUM PKWY #1221	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$223,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
3206 VALLEY DR #824-32	1	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$209,900	Townhouse			22302	PARKFAIRFAX
4854 EISENHOWER AVE #146	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$195,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN
803 HOWARD ST N #150	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$190,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	PLAZA
37 REED AVE	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$190,000	Duplex	0.07		22305	BEAUMONT
1770 DOGWOOD DR #C	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$186,000	Townhouse			22302	BEVERLY HILLS
4850 EISENHOWER AVE #223	1	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$185,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN
309 YOAKUM PKWY #911	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$182,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
309 YOAKUM PKWY #1003	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$180,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
6101 EDSALL RD #501	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$175,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	ALEXANDRIA KNOLLS
250 REYNOLDS ST #1204	1	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$175,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	TEMPLETON OF ALEXANDRIA
5831 QUANTRELL #T-10	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$164,950	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			22312	THE SEASONS
301 BEAUREGARD ST #318	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$156,700	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22312	THE FOUNTAINS
4 VAN DORN ST S #601	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$155,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			22304	TWENTY-ONE
205 YOAKUM PKWY #1501	1	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$150,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK



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USC graduate student Moni Simeonov leads the advanced orchestra class through a concert piece March 27 at T.C. Williams High School.



Concert violinist Midori performs with the students during the afternoon session.



T.C. Williams High School orchestra director Dr. Tzu-Ching Tai introduces Midori and prompts the class on when to begin playing.



Moni Simeonov works with the students in an afternoon class.

## Midori and Friends

### Renowned violinist visits T.C. Williams High School.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

It was the chance of a lifetime for members of the T.C. Williams High School youth orchestra as world-renown Midori spent March 27 coaching aspiring musicians as part the legendary violinist's week-long Orchestra Residencies Program.

"This was an exciting day," said Midori, who selected Alexandria as one of only two communities in the nation to participate in the outreach program she founded in 2004. "This is the whole purpose of being here — working with the students and making music."

As part of her ORP initiative, Midori is spending the week in Alexandria and Northern Virginia collaborating with local youth and adult orchestras, visiting public schools and meeting with community leaders to advance the cause

of music and arts education.

Her schedule included a breakfast with business leaders March 28 at Jack Taylor's Toyota that was followed by a visit to Wakefield High School in Arlington and a night of rehearsals with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra at Schlesinger Hall, where she will perform in concert March 31 and April 1.

A Japanese native, Midori first picked up a violin at the age of 3 and was performing with the New York Philharmonic at the age of 11. On March 30, she will take to the stage at T.C. Williams, where she will be featured in collaboration with several student soloists in a performance of J.S. Bach's Concerto for 2 Violins in D Minor and Vivaldi's Concerto for 4 Violins in B Minor, Op.3 #10.

For her performance with the ASO, Midori will join Maestro Kim Allen Kluge in a program that includes the Firebird Suite by Igor Stravinsky and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor. The ASO will also be performing the world premiere of a new composition by music director Kluge to remember the victims and survivors of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami,

entitled MEIBUKI - Regeneration.

To culminate Midori's week-long residency, the Alexandria and Arlington students participating in the program will join the ASO onstage in a performance that will also feature the Arlington Children's Chorus.

Considered one of the finest violinists of her generation, Midori has been consistently honored for her significant contributions to music education, notably by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who named her a United Nations Messenger of Peace in 2007. Her ORP program, in which Midori hopes to increase the community profile of youth orchestras, is substantially subsidized by Midori herself.

"We are very honored and excited to have her here with us," said ASO Executive Director Adrien Finlay. "She's a magnificent and exciting violinist and an inspiration for the young musicians of our community."

For tickets to Midori's performance with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra March 31 and April 1, call 703-548-0885 or visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org). For more on Midori's Orchestra residencies Program, go to [www.GoToMidori.com/orp](http://www.GoToMidori.com/orp).

## 17 Artists join Torpedo Factory Through Annual Jury Process

The Torpedo Factory Artists' Association welcomes 17 new artists through the annual jury held March 19-23 at the art center. An outside panel of art experts made the selection from among 84 artists who applied during this year's annual jury process.



The Torpedo Factory's Target Gallery is holding a week-long exhibition of the selected work, March 24 – April 1, with a closing reception on Sunday, April 1, from 2-4 p.m.

The 2-D Newly Juried Artists include Rachel Kerwin, who creates striking paintings exploring the tension and beauty that can arise in spite of fear, violence, or chaos. Allen Levy experiments with light, color, and luminosity to create a sense of balance in his paintings, which he refers to as "dreamscapes". The remaining Newly Juried 2-D Artists include two other painters, Lesley Clarke and Jennifer Brewer Stone, and seven fine art photographers, Soomin Ham, Brady Wilks, Greg Knott, Eric T. Johnson, Guido Krueger, Fred Zafran, and E. E. McCollum.

Among the 3-D applicants, one jeweler, Dejan Jovanovic, and three ceramic artists, Bev Andrews, Jamie Fine, and Karin Abromaitis, were selected. Maureen Melville, who works with handmade German glass to create rich, colorful stained glass pieces, and fiber artist Holly Sugarman, who finds new meaning and purpose in everyday overlooked objects, were also among the 3-D artists selected in this year's annual jury process.

For the Torpedo Factory's annual jury process, there are separate 3-person panels judging the 2-D work and the 3-D work. The jurors are highly qualified professional artists, curators, teachers, museum directors and the like, who are independent of the Torpedo Factory.

# SPRING FUN

## MONTH OF MARCH

### Radiance Yoga

**Classes.** \$5 for all weekday morning classes during month of March. For classes starting from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Arrive 10-15 minutes early for class. At Radiance Yoga, 110 King street, Alexandria. Visit [www.Radiance-yoga.net](http://www.Radiance-yoga.net) or call 703-535-8282.

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 1

### 20 Years on The Avenue.

The 20th Anniversary Committee invites you to celebrate DRA's 20 years on "The Avenue" with past and present masterpieces. This member-only show runs from March 2-April 1, 2012 and will be juried from outside our DRA family of members. Opening Reception for the "XX" show on Friday, March 2, 7-10 p.m. and will feature local jazz band "Veroneau". ([www.VeroneauMusic.com](http://www.VeroneauMusic.com)). Running March 3- April 1 special exhibits of Del Ray Artisans' history will be featured. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## FRIDAY/MARCH 30

**String Quartet Concert.** 8 p.m. Free. Members of the Air Force Strings will present an evening of string quartet. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil)

## SATURDAY/MARCH 31

**How to Get To Wonderful.** 5:15-6:45 p.m. Ronna Webb, Reiki Master, leads this 90-minute class on creating the life you want. Learn to use your intuition and attract health, success and peace of mind. \$47 Alexandria Massage Therapy, 1217 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0310.

**Palm Sunday Drama.** 6 p.m. The Alfred Street Baptist Church will observe Palm Sunday with "Jesus: The Cornerstone of our Faith." At Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-683-2222 or [www.alfredstreet.org](http://www.alfredstreet.org).

**Virginia Grand Military Band.** 8 p.m. A Salute to Henry Fillmore and Edwin Franko Goldman with principal guest conductor Colonel Arnald D. Gabriel Admission is \$20. At the Rebecca S. Wilburn auditorium at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 703-426-4777 or visit [www.vgmb.com](http://www.vgmb.com).

**Archaeology of the Civil War Set.** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free program. This will be a full day of informative presentations by experts in the field of archaeology and history. Seating is limited to 200 at the James Lee Center in the Monroe Gymnasium, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Call C.K. Gailey at 703 534-3881, extension 404.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 1

**Palm Sunday Services.** 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Join in the triumphal procession with palm branches as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and hear the dramatic reading of the Passion story as Holy Week begins. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria; call 703-360-4221, [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com).

**Palm and Passion Sunday.** 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Emmanuel Episcopal extends a welcome to all to join in its palm processions. All ages will enjoy this launch into Holy Week and the rich anticipation of a meaningful Easter. At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-683-0798 or [administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org](mailto:administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org)

**In Concert: "Songs of Sunset."** 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$20/door. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Performed by the NOVA Community Chorus (Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director) with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, featuring Grace Gori, Mezzo-Soprano, and Aurelius Gori, Baritone. Call 703 845-6097 or email [mwhitmire@nvcc.edu](mailto:mwhitmire@nvcc.edu)

**A Celebration of Bulgarian Culture.** Hopa Tropa Kukerica at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Playing with Kukerica, workshops at 12:30 and 3 p.m. Includes puppetry, folk objects, song, dance, and food. Featuring: Amie Cazel, Daria Kondova, Konstantin Hadjipanov, Daniel Rovin and Gwendolyn Torrence. At the Masonic Theater at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive Alexandria.

**Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic.** 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Featuring Claude Debussy's Nocturnes, Gustav Holst's Concerto for Two Violins with violinists Marc Ramirez and Olivia Hajioff, Composition Competition Finalist Charles Bestor's Variations for Orchestra conducted by U.S. James; and Frederick Delius' Songs of Sunset conducted by



## MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1

**Violinist Midori.** Alexandria Symphony Orchestra with Kim Allen Kluge, conductor. Tickets are \$40/adults; \$10/students; \$5/children. Saturday, March 31 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 1 at 3 p.m. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria.

Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

**R.E. Lee Camp Dinner Meeting.** 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$25/person. Author Eric Buckland will be speaking on Mosby and his men. At American Legion Post 24 Hall, 400 Cameron Street at N. Royal St., behind Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria. RSVP to Lawrence Graham at 703-217-7871. Checks should be made out to R.E. Lee Camp #726 and mailed to P.O. Box 4024, Oakton, VA 22124. Payments will be accepted at the door. Visit [www.leecamp.org](http://www.leecamp.org).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 3

**Professional Networking Breakfast.** 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The breakfast focuses on roundtable power networking and gives attendees the chance to exchange business cards, develop new prospects and share a 60 second commercial with each table. Members \$35; Non-members \$50. At the Virginia Theological Seminary, Refectory Building, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

**Ice Sculptures.** 6 to 8 p.m. The Crystalline World of Ice and Snow in Harbin, China. Morrison House Presents: Tatyana Schremko Schriempf, Torpedo Factory Sculptor. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred St., Alexandria. Visit Morrison House: [www.morrisonhouse.com](http://www.morrisonhouse.com) or 703-838-8000.

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Scott Ramminger and the Crawstickers. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 4

**Children's Holy Week Service.** 5:30 p.m. Children and their parents are invited for this interactive and experiential walk through some of Jesus' last week, including the Last Supper and washing the feet of his disciples. We will share a simple meal, hear stories, and sing songs as we prepare for Easter in a fun and engaging service designed especially for young children. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria; call 703-360-4221, [www.staidansepiscopal.com](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com).

❖ Thursday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service with Footwashing

❖ Friday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. - Good Friday service

❖ Saturday, April 7, 8 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter - We'll start outside the church just after sunset to light the new paschal fire, then continue into the church for the Great Vigil - an ancient and holy service which marks the end of Lent and ushers in Easter. The service is followed by a festal celebration with champagne and deserts.

❖ Sunday, April 8, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Join us for a festival Easter celebration full of gorgeous flowers and joyous music. In between the services (at 9:30 a.m.) we'll host a fun Easter egg hunt for the kids on the lawn. Bring your Easter baskets!

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

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$5/children. Featuring Elisabeth de Merode (flute) and Laurent Tardat (violin). At Lyceum Hall, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria.

**Joan Osborne.** At the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500.

## APRIL 6 TO 29

**Childhood Memories.** Works by artists inspired by their childhoods. Memories are endless: an experience, a trip, a gathering, an animal, a poem, a person or a place that brings one back to a childhood memory. Show exhibits April 6-29; opening reception April 6, 7-10 p.m. Open Thursday-Sunday. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. 703-838-4827. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

## SATURDAY/APRIL 7

**Great Vigil of Easter.** 7:30 p.m. Fire, drama, mystery, SEE SPRING FUN, PAGE 22

Dr. Mark Whitmire with the NOVA Community Chorus, mezzo-soprano Grace Gori and baritone Rex Gori. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Rd., Alexandria. Call 703-799-8229 [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org).

## MONDAY/APRIL 2

**Help Plant Seedlings.** 10 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers are needed to help plant 40 to 50 seedlings at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. This is part of a Mt. Vernon Evening Lions Club project, in conjunction with the Fairfax Co. Park Authority and Fairfax Releaf. Call Andrea

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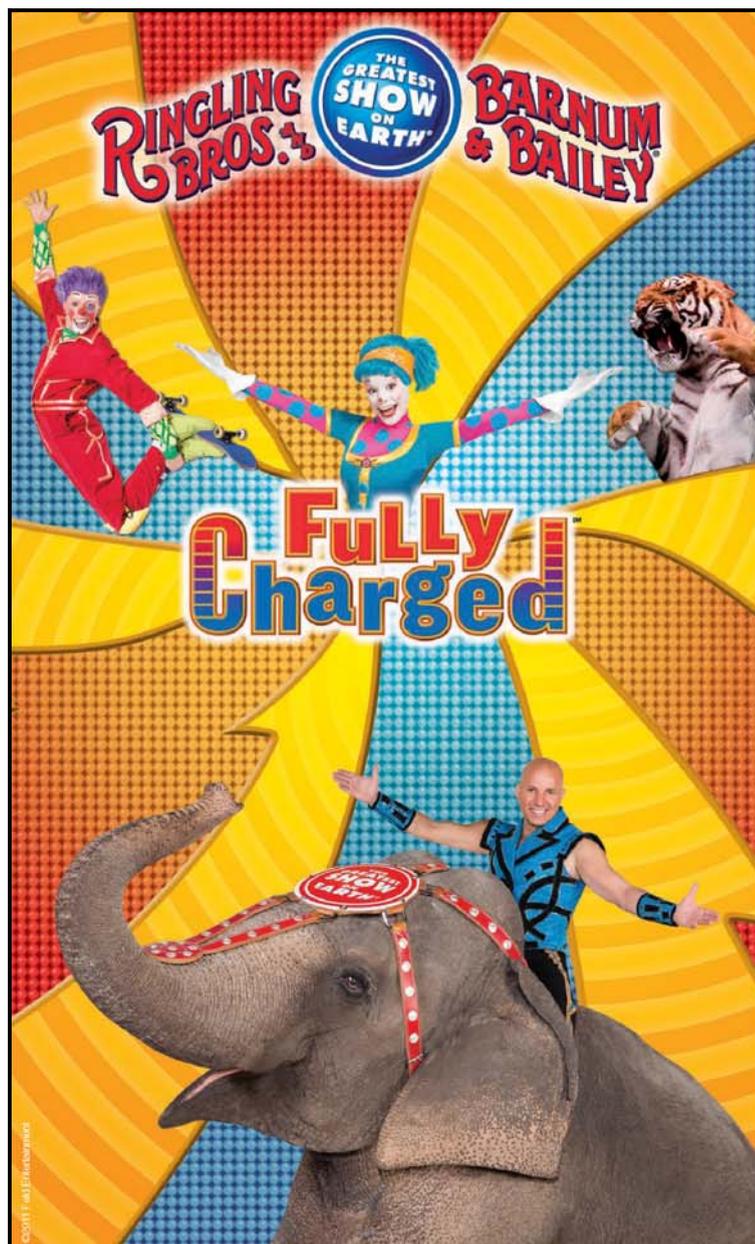
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baptism, music and more: this service, on the holiest night of the church year, has it all. Music is provided by both our Children's Choir and our Adult Choir, as well as congregational hymns. Bring bells to ring at the triumphal moment when we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and uncover the alleluias that the children hid away for Lent. At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-683-0798 or administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org

**Firearms Discussion.** 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free admission. Doug Wicklund, senior curator for the National Firearms Museum, will display John Alden's actual rifle and talk about it and other arms carried by the Pilgrims on the Mayflower. At the Collingwood Library and Museum, 8301 East Blvd. Drive, Alexandria. RSVP by April 5 to KRGroff@CollingwoodLibrary.Org. Be sure to provide your full name and the name(s) of any guests. Presented in partnership with National Firearms Museum in cooperation with The Mayflower Society.

**Cleve Francis and Friends.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32.50. At the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500. Visit [www.clevefrancis.com](http://www.clevefrancis.com).

## SUNDAY, APRIL 8

**Easter Flowering of the Cross and Egg Hunt.** 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; egg hunt at 11:50 a.m. Celebrate Christ's resurrection at Emmanuel Episcopal – enjoy special music at both services from the Adult and Children's choirs (children sing at 10.30 a.m. only). Children of all ages are invited to help flower the cross as a sign of Christ's resurrection. Stay on for an Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds. At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-683-0798 or administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org

## TUESDAY/APRIL 10

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Soul Tones of Swing. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 11

**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/APRIL 12

**Explore Activities for Seniors.** 10:30 a.m. At Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, 3210 King St., Alexandria. Visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414, ext. 13.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 13

**Mt. Vernon's Helping Hands.** 4:30 to 10 p.m. Third-annual tennis charity event for youth and adults will be held at the Mount Vernon Athletic Club. It will benefit Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children Pediatric Oncology Programs with emphasis on children's access to education, promoting physical exercise and activities, and maintaining connections with family and friends while the children are hospitalized. Youth activities \$10, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult activities \$25 (\$30 at door), from 6:30-10 p.m. Walk-ins without tennis \$10. Silent Auction, Raffle, Food & Beverages and more. At 7950 Audubon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703 360-7300. Visit [www.mtvac.net](http://www.mtvac.net).

## APRIL 13 AND 14

**Spring Garden Market.** Vendors from throughout the mid-Atlantic region will be selling a wide variety of plants as well as garden supplies and garden art. Friday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. AHS members-only preview night is Thursday, April 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. Hosted by the American Horticultural Society. At River Farm headquarters. Call 703-768-5700.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 14

**Magi-Whirl 2012.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with strolling magicians; showtime at 7:30 p.m. Las Vegas Style Family GALA Magic Show staged by Ring 50 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and Bishop Ireton High School. Five world-famous magicians — one from Argentina. Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/seniors and students; \$15/door — family packs available. At Bishop Ireton High School. Visit [www.magi-whirl.org/gala/](http://www.magi-whirl.org/gala/)

**The Grandest Congress: The French and**

**Indian War in Alexandria.** Noon to 4 p.m. Donation of \$5. Spring, 1755: Major General Edward Braddock, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America convened a meeting of five colonial governors at John Carlyle's Alexandria home. Among Braddock's objectives was to secure funding for his upcoming campaign against the French. Carlyle called this gathering "the Grandest Congress ... ever known on the Continent." Peek in on the meeting inside and enjoy the sights and smells of 18th-century style food being prepared for a grand dinner for Braddock and the Governors. Costumed interpreters will be on site to answer your questions.

**Growing Flowers and Vegetables in Containers.** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to grow flowers and vegetables in pots, planters or other containers for maximum beauty and bountiful crops on your deck, balcony, porch or patio. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension, with the support of Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. At the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. To register, call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com) or visit [www.mgnv.org](http://www.mgnv.org)

**George Washington's Whiskey for Sale.** 10 a.m. George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, will have the limited edition George Washington Rye Whiskey available for sale on April 14 at 10 a.m. This is a limited edition rye whiskey made at George Washington's reconstructed distillery — 600 bottles are available for sale. Each 375 ml bottle retails for \$95; purchases are restricted to two bottles per person. The whiskey will be available for sale in person only at the Distillery & Gristmill site gift shop and The Shops at Mount Vernon. The whiskey sale hours are: Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## APRIL 14 TO 22

**"Tom Sawyer."** Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Show times are April 14, 20, 21 at 7:30 p.m.; April 15 and 22 at 3 p.m. Featuring a cast of 54 actors ages 8-18. At Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

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## SATURDAY/APRIL 14

**Explore Alexandria's Firefighting History.** 1 p.m. Tickets are \$6/adults; \$4/youth. The walking tour, "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting Past." As they walk through Old Town, participants will learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria and stop at historic buildings that once served as fire stations. At Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net) or by calling 703-746-4994.

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**Claudia Schmidt**

**SUNDAY/APRIL 15**

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



**Dulcie Taylor**

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**SUNDAY/APRIL 15**

**Family and Friends Day.** 11 a.m. With Guest Speaker: Reverend Sonja Flye-Oliver. At Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606-A South Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-836-7332.

**MONDAY/APRIL 16**

**Masters of Tradition.** Celebrating the art of Irish music with seven of Ireland's most compelling musicians, including Fiddler Martin Hayes and singer Iarla O Lionaird. Will appear at The Birchmere Music Hall, The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

**TUESDAY/APRIL 17**

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. Featuring the band, All Wheel Jive. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. Speaker Robert D. McLaren presents a lecture on DNA Testing for Genealogy: The Basics. Meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or [publicity@mvgenealogy.org](mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org).

**WEDNESDAY/APRIL 18**

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, King Teddy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

**THURSDAY/APRIL 19**

**Pollen as a Window Into the Past.** 7:30 p.m. How Ecologists Use Pollen to Reconstruct Past Vegetation. Dr. Emily Southgate will illustrate how paleoecologists use the unique characteristics of pollen preserved in sediments as a window on the past. At Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.vnps.org](http://www.vnps.org).

**APRIL 19, 20, 21, 22**

**Spring Book Sale.** The Friends of the Beatley Central Library in Alexandria host "It's Raining Books, Hallelujah." Preview is Thursday, April 19 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Continues Friday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, April 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Prices: paperbacks \$1; hardbacks \$3. At the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1702 or visit

### FINE ARTS

**MARCH 23 TO MAY 6**

**"In Medusa's Company."** Ceramic artist Judith Kornett's works at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Opening Reception Saturday, March 31, from 3 – 5 p.m. with Artist's Talk at 4 p.m.

**NOW THROUGH APRIL 1**

**20 Years on The Avenue.** The 20th Anniversary Committee invites you to celebrate DRA's 20 years on "The Avenue" with past and present masterpieces. This member-only show runs from March 2-April 1, and will be juried from outside our DRA family of members. ([www.VeroneauMusic.com](http://www.VeroneauMusic.com)). Running March 3- April 1 special exhibits of Del Ray Artisans' history will be featured. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

**NOW THROUGH APRIL 1**

**"Large and Little" Ceramic Guild Show.** At Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Ground Floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

[www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**APRIL 20 TO MAY 5**

**"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me."** Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/military, seniors and students; \$14/groups of 10. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays, April 20 to May 5, plus Tuesday, May 1. In addition, there will be matinees on Saturday, April 24 and May 5, starting at 2 p.m. At the LAT at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

**APRIL 20 AND 21**

**Colin Hay in Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call the Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com); for tickets, please call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or order online at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com).

**SATURDAY/APRIL 21**

**Chalk Walk.** 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Mount Vernon High School Football Stadium. Run or walk around the track and school for exercise and honor your favorite teacher at the same time. The \$5 registration fee includes a Chalk Walk T-Shirt. Contact Ms. Card (703-619-3120 or [bmcad@fcps.edu](mailto:bmcad@fcps.edu)).

**Author Event.** 2 to 4 p.m. Local author Tansil Johnson will sign and discuss her new books, Who Is Mooma? And Mooma and the Mouse. At Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria.

**MVHS Class of 2012 Spring Mulch Sale.** \$5/bag - 3 cubic feet, double shredded hardwood bark mulch. Orders of 10 bags or more will be delivered to select ZIP codes. For more information or to order, send a note to [mvhsmulchsale2012@gmail.com](mailto:mvhsmulchsale2012@gmail.com) or call 571-214-4348. Proceeds will support the senior class All Night Grad Party.

**Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale.** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of Carlyle House. An exciting mix of herbs and vegetable plants from Mount Vernon and Layng & Company will be available for purchase. Bring your family and participate in child-friendly activities, listen to performances by area musicians and living historians throughout the day, as well as shop for items made by local artisans and crafters. This event is free, however admission for the House tour is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children 5-12 years old; free for children 4 & under or free with your Alexandria Garden Day ticket. This event will take place rain or shine. Carlyle House Historic Park is at 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria.

**NOW THROUGH APRIL 2**

**"Play" Exhibit.** Free. Artist Victoria Cowles provides hands-on art activities for children. "Play" is The Art League's kick-off for Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Children in the Arts. At the Art League, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Call 703-683-1780 or [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org)

**NOW THROUGH APRIL 4**

**Winds of Change.** Featuring enameled jewelry, wall pieces and bowls. At the Enamelists Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Extended hours on Thursdays til 9 p.m. Call 703-836-1561.

**NOW THROUGH APRIL 29**

**Japan's Gift to Nature.** Solo exhibit of Oriental Brush Paintings celebrating 100th anniversary of planting of the cherry trees in D.C. Art exhibition at Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Meet the artist's reception is Sunday, March 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Visit [www.Greenspring.org](http://www.Greenspring.org).

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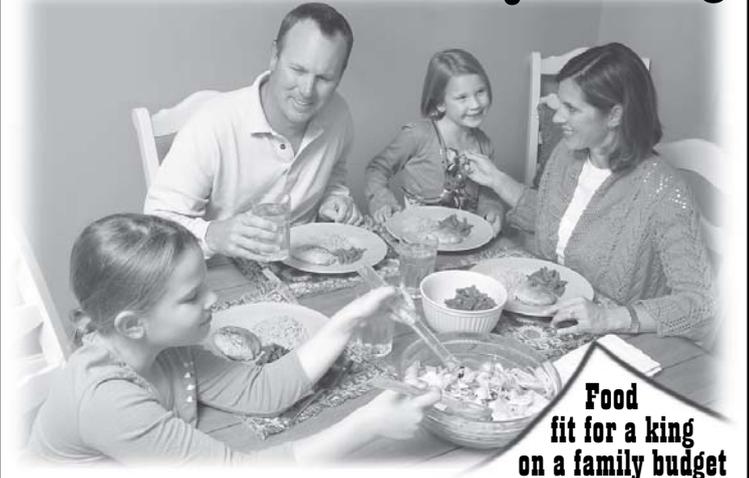
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# LETTERS

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The city, as part of its budget adoption, should insist upon two critical actions: first, a management expert must be hired to examine in depth the “dysfunction” and report back with recommendations. Second, the school system needs to adopt and enforce an ethics system if it to ever recover the public trust.

Our new manager in Alexandria has proposed a major ethics initiative. Such an initiative must be extended to the school system; it must apply to both the elected school board members and the superintendent. It must be constructed in such a way that any employee may, if she or he becomes aware of a potential violation, make an anonymous report with certainty action will be taken — and that there will not be retribution. It must ensure that no one in the school administration or the school board has any say in the selection of such an ethics panel. It would be a bonus if ethics became a part of the Alexandria school curriculum. When I attended public school, an important component of second grade was learning about our city and community — and that we all were part of it and had some moral responsibilities to each other and our community.

Rebuilding the trust so rashly eroded and accepting the very critical role the mayor and council play in doing the heavy lifting of raising the taxes and diverting such a heavy proportion to the school board means there must be a change in attitude.

**Frank Shafroth**

## City Should Serve Bicyclists Better

To the Editor:

I am writing about the Beauregard Small Area Plan and the future of transportation in Alexandria. As chair of the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, I appreciate that a bicycle network is included in the Plan and that new connectivity to nearby neighborhoods and trail networks is added. However, as I review the Plan with my friends and neighbors in the West End, I am concerned about conflicts between bicycle riders and walkers.

Illustrations of the Plan show a town center with numerous citizens walking between housing, shops, offices and transit stops. This a great illustration of the transit-focused development that has been so successful in communities across the USA. The difficulty here is that, along Beauregard Street, the wide sidewalks shown in these illustrations are designated “multi-user paths.” That is, they will double as a bicycle lanes, directing bicycle riders to ride through the expected crowds of shoppers and commuters. This is not ideal and is contrary to other similar developments. The Rosslyn-Ballston corridor, for example, includes bike lanes throughout. In fact, this design creates conflicts that modern bicycle riders are instructed to avoid. Such instruction is promoted by Alexandria’s Local Mo

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## Having Fun Isn’t Just for Kids Recreation programs for older Alexandrians.

BY LYDIA DURAND  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SENIOR  
SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

There are many factors that go into maintaining good health — proper nutrition, physical activity, socialization, and mental exercise as well. As we grow older, it is particularly important that we incorporate these elements permanently into our everyday lives. Continuing the recent theme of health and wellness for older adults, the Senior Speaker Series presented by Senior Services of Alexandria’s (SSA) Senior Resource Center is partnering with the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities to explore some of the ways Alexandria’s older residents can get out, meet new people, exercise, have fun, and do something new.

Join the staff of SSA’s Senior Resource Center, the Alexandria Rec Department,

Alexandria Library, and other local organizations to learn about the many activities, classes, and programs available for Alexandria’s mature adults. The 90-minute event kicks off with free exercise & activity demonstrations and will feature information on the City of Alexandria’s newly branded program “Power Plus 55”: Ageless Recreation for Alexandrians 55+, as well as how the Senior Resource Center can help you find a variety of things to do in the future.

This installment of the Senior Speaker Series, “Explore Activities for Alexandria’s Seniors,” will take place at the Chinguapin Recreation Center, 3210 King Street in Alexandria, on April 12, at 11 a.m. For more information or to register over the phone, call SSA at 703-836-4414, ext. 10. To register online, visit [exploringactivities.eventbrite.com](http://exploringactivities.eventbrite.com).

Also, watch for more information about our May Senior Speaker Series event, “Opportunities for Continuing Education.” To learn about the Senior Speaker Series and SSA’s new Senior Resource Center, visit [www.SeniorServicesAlex.org](http://www.SeniorServicesAlex.org) or call (703) 836-4414, ext. 13. We hope to see you on April 12.

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# Introducing Inova Alexandria Hospital at Mark Center

Join the dedication on April 4.

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO, R.N. FACHE  
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

**O**n April 4, Inova Alexandria Hospital will dedicate our newest healthcare addition — Inova Alexandria Hospital at Mark Center — located at 1800 N. Beauregard St., in Alexandria. We designed this outpatient center to offer several of our most sought-after healthcare services in an easily accessible location with modern conveniences. Those services include:

- ❖ Inova Advanced Imaging Center – Our new imaging center offers a full complement of diagnostic imaging studies in a spa-



like environment, including computed tomography (CT) scans, diagnostic X-rays, ultrasound and — coming soon — MRI that uses the latest 3T technology for enhanced detail. As an added service, the Center also offers a dedicated Women's Imaging Service that includes digital mammography with same-day results, bone densitometry and stereotactic biopsy. Read more at [inova.org/radiology](http://inova.org/radiology).

- ❖ Inova Breast Care Center – The Inova Breast Care Center offers comprehensive care under the guidance of a fellowship-trained breast surgeon for patients with

conditions ranging from benign breast disease to breast cancer and for those at high-risk of developing breast disease. The Center works closely with the dedicated breast radiologist from the Women's Imaging Service, located in the building, to coordinate appointments, imaging and diagnosis. As part of the Inova Breast Care Institute, the Center's patients also have access to Inova's nationally recognized network of breast care specialists, as well as direct access to genetic counseling and our breast care navigators. Read more at [inovamedicalgroup.org/breastcarecenter](http://inovamedicalgroup.org/breastcarecenter).

- ❖ Inova Internal Medicine—Mark Center – Staffed by three primary care physicians, Inova Internal Medicine - Mark Center, is geared toward preventing, diagnosing and treating chronic disease in adults. Designed to keep pace with the fast-paced life of

Northern Virginia, the Center offers same day appointments with a punctual and personalized approach. When necessary, our physicians coordinate care with the Inova Advanced Imaging Center and Breast Care Center, as well as Inova Alexandria Hospital. Read more at [inovamedicalgroup.org/internalmedicinemarkcenter](http://inovamedicalgroup.org/internalmedicinemarkcenter).

We are pleased to offer the Alexandria community this newest option for accessing our world-class healthcare services. Your health is important to us.

Join us at our open house/dedication on Wednesday, April 4 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Inova Alexandria Hospital at Mark Center, located at 1800 N. Beauregard St. in Alexandria (next to Clyde's Restaurant). Come see all that we have to offer, take a tour and enjoy some light refreshments. I hope to see you there!

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tion program.

While adding wide sidewalks would make to today's Beauregard Street much safer for bicycling, this approach makes little sense for the transit-centered Beauregard Street of the future. A modern approach would separate the cyclists from both pedestrians and motorized traffic. A good example can be seen on 15th Street in Washington, D.C., where the two-way bicycle lane is separated from the main traffic lanes by plastic bollards and from the sidewalk by a curb. The plan already allocates the necessary room — it specifies a 10-foot setback between the sidewalk and the buildings. That space would be better allocated to a bike lane.

The Beauregard Small Area Plan, which looks to be successful in many respects, simply does not account for the ongoing and expected increase in bicycling in Alexandria. This increase is being driven by improved utility bicycles for commuting and shopping (we expect another record-setting crowd on Bike To Work Day this year), by public promotion of health and fitness, by high gas prices, by the renewed joy of riding on our increasingly modern bike lanes and paths, and by the increasing scope of the Capital Bikeshare transit system, which moves about 5,000 people per day — about half of the DASH number. As an advocate for bicycling, I am aware of the popularity of Capital Bikeshare and receive inquiries almost daily. The most common question? "When will it come to my neighborhood?" My point is that planners need to design for the future.

Like most Alexandria residents, I am aware that our roads are al-

ready congested with automobiles and that our economic future and quality of life require effective and accessible mass transit. I agree with planners that simply allowing by-right development to add residents without providing non-automotive options to those new residents will make congestion much worse than it is now. As Alexandria shifts its transportation focus from moving automobiles to moving people, our leaders are asking us to modernize. I support this vision and ask that our leaders take the proper next step by modernizing their approach to bicycling facilities.

**Jonathan Krall**

Chair, Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Alexandria

## Stop Misuse Of Zoning

To the Editor:

On April 12, The Zoning Board of Appeals will review the protest petition signed by over 200 abutters of the three development sites within the City's waterfront plan. If the ZBA finds in favor of the abutters, it will effectively stop the City's plan and force them to accept the will of the residents or pursue further legal action and expend additional tax dollars.

One significant position of the City is that the spot up-zoning of these three sites is only a text amendment as opposed to a map change; therefore, the abutter's petition is irrelevant. However, others believe, and can support it with language in the Zoning Ordinance, that the petition is applicable to a text amendment. We would like to cut through the le-

galese on this matter. The text changes to the zoning ordinance that are part of the waterfront plan essentially create distinct zones within the existing W1 zone. Density is increased beyond what is allowed in the remainder of the W1 zone and hotel use is now permitted; whereas, hotel use is not currently permitted anywhere in the W1 zone. The City has essentially spot up-zoned these three sites; they have drawn a big fat line around the three sites and have created distinct zoning districts with less onerous requirements. However, they failed to call it a map change in order to give themselves wiggle room to avoid having to honor the abutter's zoning rights.

Land is a limited commodity, and these three sites have intrinsic development value under the current W1 zone. The north end of the Cummings Turner block is being redeveloped as we speak without the benefit of the contentious up zoning. These valuable waterfront sites in the heart of Old Town will be developed; the existing warehouses will be removed and the sites will be cleaned up. Current zoning, historic and other regulations provide significant protection and any financially viable project will need a Special Use Permit as well as a myriad of other approvals.

We have to ask why the City is up-zoning these three sites and is willing to fight the will of the abutters and the majority of Alexandrian's and spend valuable resources and tax dollars to do so? One answer may be to speed economic development. Potentially a noble reason, if the land was not already valuable and developable and if the effort did not place a neighborhood at risk. However,

there is no justification to do so.

The original intent of zoning regulation was to protect abutting land owners from detrimental land development, and to preserve property value and quality of life. The first zoning ordinance in New York City was created to keep buildings from reaching further skyward and depriving the streets below of light and air. Zoning was created as Health, Safety and Welfare legislation to protect abutters and the general public. Our current City Administration has lost site of this, and is using zoning solely as an economic development tool to the detriment of the health, safety and welfare of all and to the detriment of adjacent property value.

We urge the Zoning Board of Appeal to stop this misuse of zoning regulation, to stop a misguided legalese attempt to up zone three sites by calling it a text change, and to uphold the zoning rights of the abutters.

**Deena de Montigny  
and Joe Demshar**  
Alexandria

## Old Town And Density

To the Editor:

Waterfront development in Old Town Alexandria is a bear. With only a narrow strip of land between a wide, polluted river and a national historic district of substantial importance and size, this is an Olympic-size challenge. One that requires imagination, creativity, strength, persistence, innovation and a willingness to take the risks of a champion. While this is not normally how city bureaucracies are described (although it

might be), it accurately describes the moral fiber of Old Town. Right now, it's time to look hard at just what made Old Town a standout success, and transform how we make use of the river land that remains. We still haven't done this.

What is easy to lose sight of is that the area of proposed development is only a fraction of the land that constitutes the historic district, yet because the river blocks access we are left with any increases in density on the river acting with double the impact. Vehicles of any kind and increased sidewalk traffic only have half the range of motion of any other site where the city has used the density argument to increase revenues. This is only insurmountable only if you use last years' rusty development tools.

Small-scale houses and streets in a historic district, which is what we're talking about bearing the brunt of increased density on the waterfront, which is vigorously augmented by campaigns to increase tourism, cannot be infinitely altered to accommodate more vehicles or people. The resulting congestion of streets and sidewalks is something residents — who willingly bear the private costs of maintaining nationally (and internationally) historic properties — patiently live with. But while the history and importance to democracy that residents are happy to share is important, the city should be reminded that people live here — also paying the public price to do so — because of the quality of life it provides year round.

The influx of tourists is seasonal, just like the occasional high density the tall ships brought to the riverside. Old Town survived with

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## MEMORIAM



One long year ago, March 22, 2011, Colonel Robert S. Capps passed away. Too soon, to everyone who knew you, it was much too soon. You were and still are in memory, a giant in all aspects of life. Your insight on so many everyday events, your amazing intelligence, humor, morals, empathy and sympathy was and is an inspiration for me and everyone fortunate to share moments with you. Your positive outlook, smiling happiness to everyone was an inspiration and testament to the wonderful memory of you. You are greatly missed by those who were fortunate to share moments in your company. As your loving and adoring wife of fifty years, it was not long enough, sweetheart. You will always be my beloved sweetheart. You are so missed.  
x oo Eve

# OPINION

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centuries of lucrative river traffic, which spilled by necessity into the town, because while the ships were large they were not permanently tethered. They came and went — an important difference to what is being proposed today, i.e., permanently anchored large scale buildings with the river on one side and a collection of small scale infrastructure on the other.

If 19<sup>th</sup> century ship owners had “developed” the waterfront to maximize their revenues by building large scale permanent dockage or infill in the shape of numerous promontories, the city would have a very different shape than it does today — the streets would be wider, the houses bigger, the reach of the city itself would extend far beyond the King Street Metro area. It would be the kind of infrastructure that could sustain the density now proposed. This didn't happen. Today, we are constrained by permanent small-scale buildings and intensely built infill. This is a fundamental definition of the solid constraints of Old Town.

How can we achieve small scale, low density development on what remains of the river's edge and in a way that can maintain the high quality of life that is Old Town's — and at a price we're willing to pay? What are the parameters that made Old Town sustainable, and how can we reinterpret and transform them so that Old Town Alexandria is once again an important port city, but this time trading in history, culture, and perhaps, Internet enabled businesses. These are old questions “re-languaged” using current understanding, so that we answer them for tomorrow. Can Old Town become a center of telecommuting — green, digital, internationally derived revenue flows? That doesn't need density to succeed. We are already home to a large number of banks and financial service providers. We can broadcast our history to the world, generating knowledge traffic that showcases democracy, transports fragile documents, features local artists and artisans, restaurants, small businesses — imagine more!

Innovation and creation is what Old Town does very, very well. Let's harness it and ask the tough questions so that some truly vital solutions can emerge and thrive. Let's ditch the rhetoric, talk about it, and get real. This doesn't take a lot of money — it takes a lot of fun time with smart and good people who care about where they live and want to take the unique and wonderful quality of life that is Old Town's forward into a sustainable future.

Kathryn Papp

# A Lifetime of Memories for \$100

BY KATHARINE DIXON  
REBUILDING TOGETHER ALEXANDRIA



When Romeo returned from the war, he was made second in command of Arlington National Cemetery so they moved east. He was then transferred as first in command to Soldier's Home National Cemetery, where his family could live on the grounds, which they did until moving back into their Alexandria home in 1988.

**T**he framed pictures on the walls of Victoria's Alexandria home tell a thousand stories ... a son who is in the Navy, vacationing at Point Lookout, and even a picture of her meeting Princess Diana.

For nearly 50 years, Victoria\* has built wonderful memories with her husband, Romeo, and four children in their home. Moving from Arizona so Romeo could take a job at Arlington National Cemetery, they bought the ranch style home in 1965 for just \$15,000. Victoria still remembers having to borrow the \$100 down payment from her real estate agent at closing.

Born in Arizona, Victoria's parents, who were of different American Indian tribes, were disowned because they did not marry within their own tribes. Being one of 10 children, Victoria grew up very poor but remembers the fun she had playing kick-the-can and hide-and-seek (though her dog, Yo-Yo, gave her hiding place away because he would always hide with her). After playtime, her mom, who spoke no English and only understood a little, always made the children gather round the radio to listen to the President's address during World War II.

Victoria met and married Romeo pre WWII, but shortly thereafter Romeo was shipped off to help fight the war. While he was gone, Victoria got her first job — delivering telegrams for Western Union. She recalls that most people were upset to see her coming, as the messengers often delivered sad news. She also worked in a sawmill during the war when Belmont began hiring women to check shipments of ammunitions going to the East Coast.

Victoria and Romeo enjoyed their retirement days at home in Alexandria, often listening to music in their living room. When the cassette “Unforgettable Love Songs of the Sixties” was playing, Romeo would pull Victoria up out of her chair and dance with her to “Spanish Eyes.” They would also visit the Knights of Columbus hall and dance the jitterbug and line dances, even though Victoria self-proclaims she has two left feet.

“We've had a good life, a very good life,” Victoria smilingly states. And though her husband has since died of cancer, she is very grateful for all the family, friends, and neighbors who continue to look after her, and for the volunteer organization, Rebuilding Together, which helps keep Victoria safely in her picture-filled home.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria is an award winning, non-profit organization dedicated to repairing and revitalizing homes at no charge for homeowners in need, including elderly, disabled, military veterans and families. To date, in-kind donations of labor and materials have resulted in \$5.5 million worth of value on more than 1,430 properties. If you would like to volunteer or donate, visit [www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org) or call 703-836-1021.

\* It is organizational policy to not disclose full names.

## Moderates Shifting Parties

To the Editor:

Former Democrat councilman and local party chairman Lonnie Rich asks: “how the Republicans have become the anti-development party?” So, here's the answer:

As the Republican Party became more conservative, moderate Republicans like former Councilman David Speck, who supported the waterfront plan, switched parties. These moderates are typically “pro-business” and business, as the local chamber of commerce's support for the waterfront plan shows, is pro-development. Anti-abortion, anti-bailout, anti-immigration positions dominant in today's Republican Party are anti-business positions.

In order to attract moderate Republicans, the Democrat Party sidelined its traditional core constituencies, such as labor unions and the poor. These constituencies still support the “lesser evil” Democrats which give them mere

crumbs like health care reform written by the pharmaceutical and health insurance companies. The public money the Democrats don't spend on these constituencies, such as city workers' six years without a pay raise, they devote to development which wins over moderate, pro-business Republicans for whom piles of government-supplied cash to support infrastructure and generous zoning waivers trump traditional “free market” Republicanism where the rules are the same for everybody.

But most importantly, population density causes more people to perceive a greater need for government regulation. You don't

need, for example, a noise ordinance where the houses are a quarter mile apart. Densely developed cities are reliably Democrat; sparsely populated rural areas are reliably Republican. Apartment buildings are Democrat, suburban single-family tract houses are Republican. Arlington County can't elect a Republican because it is so densely developed; Alexandria still can because it isn't. Former U.S. Rep Tom Davis put it succinctly in criticizing an early attempt at dense development near a metro stop — “It just breeds Democrats!”

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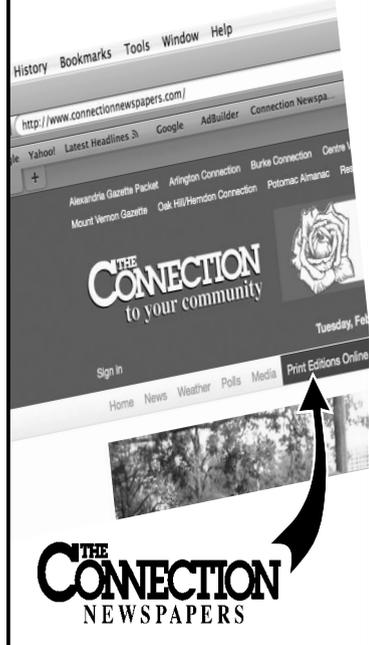
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T.C. Williams head coach Don West praised sophomore Allegra Benites' speed.



T.C. Williams senior Tiana Barlow scored three goals against Lake Braddock on March 26.

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## Veteran Coach West Trying To Rebuild TC Girls' Lax

### Titans drop Patriot District opener to Lake Braddock

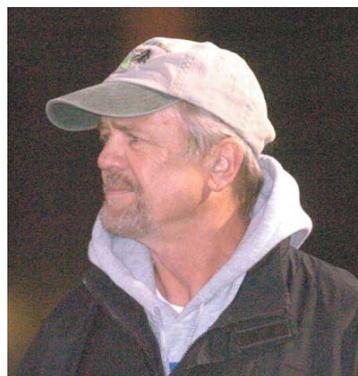
BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams girls' lacrosse team showed some fight in the second half of its Patriot District opener against Lake Braddock, starting the final 25 minutes with a 4-0 run. By that point, however, the Bruins had already proven to be the superior squad on its way to victory.

Lake Braddock built a 10-0 lead and cruised to a 15-6 win on its home field. For a T.C. Williams program led by its third head coach in four seasons, the loss was its sixth

in a row in what figures to be a bumpy rebuilding campaign.

Don West is in his first year as head coach of the Titans. He spent 15 seasons as head coach at Lake Braddock, winning three district titles from 1991-2005, and last year was the junior varsity coach at McLean. West said his goal for the 2012 season is to "lay a foundation" for a successful program, which includes getting players interested in offseason lacrosse. The program has many young athletes, including nine freshmen and sophomores on the varsity



Don West, who won three district titles at Lake Braddock, is in his first season as T.C. Williams girls' lacrosse coach.

and eight eighth-graders on the JV.

"[We need to] change the culture of high school lacrosse over there to something that is desired," West said. "... It's going to take a couple years, but I'm willing to hang in there."

TC opened its season with wins against Mount Vernon and Edison, but has struggled since. After putting up 17 goals in each of its first two games, the Titans failed to reach double digits in their following six contests.

"We don't have the two or three power-

house girls," West said, "that can go to the goal at will."

Three players scored for the Titans on Monday. Senior midfielder Tiana Barlow led the way with three goals, sophomore Allegra Benites added two and sophomore midfielder Megan Gallagher added one.

West praised Benites' athleticism.

"Allegra has got really fast feet," he said. "If I was to have anyone go one-on-one, it would be Allegra Benites."

TC will travel to face West Springfield on April 13. The Titans' next home game is April 17 against Woodson.

With the loss to Lake Braddock, the TC program fell to 11-22 since posting 10 wins during the 2009 season. For now, all the Titans can do is work to get better.

"It is a process that we're doing," West said. "These girls really just need to want to win and want to play and do well."

## TC Crew Opens Season Against Washington-Lee

The T.C. Williams crew team kicked off the spring 2012 rowing season on March 24 at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town with its first and only home regatta of the year — a scrimmage against longtime rival Washington-Lee that not only provided the Titan rowers with, in the words of boys' head coach Pete Stramese, "a good litmus test" to start the season, but left both Stramese and girls head coach Mercedes Kiss feeling confident about the team's prospects moving forward this spring.

"W-L coach Derek Parson's crews are perennial favorites in the hunt for medals at Virginia Championships," Stramese said, "and his returning Junior 8 National Champions showed great composure in the 1V [first varsity] race. T.C.'s 1V was four seconds off the winners, with many guys out for other activities, so I'm confident we're on the right path this season."

"In the lower boat races, those crews turned in solid performances, which, while not overtly successful, gave the guys an opportunity to assess their speed and the work that needs to be done. We're very early in the season, and these margins can be closed with the volume of work we have planned over spring break next week. We'll see W-L again, so this will be a good litmus test for our progress."

Coach Kiss — a former Titan rower who won Washington Post All-Met and All-Virginia honors during her senior year and is now in her second year guiding the T.C. Williams girls' crew — was equally upbeat about her crew's performance this weekend and their chances this season.

"The races between T.C. and W-L went off without a hitch," Kiss said, "and we even finished ahead of schedule due to great weather, efficient officials, and focused row

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With the Wilson Bridge rising up behind them and an osprey swooping down toward the water just off their bow, members of the T.C. Williams girls' crew team row up the Potomac River during their race against Washington-Lee on Saturday, March 24.

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# TC Crew Opens Season

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ers and coxswains. I am very proud of how our rowers performed on the water and how the entire team hosted our long-standing friendly rival. If Saturday stands as an indication of the season ahead, then our Titan family should look forward to many weeks of exciting races and successful finishes.”

Following Saturday's scrimmage against W-L, the Alexandria Crew Boosters held a ceremony to christen the two newest racing shells in the T.C. crew fleet — the “Jeff Byron” and the “Peter W. Hearinging.” Byron is a longtime supporter of the T.C. crew program who serves as the director of the MidAtlantic Erg Sprints, which has grown to become not just the third-largest indoor rowing competition in the world, but the world's largest indoor junior rowing competition, as well. Hearinging is a former Titan All-Met rower and current assistant boys' crew coach, who has guided his boats to Virginia state championships in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011.

A crowd of more than 200 rowers, parents and supporters turned out for Saturday's events, which concluded with a reception in the Boathouse featuring fried chicken from the Blue & White Carryout on Wythe Street and food prepared and served by a cadre of parents and volunteers. Among those attending were T.C. Williams athletic director Steve Colantuoni, Alexandria Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, Alexandria City Councilman Frank Fannon, and Alexandria School Board Chairwoman Sheryl Gorsuch.

Both Coach Kiss and Coach Stramese expressed

their appreciation for the people who turned out and the support shown for the T.C. Crew program.

“The dedication ceremony of two 4-man shells, the ‘Jeff Byron’ and the ‘Peter W. Hearinging’ was a gathering of our vast Titan rowing community,” Kiss stated. “The speeches were heartfelt and humorous, and the reception was a true stunner.”

Stramese echoed Kiss's remarks.

“The christening was a heartfelt tribute to two longtime contributors to the Titan Family,” he said. “Jeff Byron has done a tremendous job in expanding the Mid Atlantic Erg Sprints to become the largest indoor junior's race in the world, and our largest fundraiser for Titan Rowing. Jeff has filled many roles over the years, and his devotion to the program really is his hallmark. Peter Hearinging's contribution as varsity coach has touched many lives of many rowers, brought renewed success to the boys' team, and furthered the continued commitment to rowing in Alexandria. As a coach for the T.C. program, Alexandria Community Rowing, and the Old Dominion Select Crew Program, he's always brought the best from his athletes, helping them discover themselves as athletes. As a T.C. alum, I think he brings the goal of doing your best full circle.”

The T.C. Williams Crew team's next regatta is this March 31 on Noxontown Pond at St. Andrews School in Middletown, Del.

The spring 2012 crew season marks the 65th year of public school rowing in the City of Alexandria.

## SSSAS Middle School Literary Magazine Wins Award

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes is the only middle school in Virginia to receive a rank of “excellent” this year from the National Council of Teachers of English.

The SSSAS Middle School literary magazine, Prattle Tales, received a rank of “excellent” by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). More than 390 middle and high schools entered the 2011 NCTE program to recognize excellence in student literary magazines. This is the third time Prattle Tales has earned an “excellent” rating since the school started participating in the program several years ago. “Our Middle School students produce some extraordinary



writing and art over the course of the year and are delighted when their work is published in the annual issue of “Prattle Tales,” said Middle School English Teacher Gail Wolf. “It's particu-

larly thrilling and inspiring when an organization such as NCTE recognizes their talent. I could not be more proud of our students and our publication.” Wolf has been the editor/faculty sponsor of Prattle Tales since the first issue in the spring of 1993.

According to NCTE criteria, an “excellent” rating goes to student publications with “high quality writing,” a “variety of genres,” “attractive design,” and art which connects to the writing.

### SPORTS BRIEF

## ACDS Boys' Basketball Wins Title

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Pristine hardwood floors in this one-level home in fantastic secluded cul-de-sac location overlooking the valley below. Great kitchen storage. Lovingly maintained and freshly painted, the home is truly move-in ready. Fantastic outdoor space including a large patio. Close to Ft. Belvoir, 495, Old Town, PTO, The Pentagon restaurants and shopping.

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### The Perfect House on the Perfect Street

Beautiful, large, all-brick, five-bedroom, three-bath home, with two-car garage on a quiet cul-de-sac. MacArthur, George Washington schools. Lovely kitchen with granite and stainless appliances, new baths, hardwood throughout, and more recent updates. Almost half acre lot is a gardener's delight. Wonderful now, with plenty of room to expand.

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**OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA \$1,379,000**



### Historic Home

Situated on a double lot with a large, beautifully landscaped garden, this Old Town gem is a short walk from Whole Foods, the Metro and shopping on King Street. Meticulously maintained, this grand residence includes four bedrooms, two and a half baths, two fireplaces, and a gourmet kitchen. Elegant for entertaining, yet comfortable for every day.

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### ALEXANDRIA RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

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Potowmack Crossing	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,350	MLS# AX7803040
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Del Ray	3 BR/2 BA	\$2,395	MLS# AX7789937
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**ALEXANDRIA SOUTH \$605,000**



### Wonderful in Waywood!

Beautiful hardwood floors sparkle on two levels of this solid-brick wonderfully maintained home on large .42 acre corner lot. Bright family room addition. Kitchen with granite counters and new appliances. Three generous bedrooms on upper level. Large rec room and fourth bedroom on lower level that walks out to large back yard with deck.

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