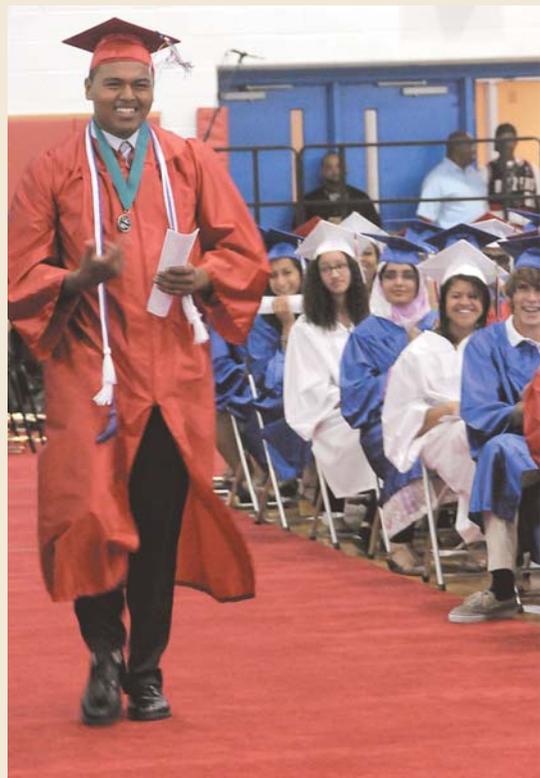


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Jose Andres Urrutia walks to the stage to receive the second of two principal's awards for the Class of 2012.



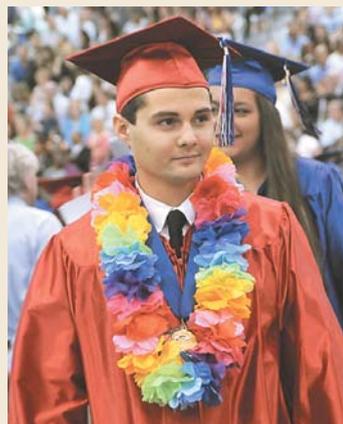
The audience breaks into applause at the conclusion of the National Anthem to welcome the graduating class.

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## Stepping Into the Future

T.C. Williams High School held the graduation of its Class of 2012 in the Gerry Bertier Memorial Gymnasium on June 16.

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Class valedictorian Joseph Powers leads his classmates into the gym for the commencement ceremony on Saturday morning.



The gym seating was filled to capacity as overflow viewing rooms opened in the cafeteria and the auditorium.

## Neighborly Agreement

Arlington and Alexandria agree to move in different directions on transit corridor.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Some say time heals all wounds. For leaders in Arlington and Alexandria, it may also be the solution to a disagreement about how to move forward with a regional transit system.

Last year, Arlington and Alexandria

entered into an agreement to study converting a bus-rapid transit line stretching from Crystal City into Potomac Yard into a streetcar system. But when Arlington decided against participating in an alternatives analysis to get federal funding last month, Alexandria officials had to come up with a new strategy. Last weekend, members

**"In the end, we may not do the streetcar."**

— Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille

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## Mapping the Past

Library acquires 1796 map and ledger of land owned by the Alexander family.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Long before there was a city known as Alexandria, there was the Alexander family. Its members owned much of what's now considered Northern Virginia, a vast landholding documented in land transactions from the earliest days of the city's history. This week, the history of the Alexander family and the early days of Alexandria came into

sharper focus as the Alexandria Library acquired a 1792 map detailing some of the Alexander family holdings and a ledger documenting land transactions from the era. "I'm amazed that it's alive, still here and hasn't perished," said George Combs, director of the Special Collections Branch. "Initially, I didn't think we'd be able to acquire it, especially during these financial times."

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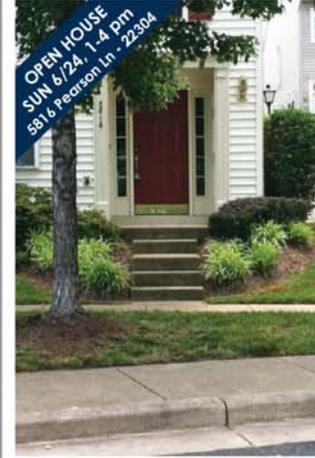
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The Class of 2012 receive their diplomas in the Gerry Bertier Memorial Gymnasium on June 16.



Students search in the bleachers for family and friends as they enter the gym.



Three candles are lit in memory of three students who died: Ian Daughtrey, Albert Kenney and Carelle Macon. The graduating class gift is a tree planted on the school yard in the memory of the deceased classmates.

## TC Seniors Celebrate Their Graduation

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET



As the processional begins, family and friends maneuver to capture an image of the graduates entering the gymnasium.



Ellen Broetzmann sings the National Anthem.



T.C. Williams principal Suzanne Maxey introduces her pick for one of the principal's awards, senior class president Phuongnhi Tran.



Pierrette Hall presents the faculty award to Shakia Renee Taylor.



Douglas Boatwright poses for a photo with school principal Suzanne Maxey after receiving his diploma.



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**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**

## NEWS

# Police Chief Graduates From FBI Academy

**C**hief of Police Earl L. Cook is the most recent member of the Alexandria Police Department to graduate from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico.

Cook graduated Friday, June 8, from the 249th Session and was one of 264 law enforcement officers who graduated from the 10-week program. The session started on April 12, and included men and women from 48 states, the District of Columbia and 24 other countries.

Cook is the 15th member of the Police Department's command staff to graduate from the FBI National Academy since 1990 and is one of 12 graduates currently serving with the Alexandria Police

Department.

The National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, offers 10 weeks of instruction in law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism and terrorist mindsets, leadership development, communication, and health and fitness. Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees.

The academy was created in 1935 with 23 students in the first class. It has grown over the years to the current enrollment of more than 1,000 students a year. The FBI National Academy is one of the premier law enforcement academies in the world.



**Cook**

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Alexandria Seaport Foundation Executive Director Kent Barnekov, center, and Apprentice Dearndrey Mobley, right, accept a \$50,000 grant from The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. during its 25th Anniversary celebration June 5 at the Marriott Wardman Park.

## Setting Sail for Success

Seaport Foundation receives \$50,000 grant.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

With financial and philanthropic superstar Warren Buffet in attendance, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Economic Club of Washington D.C. at its 25th anniversary celebration June 5 at the Marriott Wardman Park.

“We are thrilled to have been selected by the Economic Club of Washington as one of 10 area nonprofits to receive this generous award,” said ASF Executive Director Kent Barnekov. “The Economic Club’s recognition of the importance of programs serving this population is extremely gratifying.”

Barnekov was joined on stage by ASF apprentice Dearndrey Mobley, an Alexandria native whose brother graduated from the program years ago and now serves in the Coast Guard in Alaska. Also in attendance was ASF instructor Esteban “Steve” Hernandez, an apprentice graduate who went on to serve in the Marine Corps and is currently enrolled in college.

The Alexandria Seaport Foundation offers disadvantaged youth and young adults ages 18-22 a paid,

work-based apprentice program in boat building that prepares participants for careers in the building trades. Additionally, ASF provides apprentices the opportunity to earn a GED if needed.

“At a time when state and local funding for GED programs is at risk, this grant from The Economic Club will help ASF continue to include in its Apprentice Program this crucial ingredient for success in the workplace,” Barnekov added.

Economic Club member Andrew Blair, president and CEO of Colonial Parking, nominated ASF for the grant, which sought to recognize organizations that prepare underserved youth in the D.C. area for success in school, the workplace and life.

The highlight of the evening was the dialogue between Economic Club President David Rubenstein and Buffett, who discussed the economy and Buffett’s rise to billionaire status as well as his philanthropic efforts. “My surplus wealth has no utility to me,” Buffett said.

A total of 138 different nonprofits were considered as possible recipients of the prestigious awards. The nine additional organizations that received \$50,000 grants were: KIPP DC, Maya Angelou Schools, Brainfood, BUILD DC, E.L. Haynes Public Charter School, Jubilee JumpStart/Jubilee Housing, Latin American Youth Center, Urban Alliance and Year Up National Capital Region.

For more information on the Alexandria Seaport Foundation or to volunteer, visit [www.alexandriaseaport.org](http://www.alexandriaseaport.org).



ASF apprentices and volunteers work on the William Henry and Monte Byers Dory boats that will be launched this summer.



Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, discusses the state of the economy with David Rubenstein, president of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C., June 5 at the Economic Club’s 25th anniversary dinner. The Alexandria Seaport Foundation was one of 10 nonprofits to receive a \$50,000 grant during the ceremony.

### Burns Send Resident to Hospital

The Alexandria Fire Department responded to a residence in the 300 block of North Fayette Street on Saturday, June 16, 9:09 p.m. for a reported explosion and flames on a patio with possible injuries. Arriving personnel found a 53-year old female city resident with second and third degree burns over 80 percent of her body. Emergency personnel immediately began medical care and transported the patient to MedStar Burn Center in Washington D.C.

Although the investigation remains open, the preliminary report indicates that the resident was attempting to ignite a recreational outdoor fireplace constructed of metal. An accumulation of the vapors associated with the fuel source ignited causing a flash fire. The condition and status of the resident is unknown at this time.

### Gas Leak Forces Evacuation

The Alexandria Fire Department responded to 108 South Washington St. on Monday, June 18, 11:42 a.m. for a report of an odor of natural gas inside the building. Construction workers were working in the basement of the building when they noticed an odor of what they described as natural gas. Arriving firefighters detected an odor of something in addition to high levels of carbon monoxide in the basement.

Six businesses in the 600 block of King Street and the 100 block of South Washington Street were found to have elevated levels of carbon monoxide. All six buildings were evacuated.

The 600 block of King Street was closed to traffic in both directions. Northbound lanes of South Washington Street were reduced to one lane in the 100 block of South Washington Street while firefighters ventilated the buildings and the gas company attempted to locate the source of the odor and the carbon monoxide. Carbon Monoxide levels returned to normal by 2 pm and the building occupants were permitted to reoccupy the buildings shortly afterward. Fire Department equipment began clearing the scene at 2:15 pm. The area streets were reopened afterward.

There were no reported injuries during the incident. The cause of the odor and the carbon monoxide was not determined while the fire department was on the scene. Washington Gas Company is handling the investigation.

### Suspect Sought in Multiple Burglaries

Alexandria Police are asking for the public’s help in identifying the suspect in four different burglaries that have occurred this year at the same location. The most recent burglary occurred on Saturday, June 2. Sometime between 9 p.m. and 11:15 p.m., an unknown suspect forced entry into Jack Taylor’s Alexandria Toyota, located at 3750 Jefferson Davis Highway. The suspect was able to remove cash from an office safe before fleeing.

The suspect is described as an unknown race male, wearing a baseball cap, a hooded sweatshirt, jeans, sneakers and gloves.

The three other burglaries occurred on the following dates and times:

- ❖ Monday, Feb. 27, between midnight and 1 a.m.
- ❖ Monday, March 12, between 1:30 a.m. and 2:45 a.m.
- ❖ Saturday March 31, between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Anyone with additional information about these burglaries is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Section of the Alexandria Police Department at 703-746-6711.

### SoberRide Returns for July 4

In response to Independence Day being a U.S. holiday when nearly 40-percent (of all traffic deaths are alcohol-related, a nonprofit group will be offering free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers this Fourth of July. Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the Independence Day SoberRide program will be in operation beginning at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4 and continue until 4 a.m. During this six-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$ 30 fare), safe way home. For more information, [www.soberide.com](http://www.soberide.com).

## On the Leash

City Council members have taken a bite out of crime.

After receiving a number of complaints about canines gone wild, council members took action earlier this year to stipulate that electronic dog collars do not meet the city code requiring restraint of Man's Best Friend. But then the elected leaders were hounded by businesses that used the devices for training as well as a pack of electronic collar enthusiasts. So they buried the bone and rescinded the ordinance.

Now, City Council members are barking up the same tree again — passing an ordinance that restricts the use of electronic collars to those engaged in a supervised, formal obedience training class or during formally sanctioned field trials. It also allows use of the collars in dog parks. Council members say the ordinance is a matter of public safety, one that also exists in Arlington County.

"Have you ever seen a man gone mad?" asked Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes**. "It's the same thing with an animal and you're shocking them."

In the last 18 months, city officials have received 853 complaints of dogs running at large, 823 complaints of dog bites and 17 dangerous dog cases. Almost as if on cue, another attack happened the night before the public hearing. As a result, council members decided to take action before entering the dog days of summer.

"Having confidence that every dog is exceptionally well trained is just not a good standard," said Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. "It puts too many people at risk."

Council members approved the revised ordinance, although it won't go into effect until September — giving users of electronic collars an opportunity to learn of the new restrictions.

## An App for Everything

These days, it seems like smart phones are invading every aspect of life. From finding out where the latest car thefts have happened on your block to locating the nearest cup of coffee, mobile computing seems to be remaking the world one pixel at a time — even for children.

This week, members of the Alexandria City Council considered a special-use permit for Teeter Toddlers, which city documents refer to the operation as an "entertainment enterprise." As the elected leaders were considering the application, which offers mothers an opportunity to enjoy games and music with their children, chief of operations **Roscoe Chambers** explained that the operation even has an app.

"Wait a minute," interjected Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. "You mean there's an app for that?"

Donley, a former mayor, paused for a moment to marvel at modern technology.

"I'm feeling sort of left out," said Donley. "I don't have an app for anything."

## Rowdy in Rosemont?

Rosemont is not really known for its raucous all-night parties. That's why some neighbors are concerned about specialty shop Grape + Bean adding a restaurant to its establishment at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Walnut Street.

"It'll totally ruin my lifestyle because I go to bed early," said **Mary Ruth Calhoun**, who lives nearby. "It's gone from a small market where people who owned it used to live above it to a restaurant with outdoor seating serving alcohol, and we're having huge parking battles on Walnut now."

The two-story commercial building has existed at the site since 1945, and has been occupied by a retail market for about 65 years. In March, Old Town retailer Grape + Bean opened a new location at the market in Rosemont. Alexandria Mayor **Bill Euille**, who also lives nearby, says he doesn't expect parking to be a challenge because he feels most customers will be neighborhood residents who will walk to the establishment.

"I think the type of product and the type of service is not going to lend itself to a rowdy crowd by any stretch," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**. "And I personally think that this will really be something that will be a real enhancement for this area."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

**Alexandria Foster Parents of the Year Tom and Debbie Matthews, Mayor Bill Euille, Foster Parents of the Year Stacey and Fulvio Padova, ABC-7 reporter Autria Godfrey and Jane Hess Collins.**

## 'A Night at the Races'

### Fostering the Future cruise raises \$30,000.

Foster Parents of the Year Tom and Debbie Matthews and Stacey and Fulvio Padova.

The Fund for Alexandria's Child, a division of the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, works to enhance the quality of life of foster and at-risk children by promoting community awareness, involvement and resource development and providing activities such as dance, art, karate lessons, summer camping, school field trips, scouting and team sports.

For more information, visit [www.alexandriava.gov/TheFundForAlexChild](http://www.alexandriava.gov/TheFundForAlexChild).

— JEANNE THEISMANN



**Burke and Herbert's Shannon Catlett and Walter Clarke with City Councilman Frank Fannon.**



**Deborah Warren and Suzanne Kratzok in their finest Derby attire.**



**Foster care students (clockwise from left) Cordelia Cranshaw, Onelio Aguilar, Alexandria Clark and Farheena Mustafa sell raffle tickets at the Fostering the Future "Night at the Races" cruise June 8 on the Cherry Blossom.**

# DMV Mobile Offices Visit Beatley Library

**City considers other locations for visits.**

The DMV partnered with the City of Alexandria to introduce its mobile offices, DMV 2 Go, at Charles E. Beatley Jr. Library on Friday, June 15.

The DMV 2 Go mobile offices are recreational vehicles outfitted to provide all the services a regular DMV location would.

Mahnour Zahid, who has worked in one of the mobile offices for about 8 months, said that one of the biggest advantages of the mobile offices is that there's no line and no wait.

"And the best thing is, I mean, the gas prices are so high, so we bring the DMV to you instead of you coming to the DMV," she said.

The visit to Beatley Library was intended to measure the demand for the mobile offices in Alexandria. The city hopes to determine locations for ex-

pansion within the next couple of weeks.

"The DMV and the City of Alexandria understand that people who work might have a hard time getting to a DMV location during the day," said Nathan Carrick, a public information specialist for the City, "so this location comes to where they are."

The mobile offices are also environmentally friendly in that they run on a generator with their engines off while parked.

There are five mobile offices in the state of Virginia, and their hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The mobile offices visit businesses, university and college campuses, assisted living facilities and retirement communities, military bases, and government centers as long as there is space reserved for the 32-foot RV and room for customer parking.

To schedule a visit, email [DMV2GORichmond@dmv.virginia.gov](mailto:DMV2GORichmond@dmv.virginia.gov).

— EDISON RUSS



The DMV 2 Go mobile offices are recreational vehicles that have been outfitted to provide all the services of a regular DMV office.



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## Standing Room Only

Seating is now on the menu at Del Ray Pizzeria, where customers can order thin-crust pizza in a restaurant with thick selection of chairs. Last weekend, members of the Alexandria City Council approved an amended special-use permit that increased the number of seats from 32 indoor seats and 12 outdoor seats to 82 indoor seats, 20 outdoor seats and 30 special-event seats.

“Out of full public disclosure, I would like to make mention that I have no ownership in this restaurant but I did have dinner there last night,” said Mayor **Bill Euille** during Saturday’s public hearing. “I had to stand because there weren’t enough chairs to sit in.”

Earlier this year, city officials discovered that the Mount Vernon Avenue pizza joint was packing in about twice as many patrons as their special-use permit allowed. The city decided to work with the restaurant rather than shutting it down. And during last weekend’s public hearing, the owner of the restaurant appeared before elected officials to plead for mercy.

“There weren’t any excuses for those violations,” said **Erik Dorn**, owner of Del Ray Pizzeria. “And we do have steps in place to make sure there are no more violations.”

Del Ray Pizzeria got its extra seating, and the mayor got his pizza.

## Bringing Home the Oysters

Speaking of food, everybody has a favorite restaurant. For Councilman **Rob Krupicka**, it’s Hank’s Oyster Bar. Or, perhaps more specifically, that’s the choice of his daughters. So when the King Street restaurant was asking council members to approve expanding seating from 60 to 89 seats, Krupicka was more than happy to make the motion.

“Is this a conflict of interest?” asked Councilwoman **Del Pepper**.

“I asked the city attorney,” responded Krupicka. “He said because I pay them money as opposed to getting money from them, it’s not a conflict.”

## Roasting the Beans

Who was **M.E. Swing**? City Council members learned last weekend that he was a businessman from the early 20th century whose business will occupy the old Gold Crust Bakery building — a business that shuttered after a double murder in which the Alexandria Police Department refused to hand over documents to the family member of a murder victim.

These days, there’s a bit more sunshine on the building. The police department’s lack of transparency in the murder case did not extend to the public hearing process for the coffee roaster, which was subject to a public process denied to the victim’s family.

“This is a company that’s been around since 1916, and it’s named for the original owner, Michael Edward Swing,” **David Chamowitz**, attorney for the applicant, told the mayor during Saturday’s public hearing. “So I’ll buy you a cup of coffee and tell you more about it sometime.”

## Combing the Beach

Six years ago, city officials purchased the old Beachcomber Restaurant — a key spot on the waterfront just south of Waterfront Park. Now some are concerned that the city may be considering leasing the facility to a business for use as a restaurant.

“By leasing the building, you’re not going to get the full value,” said **Townsend Van Fleet**, former president of the Old Town Civic Association. “You should sell the building and put the money back in the open-space fund.”

“Personally, I think he makes a good suggestion,” said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** of Van Fleet’s commentary. “We should have some discussion about whether we want to be the landlord down there or whether we want to sell it outright.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



ACVA president and CEO Stephanie Pace Brown, sixth from left, joins board chairman Jody Manor and the ACVA staff for a group photo aboard the Cherry Blossom during the June 15 Summer Social. The event served as a farewell to Brown, who will take over as president of the Asheville, N.C. Convention and Visitors Bureau.

# ACVA Summer Social

## City bids farewell to Stephanie Pace Brown.

The Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association celebrated five years of accomplishments June 15 at its annual Summer Social, an event that also served as a farewell to ACVA President and CEO Stephanie Pace Brown.

“I’m going to miss Alexandria and the incredible people that I have worked with over the years,” said Brown, who is taking over as president of the Asheville Convention and Visitors Bureau in Asheville, N.C. following five years at the helm of ACVA. “But I am excited about the move and looking forward to the exciting challenges ahead for me.”

ACVA used the occasion to highlight the economic impact of tourism on the city, noting that visitor spending jumped nearly 17 percent in a five-year period when visitor spending increased an average of 7 percent in Virginia, dramatically outpacing regional neighborhoods.

The program included remarks from ACVA board chairman Jody Manor, former board chair Charlotte Hall and Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks, who pre-

sented Brown with a parting gift from the city.

As city council’s representative on the ACVA board, Councilman Paul Smedberg praised the organization’s accomplishments under Brown’s leadership, which included the launch of a new consumer brand for the city, “Shop, Dine & Celebrate on America’s Historic Main Streets,” the creation of an advertising strategy reaching 100 million households, and the launch and relaunch of VisitAlexandriaVA.com.

Smedberg noted that in February, the ACVA sales team — led by Vice President of Sales Lorraine Lloyd, who will be serving as the interim CEO — announced that they had booked \$1 million in business for Alexandria in one month.

A recent study of destination advertising placed by the ACVA found that for each dollar spent, the return on investment was \$133 in visitor spending and \$4 in city tax revenue. As a result, in the 2013 budget, City Council awarded ACVA an additional \$100,000 for advertising.

The event was sponsored by the Alexandria Hotel Association and hosted by the Potomac Riverboat Company aboard the Cherry Blossom.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



ACVA board chairman Jody Manor makes remarks during the June 15 Summer Social aboard the Cherry Blossom.



Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks, right, presents outgoing ACVA president and CEO Stephanie Pace Brown with a parting gift from the city.

## BUSINESS



The grand reopening featured appearances by Ronald McDonald and team members from 93.9 WKYS in the morning, as well as from 95.5 WPGC in the afternoon.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the grand reopening. Front: Carlos Mateos Jr., Jenille Mateos, McDonald's franchisee Carlos Mateos, prospective McDonald's franchisee Jillian Mateos, Maribel Mateos and director of operations for Carlos Mateos, Hachem Abdellaoui. Back: Alexandria City Council member Frank Fannon and Ronald McDonald.

# McDonald's Celebrates Redesign with Grand Reopening

**Event features food and giveaways.**

The McDonald's at 1000 North Henry Street had a grand reopening June 15 to celebrate its redesign.

The event featured appearances by Ronald McDonald and a DJ from 93.9 WKYS

from 10 a.m. to noon, and one from 95.5 WPGC from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. City Council member Frank Fannon also attended.

There were also giveaway opportunities for two iPads and a bike, and the first 25 people in line received a coupon for a free large sandwich for a year.

Franchisee Carlos Mateos cited change in several places in the neighborhood as the

impetus for the redesign. "The building that was here has been here for over 20 years," he said, "So, I think, you know, it was about time it needed a new look."

The redesign includes a double-lane drive-thru, and new lighting and seating, including booths chairs, community tables where people can sit together.

The community tables will also be used for

McTeacher's nights, where McDonald's partners up with local schools for fundraising projects.

"It's just a night to appreciate all the teachers, the students, where the teachers and students can mingle outside of school," said Jillian Mateos, daughter of Carlos Mateos, "and the students can really show their appreciation for their teachers."

— EDISON RUSS

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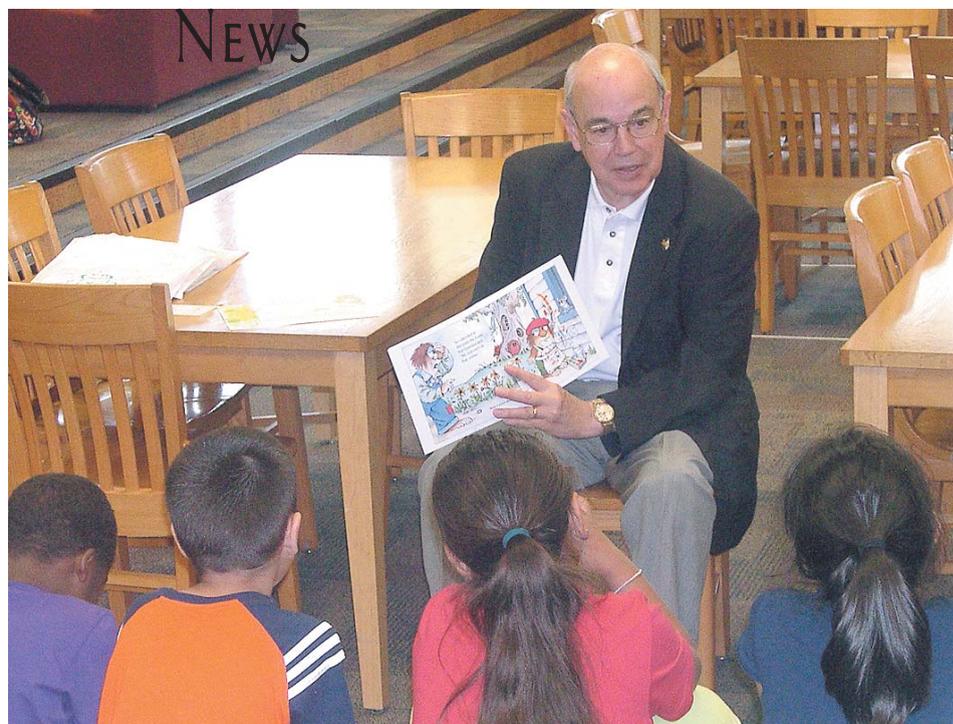


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**John Woods, president of the Alexandria Rotary Club, helps launch the Books in Alexandria Kids' Homes book program by reading to kindergarten students at Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology. The program aims to provide books for the personal libraries of young students, to encourage reading at home.**

**Getting Books into Homes**

Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology kindergarten students' selection of a new book to take home for their own personal library served as the "kick off" for the new "Books in Alexandria Kids' Homes" initiative. This collaboration of the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, Wright to Read, Alexandria City Public Schools, ACPS parents and members of the Alexandria business community hopes to transform the way Alexandria's children engage with reading by providing them with books for their own libraries. The sponsors for the books given to students at Cora Kelly, William Ramsay and Patrick Henry Elementary Schools are the Alexandria Rotary Club, ARTI and AAJV.

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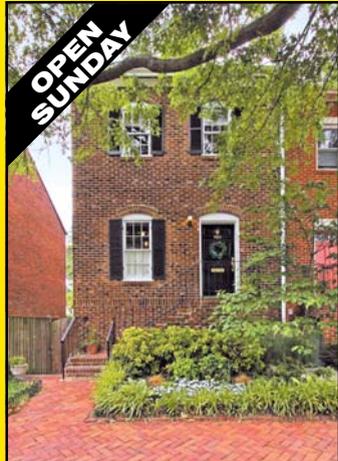
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# Hunting Creek Garden Club Provides Gardening Education

Alexandria's Hunting Creek Garden Club, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering a love and knowledge of gardening, encouraging restoration and conservation, as well as promoting education and civic beautification, is providing funding and gardening expertise for two beautification and gardening education projects that are already benefiting those served by Community Lodgings, a nonprofit organization that provides transitional housing for homeless and low income families.

Phase One of Hunting Creek's project, which got underway this spring, involves provision of "Kitchen Garden" plants for eight existing 4'x4' raised garden beds on the grounds of the Fifer Family Learning Center on Notabene Drive in Arlandria.

Members of Hunting Creek Garden Club met with those involved in Community Lodgings' Middle School Boys Mentoring Program to provide gardening education and enrichment. The project also impacts children enrolled in Community Lodgings after-school program, which currently serves 24

elementary school children, 24 middle school and eight high school youth. Club members taught the boys and their FBI mentors the importance of enriching the soil and garden beds with organic matter in order to provide fertile ground in which the plantings can grow.

After surveying the boys to discern the types of vegetables, fruits and herbs they would like to grow, Garden Club members purchased a myriad of plants including, tomatoes, onions, peppers, cilantro, strawberries, watermelon, squash, potatoes and pumpkin plants.

**EACH YOUTH**, in conjunction with Community Lodgings Learning Center, has been assigned a bed and is responsible for keeping the beds watered and weeded during the summer months. As the plants bear fruit, the youth will harvest and take the produce home for a "farm to table" experience. HCGC members are providing volunteer assistance for summer care and maintenance as needed.

The Kitchen Gardens will teach youth how to grow their own food



**Hunting Creek Garden Club helps with summer care and maintenance of garden beds that members developed in the spring for Community Lodgings.**

and provide insight into the value of healthy eating. Part of the educational component includes the value of organic gardening. The project is also being supplemented by an \$800 Mini-Grant Program for Community Gardens and Nutrition Classes coordinated by the Alexandria Health Department in association with the Alexandria Childhood Obesity Action Network to emphasize the importance

of healthy eating and nutrition.

Phase Two of Hunting Creek's project will provide a landscape design plan for the front of the Community Lodgings Learning Center building. The plan will be implemented this fall in stages with HCGC supplying the plantings and assisting with oversight of the project. Community Lodgings will provide installation support. A majority of the speci-

fied plantings will be native plants, which will allow the community to experience the chain of nature from insects such as bees and butterflies to birds and other fauna and flora.

Community Lodgings' current buildings have little exterior landscaping enhancement. This project will provide a useable, appropriate green space that will allow residents to enjoy the space more fully. The design as currently envisioned, would include space for bicycles, circulation through the garden, outdoor seating, additional shade and native plantings.

The beautification of the Notabene building will impact the 14 homeless families in transitional housing, as well as the entire community, especially those living in Arlandria who benefit from Community Lodgings' services. Community Lodgings' mission is to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through Transitional and Affordable Housing, and Youth & Adult Education Programs held at its Fifer Family Learning Center.



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# OPINION

## Summer Projects

Reader input needed for community guides, Pet Gazette.

The summer is in full swing at the Gazette Packet with many interns and staff members focused on some light and some more serious summer projects.

At the end of July, we'll print our summer "Pet Gazette," and we invite readers to send in stories and photos of your pets, and any story ideas you might have. We love to have photos of you or other family members with your pets. Please include your name, pet's name, town name and contact phone number, and identify the people in any photos.

Email [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com).

Through July we will be working on our annual Insider's Edition: Newcomers and Community Guide, which will publish Aug. 22. We need input from our readers on many aspects

of this guide.

Through narrative, tips from readers, listings, viewpoints and photographs, we endeavor to capture what it means to live here. We'll compile highlights of places to visit and things to do, a snapshot of local history, help finding community resources and tips on lesser known wonders in our communities.

### EDITORIAL

As a local, weekly newspaper, the Gazette Packet's mission is to bring the news you need about your community, to give you the information you need to enjoy the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

We invite newcomers to the area and long-time residents alike to be a part of providing

more reader input.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or something you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line. If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, let us know.

For our Insider's Guide, we are looking for your tips. What is one place you think is a "must see" for newcomers? What's your suggestion for ways to get involved in the community?

What are you most concerned about in your community? What do you think the top news stories will be in the coming months?

We also need input from community organizations to update listings and upcoming events. Send information by Aug. 1 to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Losing Teachers

To the Editor:

With our neighborhood school, Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, becoming a new building in a couple of years, it is interesting to see how many teachers are now leaving the school. They have just implemented the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and have boasted how well the training of the current teachers in this program have done. Well, now we have both the 2nd grade teach-

ers leaving the school, we also have the 3rd grade teachers leaving the school. As the current school year started, Jefferson-Houston received a new principal, and new vice principal, and a CEO who was only with our school from September until January. What is going on in this school? Why are they still having so many problems with getting and keeping faculty? My grandson is completing the 2nd grade there, and has had the same teacher for both 1st and 2nd grades, his spelling is very poor, he is not an English as second language student. We were told that

the teachers at this school are rising with the students to be sure the students receive nurturing they may not be getting in or from their homes.

As a grandparent, I feel that I can do the nurturing they need, the teachers and the schools need to do their jobs and educate our students. My grandson is passing to the 3rd grade, if his education does not/cannot improve in this school there is no point of him attending, and what will a new building bring us, if the teachers and education in this building are not top notch? Our children need

a good education, I am a full time working person, I have raised four children, and am now raising two more, plus trying to stay connected to my community by attending lots of neighborhood meetings.

I am not a teacher, but know that our children deserve the best education they can get. Dr. Sherman has stated many times how our schools are improving, well, maybe he needs to look a little harder at Jefferson-Houston, maybe instead of him dancing and playing with the students in their videos, he should be promoting stronger support to the teachers that need to be educating our children. Education must come first for our children.

Bea Porter  
Alexandria

## Regulate Political Signs

To the Editor:

Am I the only person in Alexandria who believes that yard signs belong in "yards" and not on public property?

I am so angry that I am almost tempted to run for office on a platform that my signs will only be in the yards of people who support me.

The number of candidates in this year's Democratic primary only exacerbated a problem we have during each election cycle. Aside from being ugly, the signs that remain up are preventing maintenance of public space.

The city council should pass an ordinance restricting signs to personal property or restricting how long they can be up (i.e. 7 days

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**Scouts Adopt a Block** Boy Scout Troop 301, chartered by St. Mary's Catholic Church, kicked off its participation in the City of Alexandria's Adopt-a-Block Litter Program on June 11. The Adopt-a-Block Program is designed to enhance the overall cleanliness of the city's streets and neighborhoods through the efforts of volunteer groups. Herb Holmes, City of Alexandria, Superintendent, Street Cleaning and Solid Waste Division, briefed the Scouts on the program and unveiled the Adopt-a-Block sign that recognizes their involvement as a participating organization. Troop 301's adopted neighborhood runs along South Saint Asaph Street and along Green Street. Following Holmes' remarks, the Scouts performed their first clean up with more than 20 Scouts participating.

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**Braddock Heights** \$599,000  
2408 Page Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22302  
Charming home with many updates. Estate sale - sold "as is." Ready for move-in, 3BR, 1BA, detached garage, FR addition, deck. See photos at [www.ritamcr.com](http://www.ritamcr.com).  
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Erin Adams (Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden), Gretchen Bulova (Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop), William V. Brierre, Jr. (Alexandria Library Company) and Al Cox (City of Alexandria) pose for a photo with HAF president Dr. D. Morgan Delaney after the presentation of grants.

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## Foundation Hosts Garden Party

Members of the Historic Alexandria Foundation gathered Sunday, June 17 in the garden at the home of Leslie Ariail for the annual HAF meeting and garden party. HAF president Dr. D. Morgan Delaney announced and presented the 2012 grants. The four recipients are: The City of Alexandria - \$4,000 to purchase software for

a digital survey of the Old and Historic District; The Alexandria Library Company - \$8,000 for the purchase of a 1796 map of the City of Alexandria and a ledger; The Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden - \$5,000 for an archaeological excavation and garden redesign project and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop - \$5,000 for an exterior paint analysis.

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The annual HAF meeting and garden party was held at the home of Leslie Ariail.



HAF members enjoyed Sunday afternoon in the garden at the Lord Fairfax House on Cameron Street.

# BUSINESS

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos encouraged.

**Red Barn Mercantile** is moving to 1117 King St. in Alexandria, and marking down most of its in-stock merchandise by 30 percent. Special orders will also be on sale for a limited time. The store hours will be extended during the first weekend of opening from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 1. Regular store hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Visit [www.RedBarnMercantile.com](http://www.RedBarnMercantile.com).

**Ourisman Chevrolet of Alexandria** has teamed up with the **Alexandria Potomac Little League** to compete for a free baseball clinic from the Washington National's all-star Ryan Zimmerman in July. The Alexandria Potomac Little League needs the public's help to win as it is in direct competition with over 20 other D.C.-area youth baseball leagues. Ourisman Chevrolet of Alexandria is asking people to vote for Alexandria Potomac Little League by visiting the dealership's Facebook page or by visiting [mychevyleague.com](http://mychevyleague.com). The winning YBL will be announced Monday, June 25.

In a deal recently completed by The Ezra Company, the **National Association of State Directors of Special Education** has moved to a new office within the Alexandria submarket. The Washington, D.C.-based Ezra Company, one of the leading commercial real estate firms in the nation that exclusively represents tenants, announces today that it has negotiated on behalf of NASDSE in a 5,470-square-foot lease relocation at 225 Reinekers Lane in Alexandria.

**The Sugar Cube** has moved to a new location at 1218 King Street in Old Town. Visit [www.sugarcubesweets.com](http://www.sugarcubesweets.com).

**CBRE** arranged the sale of 1920 Ballenger Avenue, a 62,066 square-foot, office/retail building adjacent to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Campus in the Carlyle area of Alexandria. LCOR, a real estate investment and development company, sold the four-story, Class-A building to Alexandria-based Helicopter Association International (HAI) for \$17.1 million.

**DejaVu Boutique and Formals** has moved to 1314 King Street in Alexandria. The shop specializes in prom and pageant dresses and casual clothing for the fashion forward woman.

WeddingWire announced that **Lettering by Lynne**, based in Alexandria, has been selected to receive the WeddingWire Bride's Choice Awards 2012 for Invitations. The annual awards program recognizes top local wedding vendors.

**Janie Lewis Rhoads**, an attorney with MercerTrigiani law firm of Alexandria, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Smithfield-Preston Foundation. The Smithfield-Preston Foundation was established to advance the interpretative and programming activities of Smithfield Plantation in Blacksburg.

**Curry's Auto Service, Inc.**, which operates service centers at 616 South Pickett Street in Cameron Park, Alexandria, and at 4160B South Four Mile Run Road in Arlington, has been awarded the 2011 Angie's List Super Service Award, an honor bestowed annually on approximately 5 percent of businesses rated on the service.



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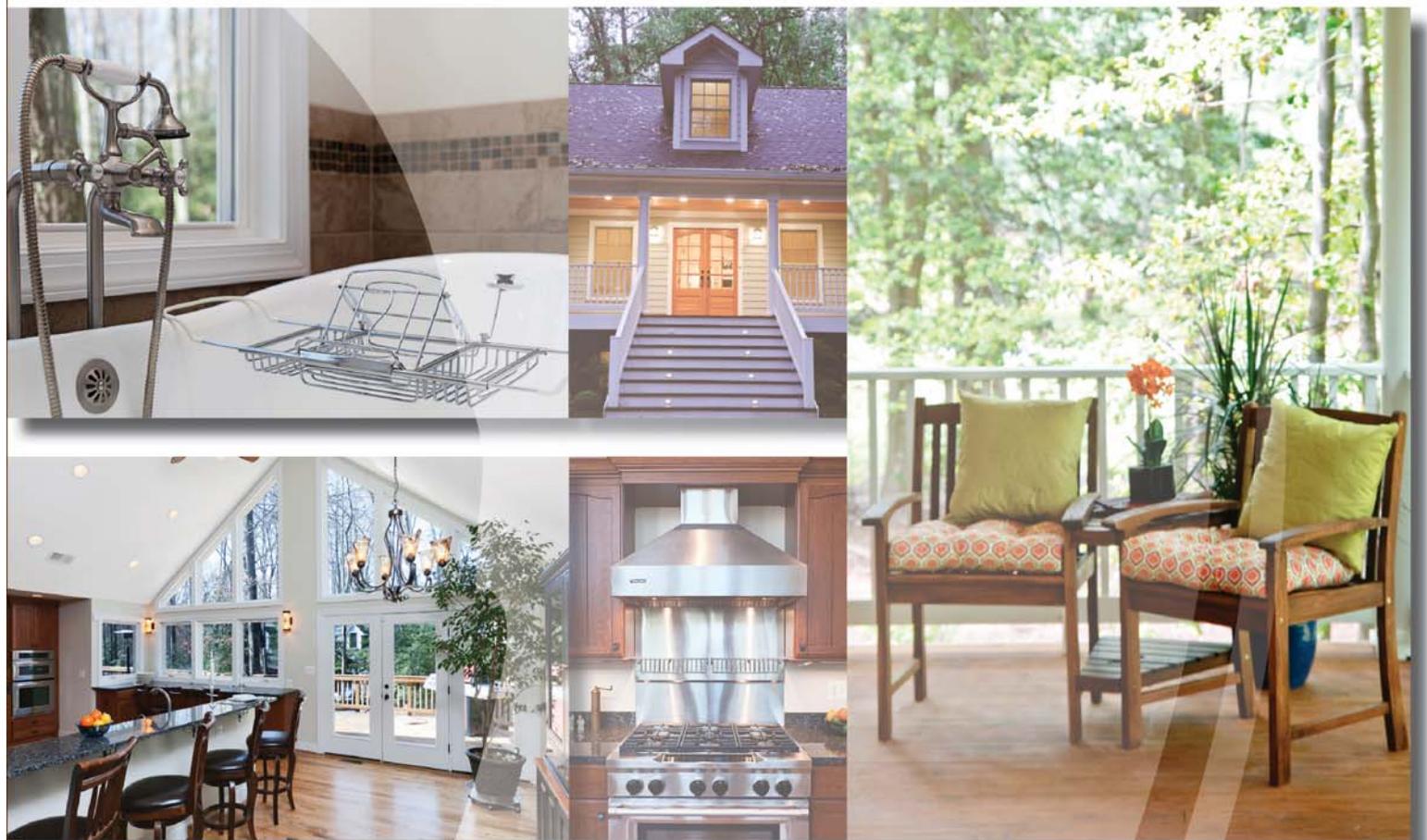
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213 FAIRFAX ST S	6	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$2,300,000	Detached	0.12	22314	OLD TOWN
4007 MOSS PL	7	6	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$2,200,000	Detached	1.52	22304	SEMINARY RIDGE
52 WOLFE ST #19	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,750,000	Townhouse		22314	HARBORSIDE
424 LEE ST S	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,300,000	Townhouse	0.07	22314	OLD TOWN
4303 FOX HAVEN LN	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,250,000	Detached	0.20	22304	FOX HAVEN
1115 CAMERON ST #406	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,225,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	THE PRESCOTT
606 UPLAND PL	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.28	22301	GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK
212 WOLFE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,115,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
109 CAMERON MEWS	3	3	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,115,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	CAMERON MEWS
107 MONROE AVE W	5	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.00	22301	ROSEMONT AREA
507 SUMMERS CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.18	22301	SUMMIT
3920 COLONEL ELLIS AVE	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.28	22304	SEMINARY RIDGE
4004 FEATHERSTONE PL	5	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,025,000	Detached	0.35	22304	SEMINARY RIDGE
3718 TEMPLETON PL	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$999,000	Detached	0.32	22304	SEMINARY RIDGE
309 WINDSOR AVE E	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$959,000	Detached	0.13	22301	DEL RAY
2700 RIDGE ROAD DR	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$935,316	Detached	0.15	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
126 COLUMBUS ST N	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$935,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CHURCH SQUARE
901 SAINT ASAPH ST S	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$900,000	Townhouse	0.08	22314	YATES GARDENS
704 ROSE SQ	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$897,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	POTOMAC GREENS
414 SKYHILL RD	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$890,000	Detached	0.22	22314	CLOVER
1201 DARTMOUTH RD	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$885,000	Detached	0.14	22314	QUAKER HILL
202 ALEXANDRIA AVE E	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$875,000	Detached	0.17	22301	DEL RAY
2410 RIDGE ROAD DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$865,000	Detached	0.24	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
210 ALFRED ST N	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$855,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN
325 PITT ST S	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
2151 JAMIESON AVE #1101	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
420 PITT ST N	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	BULFINCH SQUARE
219 NELSON AVE E	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$845,000	Detached	0.23	22301	DEL RAY
629 TIVOLI PASSAGE WAY	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$812,500	Townhouse	0.03	22314	PORTNERS LANDING
30 BRADDOCK RD E	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$790,000	Detached	0.11	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
1125 WYTHE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$790,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	BRADDOCK LOFTS
217 COLUMBUS ST S	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$790,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	FARNEY
2312 VALLEY DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$780,000	Detached	0.21	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
4329 LOYOLA AVE	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$770,000	Detached	0.19	22304	VARSITY PARK
901 RAMSEY ST	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$765,000	Detached	0.13	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
707 TIMBER BRANCH PKWY E	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Detached	0.22	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
1312 KNOX PL	4	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Detached	0.46	22304	VARSITY PARK
608 TIVOLI PASSAGE WAY #PB-12	2	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Townhouse		22314	PORTNER BREWERY
216 MOUNT IDA AVE W	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Detached	0.13	22305	DEL RAY
1314 DUKE ST #10	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$729,000	Townhouse		22314	DUKE CONDOMINIUM
3514 GODDARD WAY	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$719,900	Townhouse	0.05	22304	QUAKER RIDGE
710 WOLFE ST	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Semi-Detached	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN
1403 RUFFNER RD	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.29	22302	ROSEMONT
3002 FARM RD	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.21	22302	BEVERLEY ESTATES
419 ALFRED ST N	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Semi-Detached	0.04	22314	CARRIAGE WORKS/PARKER GRAY
908 ENDERBY DR	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$693,000	Detached	0.17	22302	BEVERLEY HILLS
115 LEE ST N #407	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Other		22314	TORPEDO FACTORY
1238 DARTMOUTH RD	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$667,750	Townhouse	0.07	22314	QUAKER HILL
717 NORFOLK LN	2	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$664,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
709 SCARBURGH WAY	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$663,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
307 LURAY AVE	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$652,600	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY
1314 PRINCESS ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$651,000	Detached	0.04	22314	PARKER GRAY
3305 RUSSELL RD	4	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$642,500	Detached	0.23	22305	MOUNT IDA
2109 COMMONWEALTH AVE	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$642,000	Townhouse	0.07	22301	DEL RAY
206 GREEN ST	2	1	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	YATES GARDENS
731 UPLAND PL	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$639,000	Detached	0.12	22314	GLENMORE
917 DUKE ST	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$637,500	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
135 MONCURE DR	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Detached	0.12	22314	GLENMORE
701 SUMMIT AVE	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$626,000	Detached	0.18	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
305 WEST ST N	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
730 CATTS TAVERN DR	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
2422 GRETTER PL	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$616,500	Townhouse	0.05	22311	STONEGATE
1308 PENDLETON ST S	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Semi-Detached	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN
6 OAK ST W	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$613,000	Detached	0.15	22301	ROSEMONT
715 FONTAINE ST	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Detached	0.24	22302	TIMBER BRANCH
1108 VASSAR RD	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$606,500	Detached	0.24	22314	COLLEGE PARK
113 BRADDOCK RD W	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY
16 MASONIC VIEW AVE E	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.11	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
4632 KIRKLAND PL	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$599,000	Townhouse	0.07	22311	STONEGATE
820 BASHFORD LN	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$597,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	NETHERGATE
272 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
1224 DARTMOUTH RD	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$589,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	QUAKER HILL
151 MARTIN LN	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$586,500	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
101 DEL RAY AVE E	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$577,000	Detached	0.13	22301	DEL RAY
1204 PORTNER RD	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
4636 KNIGHT PL	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	STONEGATE
1405 ARGALL PL	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POWHATAN PLACE
174 BARRETT PL	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$569,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
523 TRIADDELPHIA WAY #23	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$569,000	Townhouse		22312	BEAUREGARD STATION
416 GIBBON ST	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$569,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	THOMAS SHELTON ESTATE
75 ARELL CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$562,500	Townhouse	0.04	22304	LANDS OF QUAKER VILLAGE
1647 FRANCIS HAMMOND PKWY	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.18	22302	ALBERT V BRYAN
115 LEE ST N #BH-305	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	TORPEDO FACTORY
818 GREEN ST	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$558,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	HUNTING CREEK
18 MONROE AVE E	4	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Detached	0.15	22301	CAYLOR AND SPAULDING
3840 CHARLES AVE	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$551,000	Townhouse	0.03	22305	SUNNYSIDE
5033 MURTHA ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
1207 PORTNER RD	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	NETHERGATE
413 OLD TOWN CT	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN STATION
5003 DONOVAN DR	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$549,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
441 NELSON AVE E	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$547,500	Townhouse	0.12	22301	LINDEN GARDENS
910 POWHATAN ST #103N	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$541,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
109 RAYMOND AVE E #A	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$539,900	Townhouse	0.06	22301	DEL RAY
206 BELLEFONTE AVE E #A	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$539,000	Duplex	0.07	22301	DEL RAY
931 PAXTON ST N	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.19	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY
1606 HUNTING CREEK DR #48	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$534,900	Townhouse		22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
261/2 MASONIC VIEW AVE E	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Duplex	0.06	22301	TEMPLE PARK
3800 CHARLES AVE	3	3	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Townhouse	0.05	22305	LENOX
1104 MICHIGAN CT	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$527,500	Townhouse	0.02	22314	NETHERGATE
535 LURAY AVE E	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.04	22301	DEL-RAY
408 GIBBON ST	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$524,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
19 WINDSOR AVE E	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Duplex	0.07	22301	DEL RAY
2041/2 ADAMS AVE	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Duplex	0.06	22301	DEL RAY
334 PATRICK ST N	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	PARKER GRAY
903 LITTLE ST	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Duplex	0.06	22301	DEL RAY
910 POWHATAN ST #206S	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$509,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS

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## LIVING LEGENDS

# Rejecting Injustice

BY LOU COOK

**J**immie Rex McClellan can knowledgeably discuss minnow fishing on the Brazos River, lemurs in Madagascar, and the Ku Klux Klan in Texas. He's an author, an educator, and a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Texas, the highest honor given by the University to any graduate, a seven-term member of Alexandria's Human Rights Commission, and a world-class kayaker. McClellan is a smart, dedicated "Energizer Bunny," who just keeps going and going and ...

A hard worker throughout his life, McClellan grew up in East Texas and at age 15 he was trapping minnows in the Brazos River and selling them to bait camps for a penny a piece. His parents ran a small grocery, which catered to poor whites and poor blacks. McClellan says they dispensed credit liberally. "My parents were generous people. My father fished on weekends and gave his catch away." To attract fish Jimmie and his father filled bags with unsold produce and drove 80 miles to make bait drops in the river. When he wasn't trapping, McClellan read through a stack of books that he also carried to the river.

To earn the money for his BA in political science at the University of Texas, Jimmie worked four years after school as a dairy hand. While getting his master's degree in history, he worked at a cardboard box factory in Arlington, Texas. On looking back he says, "The factory was over 100 degrees and had no cooling system. I was the only Anglo working with a crew of Chicanos. The front office was air conditioned and staffed entirely by Anglos." During his freshman year, the UT enrolled a small percentage of black students. McClellan says, "You could almost cut the racism with a knife. Many institutions preach the same racism, and I became interested in the problem." He and about 10 friends became the civil rights and the peace movements. "A small number of people can make a lot of noise, and I had to do something. He tells of the group going to an integrated restaurant and ordering pancakes. When the order finally came, it was covered not with syrup but urine. McClellan lived in an off-campus apartment his last two years where he received threatening calls at night from the Klu Klux Klan. He says now, "I was not as scared as I should have been. My Dad disowned me for awhile. He was respectful towards African-Americans, but it hadn't dawned him that segregation wasn't right. He would be angry but defended me."

At UT, McClellan joined ROTC and the Army Reserves. As president of the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association, he spoke around the state protesting the Vietnam War. His high profile earned him much attention and a government discharge from ROTC and the Reserves.

McClellan left Texas and headed for Washington, D.C. Once there he continued

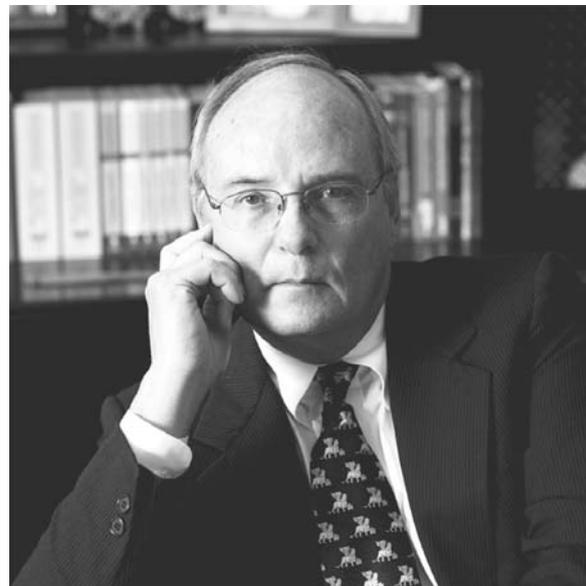


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JOE BLEACH

studying for advanced degrees and tried out various occupations, including serving in the U.S. Office of Education and continued with his civil rights and peace activities.

In 1972, McClellan managed the presidential campaign of Dr. Benjamin Spock. He says, "The campaign was intended to assure that issues of war and peace, civil rights, universal medical care, and the environment were not ignored during the election year." One of Spock's biographers (Thomas Maier) wrote that Spock asked McClellan to run his maverick campaign for president, even though McClellan had no national experience. "What he lacked on traditional political sophistication, McClellan tried to make up with idealistic fervor and a willingness to try anything." This willingness shone brightly when McClellan took a job at 7-11. He clerked on a midnight to dawn shift, which included picking up cigarette butts and beer can pop tops in the parking lot, an endeavor that he says finally convinced him to move into a new profession.

By 1975 he had a master of philosophy from George Washington University and joined the faculty of Northern Virginia Community College. He earned his Ph.D. from The Union Institute of Cincinnati and his doctoral studies were conducted at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington. McClellan also did post-grad work in political science at Georgetown and George Washington universities.

McClellan began teaching history at NVCC's Alexandria Campus a few years after its founding. In 2009, he became dean of Liberal Arts and oversaw the merger of two academic divisions, which resulted in supervision over 14 departments, 320 faculty members, and a writing center. During his career he also taught political science and served four terms as chair of the Alexandria Campus Council, four terms as chair of the College Senate, and one term as president of the Virginia Community Colleges Association. In a total divergence of disciplines, McClellan also taught beginning, intermediate, and advanced unicycle at a local dance school from 1985-90.

**Jimmie McClellan worked to improve himself — and the lives of others.**

## 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 Association of America, Dominion Foundation, Erkiletian Real Estate Development, John McEneaney, 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).

**Jimmie Rex McClellan:**  
**Author, educator, and recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Texas.**

police conduct and composed two bronze markers: One commemorates the five courageous citizens who integrated the Alexandria Library and the second remembers the 1971 Titans football team who helped integrate and unite T.C. Williams High School.

McClellan's academic division is currently working on a documentary about Gabriel Prosser, a slave who tried to overthrow slavery in 1800 and had to be legally purchased before he could be hanged.

McClellan and his wife Catherine have a daughter Shannon and three granddaughters: seven, five, and three months. Shannon and her husband met in the Peace Corps and have lived in Madagascar for the past 14 years, which accounts for McClellan's lemur lore.

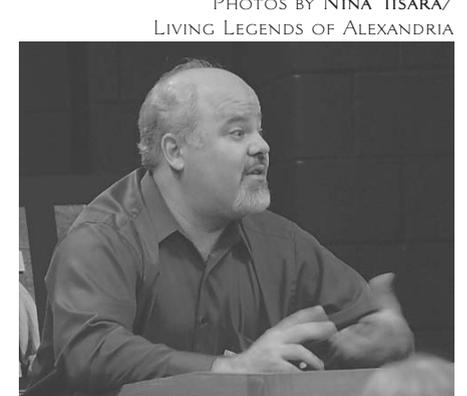
The McClellans keep up with Madagascar and the rest of the world by watching early morning world news from BBC, Aljazeera English, France 24, and other international TV stations. He's an avid reader, enjoys films, and favors Downton Abbey on TV. Even an Energizer Bunny needs down time.

He has written numerous articles, a two-volume examination of American History, and for 14 years produced a weekly newspaper column on current events. When Benjamin Spock died in 1998, McClellan wrote and delivered a eulogy praising Spock's fearlessness and courage on a civil rights march in Louisiana. "If he felt any fear, he did not show it. I admire him for that."

In his home community of Alexandria, McClellan served seven terms as a commissioner of Human Rights during which he chaired the Alexandria Commission and was president of the Virginia Association of Human Rights Commissioners. In 1990, McClellan obtained agreements from 114 local dry cleaners to stop pricing practices discriminating against women customers. He secured a process for civilian review of



**2007-08 Legend Carolyn Griffin,**  
**Producing Artistic Director,**  
**MetroStage.**



**2010 Legend Jon Liss, Executive**  
**Director, Virginia New Majority.**

PHOTOS BY NINA TISARA/  
LIVING LEGENDS OF ALEXANDRIA

## Speaking with Living Legends

**T**wo of Alexandria's Living Legends, Carolyn Griffin (2007-08), and Jon Liss (2010) were interviewed last month by students in the Alexandria Speaks class led by T.C. Williams High School teacher Todd Koren. The assembly program was facilitated by Shawn

Thorpe, Academic Principal on Assignment, Center for the Arts K-12 and Sydney-Chanele Dawkins, filmmaker and commissioner, Alexandria Commission of the Arts. For information on internship opportunities, contact [AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com](mailto:AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com).

# Military Matters

## Allen holds forum to meet with veterans.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Republican Senate candidate George Allen held a Veterans Issues Forum June 14 at American Legion Post 24, where he met with Alexandria veterans to discuss issues affecting military service members and their families.

"America enjoys her freedom today because of you," Allen said to the veterans gathered in the American Legion ballroom in Old Town. "You are the ones willing to give your lives for our country and your community."

Concerns raised by those in attendance included the high unemployment rate among veterans, the lack of access for service organi-

zations to military installations and the complicated insurance coverage provided by TRICARE.

"The discussion on TRICARE issues was especially appropriate," said veteran Henry Dorton following the forum. "In addition to active military, so many civil servants and reservists rely on TRICARE for their health care coverage."

The forum also produced a discussion about jobs for veterans leaving the service.

"I waited 14 months to get my disability claim processed," said Iraqi War veteran Jared McMullen. "And despite my advanced education degrees, I am still unable to find a job."

Making the appearance on Flag Day, Allen was asked if he would support an amendment to the Constitution banning the burning or desecration of the American flag.

"I am absolutely in favor of it," Allen said. "I think the Supreme Court was wrong in their decision. Desecrating the American flag is not expression, it's conduct."



Republican candidate for Senate George Allen speaks at American Legion Post 24 in Alexandria June 14 during a roundtable discussion of veterans affairs issues.

Virginia is home to more than 340,000 active duty and reserve military members and their families. Additionally, over 823,000

veterans and military retirees reside in the Commonwealth.

"This was a great opportunity to be here today," said Staff Sergeant

Jerome Schorr. "It speaks a lot of the candidate that he took advantage of an opportunity like this. It shows his focus is in the right place."



Former Alexandria vice mayor Bill Cleveland asks George Allen about veterans benefits in the state of Virginia.



Ulysses "Dee" Dunmore Jr., left, chats with Admiral Don Loren (ret.) following a veterans affairs roundtable discussion.



Former American Legion 17th District commander Ed Dockery raises veterans concerns during a June 14 roundtable discussion.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### THURSDAY/ JUNE 21

##### English as a second language classes.

10 a.m.- noon. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702.

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 23

**From Buds to Blossoms:** A Garden of Visionaries. 3-6 p.m. Free. Empowered Women International presents an art and entrepreneurship gala in celebration of the Spring 2012 Entrepreneur Training for success graduates. Individuals are able to learn about their new businesses,

and celebrate 10 years of EWI empowering immigrant, refugee, and struggling women in the D.C. metro area. Location: Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.ewint.org](http://www.ewint.org) or call 571-312-4781 for more information

#### MONDAY/JUNE 25

**Introduction to Finding Funders.** 7 p.m. This session provides an introduction to one of the key online tools for finding funders, Foundation Directory Online, available at all branches of the Alexandria Library. To register, call 703-746-1714 or email [hmartyn@alexandria.lib.va.us](mailto:hmartyn@alexandria.lib.va.us). Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street.

#### TUESDAY/ JUNE 26

**English as a second language**

**classes.** 10 a.m.- noon. Free. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702.

##### English as a second language

**classes.** 3-5 p.m. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702 for more information.

**Basic Computer Class.** 4 p.m. The class will cover computer hardware/software, mouse, keyboard, working with windows, and an overview of searching for basic information on the internet. Call the Burke Information Desk to register at 703-746-1704 x3. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library. 4701 Seminary Road.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 28

**Colonial Republican Women.** 6:30-9 p.m. This will be a social "Chic Chat" and

community service project planning event. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Location: Virginia Hills Administration Center (Old Virginia Hills School), 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria. Contact Debbie at 703-768-1934 or [colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com](mailto:colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com).

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##### Public Meeting Focuses on Adams

**Transportation Study.** 6:30 p.m. A meeting to discuss existing traffic conditions and gather public input for a John Adams Elementary School transportation study. The agenda includes project team introductions, a project overview, a summary of existing conditions, discussion and information gathering and proposed

next steps. In the school's media center, 5651 Rayburn Ave. If you cannot attend this meeting but have questions regarding the study, please contact Laurel Hammig of the ACPS Educational Facilities Planning, Design and Construction Office at [laurel.hammig@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:laurel.hammig@acps.k12.va.us) or 703-461-4168

#### SATURDAY/ JUNE 30

**Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Shop for recycled treasures, crafts, food, plants, produce and much more. All. Saints Episcopal Church/ Sharon Chapel. 3421 Franconia Rd, Alexandria. Up on the hill just west of Telegraph Rd. Email [allsaintsmarketday@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsmarketday@gmail.com) or visit [www.sharonchapel.org](http://www.sharonchapel.org).



# 2012 Contest Winners Announced

**“What can you do to improve your local watershed?”**



**H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program** won top honors for a project to build bat boxes to provide Big Brown Bat habitat.

**Thank you to all the students, teachers and partners who participated this year!** Hundreds of area sixth- and seventh-graders competed to develop solutions to watershed issues. Classroom teams presented their proposals at the annual Earth Force Youth Summit on June 12 at George Mason University in Arlington.

This program empowers students to imagine, develop and create solutions in their local watersheds, as they develop research, problemsolving, budgeting, community- involvement and presentation skills.

**Nearly \$17,000 was awarded** in cash prizes plus school awards. Agrium is also providing \$10,000 to help implement student ideas.

**Turning ideas into realistic solutions is the key to improving our local watersheds.**

## Alexandria/Arlington Finalists, Grades 6-7

Final Place	Award	Proposal Name	School
1	\$1,000	Batty about the Big Brown Bat	H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program
2	\$900	One Plus Project: A Mosaic of Small Actions	Swanson Middle School
3	\$800	Erosion Control Planting and Community Education	Swanson Middle School
4	\$700	Dissolved Oxygen - Low Numbers, Big Problem!	Kenmore Middle School
5	\$600	Local Stream Cleanup and Art Project	Swanson Middle School
6	\$500	Worm Bin Composting and Community Education	Swanson Middle School
7	\$450	Water Can Save Winkler	George Washington 2 Middle School
8	\$400	Removing Invasive Species and Planting a Native Plant Garden	Swanson Middle School
9	\$350	Helping Our Watershed	Kenmore Middle School
10	\$300	Clean-a-Thon: Litter	Swanson Middle School



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| 5911 Edsall Rd*         | 5110 Grimm Dr          | 3035 Battersea Ln        | 4006 Renault Pl    |
| 9387 Mount Vernon Cir*  | 4200 Kimbreelee Ct     | 4502 Phylliss St         | 7912 Bayberry Dr   |
| 4700 Deer Run Ct*       | 8413 Riverside Rd      | 1140 S. Edison St        | 653 Columbus St    |
| 8612 Fort Hunt Rd       | 2327 Wittington Blvd   | 9020 Old Mount Vernon Rd | 4240 Sonia Ct      |
| 3805 Riverwood Rd       | 8890 McNair Dr         | 9107 McNair Dr*          | 516A Howell Ave    |
| 9115 Volunteer Dr       | 7006 Stone Mill Pl     | 8617 Yardley Dr          | 8700 Parry Ave     |
| 2404 Huntington Park Dr | 8315 Mount Vernon Hwy* | 2413 Cavendish Dr        | 9321 Allwood Dr    |
| 2300 Candlewood Dr      | 8826 Cooper Rd         | 2327 Wittington Blvd     | 6614 Greenleigh Ln |
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- 1,700sqft of living space
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- Hardwoods on main level
- Finished bsmt w/rec rm, den, laundry & storage
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# Agreeing To Move in Different Directions on Corridor

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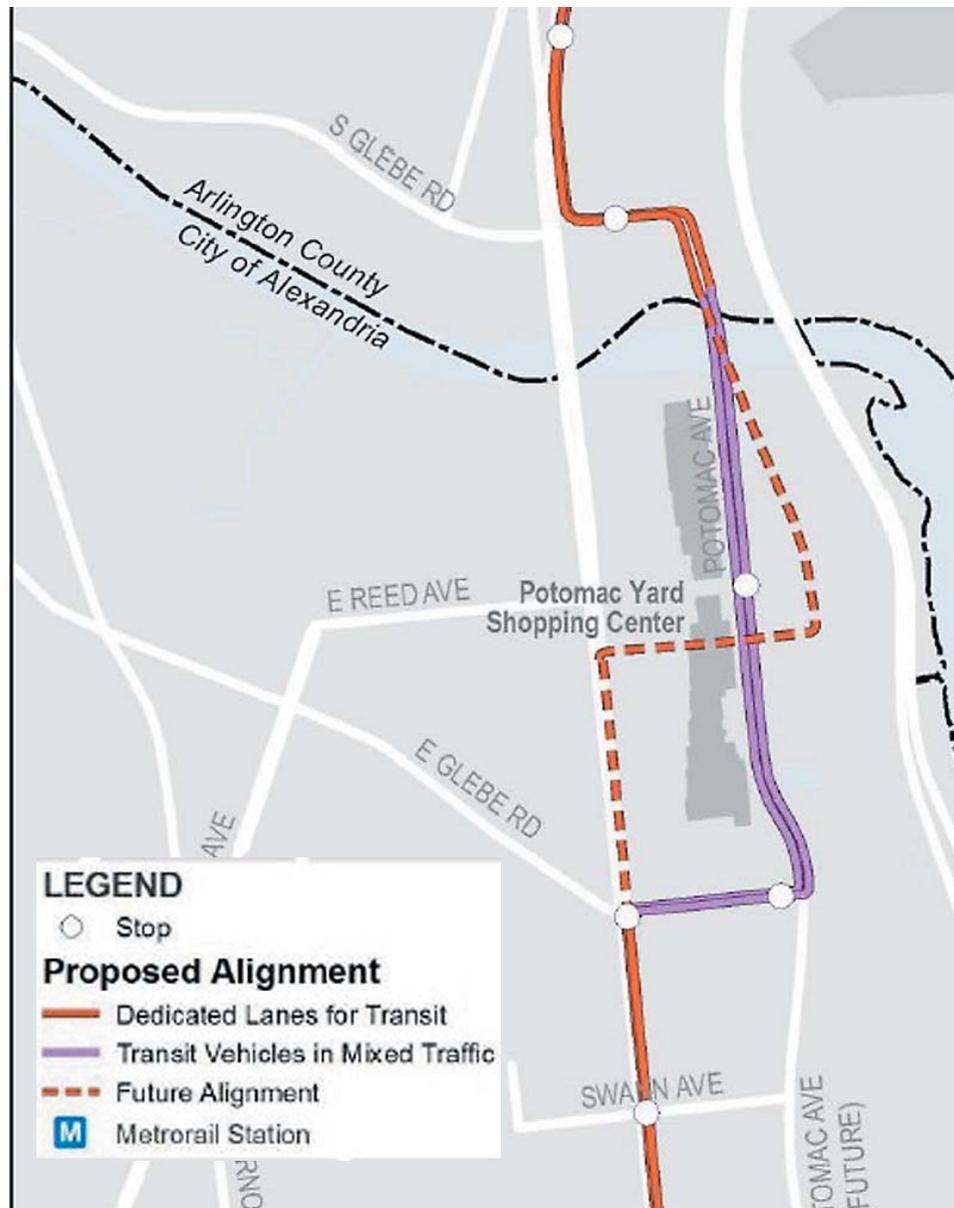
of the Arlington County Board and the Alexandria City Council approved a new agreement — delaying the alternatives analysis until the location of the new Potomac Yard Metro station has been determined.

“It was unfortunate that somehow, through staff-to-staff working dialogues that we got off track a little bit in terms of communication,” said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille during Saturday’s public hearing. “But that was easily resolved when we went to have a meeting with them, and now we are back on track.”

Under terms of the new agreement, Alexandria will wait until 2014 when the environmental impact process has been completed and the status of the new Metro station is known. At that time, Alexandria officials will begin an alternatives analysis to apply to the federal government for funding. Meanwhile, Arlington plans to have the new streetcar system up and running by 2019. If Alexandria decides to join the Arlington streetcar system, city officials estimate, the upgrade would happen about two years later.

“This is a terrific place to end up, and it shows how well we work together even if some people want to suggest we don’t,” said Arlington County Board member Jay Fisette during Saturday’s regular meeting. “We work very well together. It’s just that we’re on some different timelines.”

**ALTHOUGH THE ARLINGTON** County Board unanimously approved the agreement and most of the members of the Alexandria City Council approved it, Councilman Alicia Hughes voted against it. When Arlington decided against moving forward



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special tax district for Potomac Yard to help fund the new Metro station at Potomac Yard, which is estimated to cost about \$210 million. As a result, Alexandria does not have the same ability to forgo the alternatives analysis because that could potentially imperil tens of millions of dollars of in federal funding. Arlington County Board Chairwoman Mary Hynes said that the previous agreement between the two jurisdictions included an option for the two to share the cost of the alternatives analysis, which the county decided against.

“It was an option. It was always an option,” said Arlington County Board Chairwoman Mary Hynes. “And we all knew that we were going to have to kind of pause at a point in time and look at the question again, and that’s really where we are.”

**SINCE 2011**, the two neighboring jurisdictions have been working together to document the impact of converting the bus-rapid transit corridor into a streetcar system. Critics point to potential logistical problems such as the location of a car barn and where the electrical substations would be located. They also have raised questions about Alexandria potentially having prob-

lems getting federal money in the future to connect to an existing system that did not have to meet all the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration. Then there’s the issue of how fares will be collected between the streetcar and bus system.

“There are many, many questions that deserve to be answered,” said Robert Adkins during the Arlington hearing last weekend. “Please do so, and if not at least come up with some credible excuses.”

Under the new approach, Arlington County will proceed directly to the environmental assessment study of the Arlington segment of the streetcar project. Meanwhile, the City of Alexandria will focus on completing the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Environmental Impact Statement study. When that’s completed, city officials could initiate studies of potentially converting the bus system to a streetcar. This new approach allows the Alexandria segment of the streetcar project to be studied after the city knows the location of the new Potomac Yard Metro station.

“There’s some irony in this process,” said Jinks. “A smaller amount of money connecting a two-rail system comes very high on the priority ranking — it’s a competitive process to get Small Starts and New Starts funding — and so it actually may enhance our chances of getting federal funding.”

**CRITICS OF STREETCARS** say the system is costly and may be repetitive. Alexandria City Councilman Frank Fannon has indicated he may be unwilling to support conversion to a streetcar system, especially considering the financial spot the city will be in after borrowing vast amounts of money to construct the new Metro station. During Saturday’s public hearing on the issue, Fannon suggested that adding a streetcar system would be overkill.

“We are going to have the BRT line out there to get through Potomac Yard. You can drive your car, you can take a taxi, you can bike, you can walk, you can take the Metro — so that’s already six modes of transportation,” said Councilman Frank Fannon. “Do we really need a seventh mode of transportation?”

“There may be a tenth option out there. We don’t know,” responded Euille. “In the end, we may not do the streetcar.”

**“We work very well together. It’s just that we’re on some different timelines.”**

— Arlington County Board member Jay Fisette

with the optional alternatives analysis, Hughes accused the Arlington County Board of acting “in bad faith.” Now, she says, moving forward with the amended agreement would be a mistake because it could become a financial burden on the city.

“To make a determination of whether we need to expend resources on a project that is going to cost \$100 million per mile to put a streetcar down without having a very firm conversation about it,” said Hughes, “that’s not something I can realistically support.”

Alexandria has already created a

## Scholarships for JROTC Cadets

**At the May 16 Dinner Meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter, Military Officers Association of America held at Fort Belvoir, five JROTC cadets of local high schools each received a \$2,000 scholarship.**



**They were awarded to the following cadets (from left): Cadet Major Ronald Harrell of Quantico H.S., Cadet Lt. Colonel E.J. Coleman of Mount Vernon H.S., Cadet Lt. Colonel Zachary Crews of West Potomac H.S., Cadet Aleecia Stephens of T.C. Williams H.S. Not pictured is Cadet Wuddy Zhan of Thomas Edison H.S.**

## PEOPLE

# 17 Year Old's Political Career Shows Persistence

Evan Draim's efforts allowed him to win a delegate position in this year's Republican National Convention.

By ERIK HEANEY  
GAZETTE PACKET

While most 17-year-olds were getting ready for prom or playing a varsity sport, Evan Draim was making phone calls, shaking hands, and giving speeches. That was because throughout spring, Draim was campaigning to win one of the three delegate positions in Virginia's 8th congressional districts.

"I wanted to show that the Republican party is interested in younger voters and is interested in the issues that they care about," said Draim about his interest in Republican politics.

For a rising high school senior, Draim already had experience in political activism. As a sophomore, he created the Coalition for a Conservative Future at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes Upper School. The student group serves to interest students in politics and educate them about conservative principles.

Draim says that he was motivated to create this group because of the political apathy he noticed among some of his classmates. "I saw that a lot of these issues were affecting people my age," said Draim, "and a lot of young people either don't understand these issues or are apathetic, so what I want to do with this movement is to promote an ideology that serves younger voters."

But Draim has not only reached out to his fellow teenagers. While he has spoken mainly about political issues affecting the youth, he has not been afraid to engage his



**The northern Virginia Tea Party supported Evan Draim and helped provide election paraphernalia. "He made the assessment and put it [his campaign] together in a very humble way because he got advice from seasoned folks," said Wilcox. "He did not do it in a way that was proud or haughty in any way."**

older peers. He has attended the Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC, for the past three years, and spoke at CPAC in 2011.

So on Feb. 24, it seemed natural for Draim to file to become a delegate candidate for the RNC in Tampa, Fla.

The delegate election process is different from a primary election. Each congressional district's Republican convention has a delegate election; Virginia has 49 delegates, and the 8th district has three delegate positions. Only individuals who register can come and vote at the 8th district's Republican convention for delegates. About 500 registered voters attended the convention on May 12, about double the amount in the 8th district's Republican convention in 2008.



**Evan Draim stands with Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. Draim's involvement in northern Virginia Republican politics has piqued the interest of other Republicans.**

Between February and the election on May 12, Draim was on his feet. "We had three months to campaign," said Marta Saltus, an alternate delegate for the RNC and Draim's campaign partner, "we would go to an event every day of the week."

Along with near daily event appearances, Draim called every single registered voter, or more than 700 individuals, in order to win voters. Draim and his supporters point to his hard work as the source of his success.

"There were other people that I was thinking of supporting that I didn't support because they were not working for it," said Ron Wilcox, the lead organizer of the Tea Party in northern Virginia. "It's not just a popularity contest, and I saw Evan working."

Along with his work ethic, Wilcox attributed Draim's success to his maturity and his astuteness, both of which are beyond his years. "He made the assessment and put it [his campaign] together in a very humble way because he got advice from seasoned folks," said Wilcox. "He did not do it in a way that was proud or haughty

in any way."

Although some people were initially skeptical of a teenage candidate, Draim's persistence, maturity, and dedication towards conservative principles attracted voters. "Overall, people welcomed my perspective with open arms," said Draim, "I didn't know how receptive people would be to a younger candidate, and really the Republican party was very supportive."

Indeed, Draim's hard work paid off. With 205 votes, he won the most weighted votes out of the seven candidates.

Now, Draim is one of 2,286 delegates that must help formulate the Republican platform and kickoff the 2012 presidential campaign in August. He says he hopes to represent the youth voice that is oftentimes missing in national politics.

"I want my candidacy to be a watershed, so that other young people can see this and want to do it," said Draim.

Draim has high hopes for his future career in politics. Others agree. "Anyone who underestimates him should do so at his peril," said Wilcox, "because this kid is very sharp."



## Retiring

**Regina Freed mingles with former students who came to wish her a happy retirement: Ted Crawley, Maria Cecilia Smurr-Ferrer, Tatiana Gold and Laney Delaney. Freed taught 5th and 6th grade at George Mason Elementary School for 21 years.**

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**Regina Freed laughs with former student, Thomas Caine, 20, upon seeing him.**

## PEOPLE

# 'Reset Rally'

## Wood kicks off City Council campaign.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**B**illed as "The Rally to Reset City Hall," Republican candidate John R. "Bob" Wood formally launched his campaign for City Council June 14 with a kick-off reception for more than 120 supporters in the courtyard of Gadsby's Tavern.

"I am most thrilled by the make up of the group that was there to support me," said Wood, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a degree in economics. "Democrats, Republicans and independents were all there. While I am running to be part of the solution, it's important to me to do it as part of a team."

A retired U.S. Army Lt. General, Wood is an anti-terrorism expert and served as the U.S. Army's strategic planner for combating terrorism in the wake of the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

Currently the managing partner of Old Town consulting firm Star Strategies Group, he was a member of the Alexandria Waterfront Plan Work Group appointed by Mayor Bill Euille.



Republican candidate for City Council Bob Wood, left, talks with Michael Sauls at his campaign kick-off event June 14 in the Gadsby's Tavern courtyard.



Julie and Townsend Van Fleet with Andrew Macdonald and Anne Peterson.

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"What resonated with me most during this process was the lack of constructive dialogue the city had with the citizens," Wood said. "Analysis was outdated or absent, public input was dismissed, financial analysis abbreviated and debate stifled. That's a rush to failure on the part of city planning."

Wood explained that his campaign slogan, "RESET City Hall," stands for Respect, Excellence, Service, Economy and Trust, a message that resonated with Alexandria resident Kevin Petit.

"While not normally a 'joiner' or 'get off the couch supporter,' I was disappointed by

the parochialism and deafness of council members during the waterfront meetings," Petit said. "Bob Wood was a measured, balanced moderator during that process, so when I learned he got fired up enough to run to 'Reset the Council,' I got fired up for him."

In his campaign kick-off remarks, Wood recalled the leadership advice he was given when he first attained the rank of general.

"General [Dennis] Reimer, Army Chief of Staff at that time, told me my job as a general was to listen carefully, think deeply and when necessary ask the right questions," Wood said.

"It wasn't to lord over my troops but instead to listen carefully."

Wood's decision to run for City Council stemmed from his disillusionment in the direction he sees the city going.

"The city I live in and love is on the wrong path," Wood said. "Mistakes were made in the planning process of the Waterfront and the Beauregard Plans and the city attitude towards me personally and other citizens made me decide to run so that I can be part of the solution. RESET is not just an empty slogan. It is a statement of principles that I believe should guide the actions of our city government."

# Former TC Administrators Transfer to Elementary Schools

## Balas, Eisenhower show Sherman's focus.

BY IVA QUINT  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A** sign from Mount Vernon Community School's staff on Peter Balas' office door states: "Mount Vernon is like a hockey game ... we all work overtime!" Looking at it, the school's new principal laughed. "The staff here has been very warm, very welcoming," he said.

Balas is a former T.C. Williams High School administrator who recently transferred to Mount Vernon, along with Mark Eisenhower, a T.C. Williams Pathways principal. Eisenhower is splitting his time between Mount Vernon Community School, Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, and T.C. Williams High School as a Principal on Assignment.

Balas first began working with Alexandria City Public Schools in 2001 as a social studies teacher at Minnie Howard, then moved to the T.C. Williams King Street campus as the Executive Associate Principal in Curriculum and Instruction in 2007. Eisenhower began teaching at the Minnie Howard-T.C. Williams campus in 1994, then came to T.C. Williams as an administrator in 2008.

"It was very cool first coming to T.C. be-

cause I got to see kids I had taught years before," Balas said. "And as an administrator, I got to see things through a different lens; I was supporting both teachers and students, as opposed to just students."

Originally scheduled to come to Mount Vernon on July 1, Balas found himself saying goodbye to T.C. on May 2 when the school's former principal, Tina Radomsky, left earlier than expected.

**"I thought that it would be hard coming from high schoolers to elementary school kids. But it hasn't been at all. All of these kids are great."**

— Peter Balas

"I thought that it would be hard coming from high schoolers to elementary school kids," Balas said. "But it hasn't been at all. All of these kids are great," he said, gesturing to the crowd of school children lining up for their bus rides home.

"I will miss high school wit," he said wryly. "Kids [at T.C.] are the best. There was something very satisfying about seeing them progress to the 12th grade and then seeing them move on from high school ... something very satisfying in that."

**T.C. WILLIAMS' SENIOR** Abby Cox will miss Balas' personal touch within the school. "He knew my name, which was re-

ally refreshing in a big school like T.C. He knew a lot of kids on a personal level," she said.

"Mr. Eisenhower was a good administrator," said senior Grace Garrahan. "He was a little strict, but he was always fair and he would always greet kids on the way into school."

But Balas is looking forward to his time at Mount Vernon. "There have been several

going is a sort of preemptive strike," Balas said.

By acting early, the superintendent hopes to turn Mount Vernon's academic record around before the federal government has to intervene.

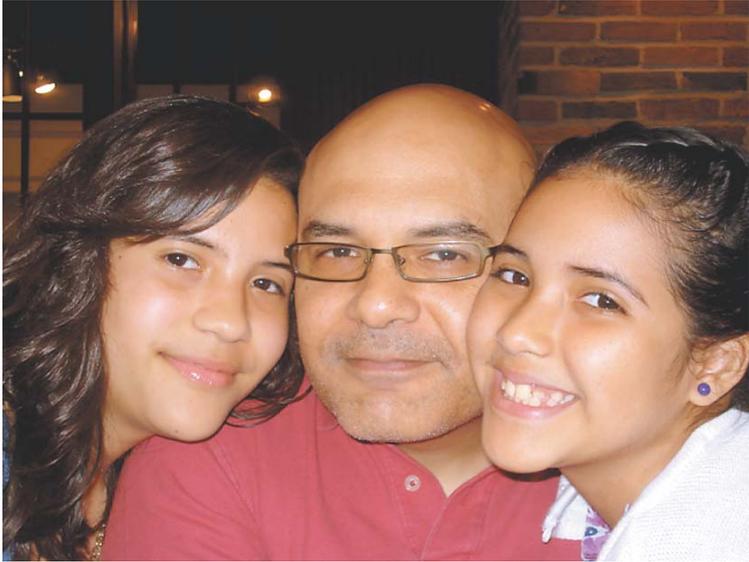
**IN ADDITION** to raising SOL scores and increasing competence in literacy and mathematics, Balas is determined to strengthen and structure Mount Vernon's approach to its dual language program. The immersion program has students taking some classes that are taught entirely in Spanish.

"While the dual language program has gotten a lot of support over the years, we've also heard parents say that it isn't structured enough," said Balas. "So something we're working on is strengthening that program."

Eisenhower's main goals for each school he is currently serving vary widely. "I am the project lead for the Jefferson-Houston School of the Future," he said, referring to the new Jefferson-Houston building which is in the works with the city. "At T.C., I am the head of the Pathways program, which is actually ending at the end of this year." The Pathways program will be replaced with new satellite campuses around the city. And at Mount Vernon, Eisenhower's main task is to support Balas and the rest of the staff in their task to turn around the school academically.

"Right now as a staff, we're determining where we want to be as a school," Balas said. "We're planning with the end in mind."

# PEOPLE



## Me & My Dad

Oscar Estrada with his two daughters Mariana (15) and Marcela Estrada (10) celebrating a very happy Father's Day (2011).

### PEOPLE NOTES

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Alexandria resident **Sandi Mara** has been re-elected to the Board of Directors at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. The Board of Directors is made up of 15 elected volunteers who are elected to serve two-year terms. A volunteer to the A.T. for 25 years, she has served in a variety of positions, including three terms with the former Appalachian Trail Conference Board of

Managers, where she played an active role in the ATC's reorganization process, one term on the Stewardship Council, and currently chairs the Development Committee. She also served two terms as President of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC). She is a Life Member of the ATC; an Honorary Life Member of the PATC; member of the Benton MacKaye Society and the Appalachian Trail Legacy Society. As a board member, Sandi brings professional skills in nonprofit management and human resources to the organization.

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**We are pleased to announce that members of the ACDS graduating class of 2012 will be attending the following high schools:** Bishop Ireton, Bishop O'Connell, Elizabeth Seton, Episcopal, Field School, Georgetown Day, Georgetown Visitation, Gonzaga, J.E.B. Stuart, Madeira, Robinson Secondary, St. John's, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, T.C. Williams, West Potomac, Washington-Lee, and Westover.

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Instructor Linda Feldman leads a group of yoga campers in a downward dog tunnel at Budding Yogis. Specialty camps could be an option for parents still searching for summer activities for their children.

# Making the Most of Summer

## Advice for planning warm weather activities for children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

“I’m bored, there’s nothing to do,” is a phrase often uttered by children during the summer. The end of the school year leaves many parents scrambling for activities to keep their young ones active and stimulated.

Experts say it is important to plan activities to keep children safe and out of trouble.

“Adult supervision is important, especially for the younger age groups. Make sure there is a good balance between fun and learning in the activities chosen,” said Chantilly resident Maria Londono, a mental health therapist for Fairfax County Community Health Care Network and Molina Health Care in Falls Church, Alexandria and Reston. “Children should also have some down time, so don’t kill yourself trying to fill every minute of the day with activities.”

**WHEN IT COMES TO CAMPS**, think outside the box. While traditional day camps often fill as soon as registration opens, specialty camps such as cooking camps, yoga camps, sports camps and art camps frequently offer more availability.

“With specialty camps you can have a clear idea of what your child will be doing and your child will know what to expect,” said Linda Feldman, director of Budding Yogis camp. “Like traditional camps, specialty camps usually include crafts and out-

door activities.”

“Specialty camps provide an opportunity for campers to explore particular areas of interest and foster discovery, adventure and learning,” said Jim Supple, director of summer programs at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria.

George Mason University’s Summer Camps and Youth Programs 2012 offers a variety of activities ranging from sports to academics.

“Each of [our] camps is run individually and all of the camps are listed on our website,” said Angelique LeBlanc, an event

**“Keep in mind that summer is a time for fun and a break from the routine. Whatever activities parents plan for their children, they should be enjoyable and stress-free.”**

— Susan DeLaurentis

coordinator at the school’s office of University Information. “One of the most popular of our camps is the George Mason University Forensics Camp. Also popular are all of the camps that are held at the aquatics center, and our performing arts and music camps.”

**KEEP LEARNING IN THE MIX.** The National Summer Learning Association reports that most students fall more than two months behind in math skills during the summer.

Susan Goldberg, principal of Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, says that educational tools are all around. “Make math a part of everyday experiences. There are interesting and fun websites, games and problem solving activities that can insure that

your child continues their love of learning,” she said.

Don’t forget literature. Experts say that children should read every day. “If you take time to read alongside or to your children, they will make it a life-long habit, and they’ll enrich their lives at the same time,” said Goldberg.

Take advantage of summer programs at local libraries. “Check your local libraries for story times and arts-and-crafts-related activities. Most libraries and community recreational centers have programs full of stimulating and age-appropriate activities for children and their families during the summer,” said Londono.

### LEAVE TIME FOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES.

“Keep in mind that summer is a time for fun and a break from the routine,” said Susan DeLaurentis, director of counseling at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School. “Whatever activities parents plan for their children, they should be enjoyable and

stress-free. When it’s too hot outside, or on a rainy day, pitch a tent in the living room and go ‘camping’ indoors. Have a bag ready, filled with new board games and books.”

Summer fun doesn’t have to be expensive. “There are always low cost or free activities for children during the summer,” said Londono. “[Many] area museums are free of cost. [Planning] a picnic at a park and having children involved in the preparation of the picnic basket can be fun. A family bike ride, fishing, camping can be all fun family-oriented activities that don’t necessarily involve a lot of spending. Including children in the preparation of meals can be a fun and helpful activity year-round because it gets them interested in food and keeps them involved in helping around the house.”

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Bianca Velez** of Alexandria has earned a degree in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Clarion University students **Drew Dismuke** and **Quintas McCorkle** of Alexandria were both named to the dean’s list for the spring 2012 semester.

**Colin Chaddock** of Alexandria has been named to the Emory and Henry College Dean’s List for the spring semester.

Washington and Lee University awarded degrees to the following Alexandria students on May 24: **Meredith Elizabeth Mitchell**, **Vanessa Joan Ndege**, **Natalie Elizabeth Stier** and **Lee Carey Tackett**.

**Emily Coda**, daughter of Karen Coda and the late Michael Coda of Alexandria, received a bachelor’s degree cum laude from Smith College on May 20. A 2008 graduate of TC Williams High School, Emily double majored in German Studies and Medieval Studies.

**Ann Gantner** of Alexandria, received a masters degree in public administration from Marist College.

Clarion University students **Drew Dismuke** and **Quintas McCorkle** of Alexandria were both named to the dean’s list for the spring 2012 semester.

**Ashley Pratt** of Alexandria, a senior interdisciplinary studies major, was named to Lycoming College’s Dean’s List for the spring semester.

**Colin Chaddock** of Alexandria has been named to the E&H Dean’s List for the spring semester.

**Hellen Tafesse** of Alexandria has been named to Fisher College’s Dean’s List for the Fall 2011 semester.

**Abigail T. M. Martin**, daughter of Curtis Martin and Virginia Drewry, of Alexandria, received a B.A. in The Built Environment, a contract major from Williams College on June 5. Martin, during college, participated in the following activities: Vice President and Naturalist of the Williams Outing Club (fall 2010-spring 2011), Treasurer and Vice President of W.O.C. (fall 2009-spring 2010); student co-chair (fall 2010-spring 2011) and committee member (fall 2009-spring 2010) of Campus Environmental Advisory Committee; Hopkins Memorial Forest student caretaker (spring 2009-spring 2011); Williams-Mystic Maritime Studies Program (fall 2008); Women’s Varsity Crew (fall 2007-spring 2009). Honors and prizes include: 1960 Scholar in Environmental Studies (spring 2009-spring 2011); Thoreau Fellow (sustainable design fellowship, spring 2009).

**Audrey Mackey**, a resident of Alexandria, was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2011 semester at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.

The following students were recognized as members of the dean’s list for the spring semester at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg.

❖ **Stephanie Rheinheimer**, a junior social work major from Alexandria.

❖ **Caitlin Butler**, a senior nursing major from Alexandria.

The following local students from Alexandria graduated from the University of Kansas on May 13.

❖ **Eyob Alemayehu** will receive a Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Pharmacy.

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# Library Acquires 1796 Map and Ledger

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Fortunately for the Alexandria Library, the map and ledger were donated at no cost to the city. The acquisition, which was recently purchased for \$30,000, was donated to the library by a coalition of local history enthusiasts who joined forces to purchase the items and give them to the city. The group includes the Alexandria Library Company, the Alexandria Forum, the Alexandria Historical Society, the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association and the Historic Alexandria Foundation. Library leaders say the historic documents are an important tie to the city's early history.

"As we move forward into a new period in which electronic books and electronic databases are the direction in which things are going, the printed word should always remain a strong part of our history," said Rose Dawson, director of the Alexandria Library. "These documents allows us to see how far we've come, and that we don't need to take for granted the accomplishments we've made moving from the written word to an e-book, that there is still value in being able to see something like this."

**THE ORIGINS OF ALEXANDRIA** read like something out of Roman mythology. At the center of the story is the Alexander family, which has two feuding brothers. One of the brothers did not want to sell the property to create a new city on the Potomac River. The other brother did. In the end, it was the influence of another family — the Fairfax clan — that carried the day. The House of Burgesses eventually passed a bill creating the city at West's Point, the modern-day location of Robinson North terminal, and the city of Alexandria was created.

"Possibly as a sop to Phillip Alexander, it was called Alexandria," wrote historian Ted Pulliam in the new book "Historic Alexandria."

Half a century later, Alexandria was on its way out of the commonwealth of Virginia. The seat of the federal government was being created in a newly formed Dis-



The 1796 map was drawn on paper dating to 1794.

trict of Columbia, and Alexandria was within the border of the district, thanks to some behind the scenes negotiation of George Washington. This is the era in which the 1796 map was created, a time when Alexandria residents felt they were about to become part of a thriving capital that would initiate a period of unprecedented commerce.

"It was a pivotal time in Alexandria's history, and there were a lot of people that thought Alexandria was going to become the next Baltimore," said Ellen Donald, president of Friends of Local History Special Collections. "Of course, we know that's not how things turned out now. But they didn't know that then."

**THE MAP** will be on display in the Barrett Branch Library before September, which is the 75th anniversary of the city's public library system. Beyond that, the 200-page ledger is sure to provide a much more detailed account of the late 18th century in Alexandria.

"This is not just a map, but a history of Alexandria dating back to the 1650s," said Gary Eyer, who sold the map and ledger to the coalition. "There's nothing like it. Alexandria should be proud to have it."

Until it was presented to the Alexandria Library this week, the 1796 map was the only map of Alexandria in the 18th century that was in private hands. Now that it's owned by the city, the map will take its place in the library's collection as the oldest Alexandria map that the city owns. Earlier maps exist, but they are owned by the Library of Congress. Experts in the city's history are particularly interested in shedding some light on the Alexander family, which played such a crucial role in the creation of the city.

"There is so little about the Alexander family that we know from this period," said City Archeologist Pam Cressey. "So anything we can do to bring back some of that history is significant."



Bill Kehoe, left, of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, and Gary Eyer look over a rare 200-page 18th century ledger that details the history of Alexandria.

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Jean Federico, former director of the Office of Historic Alexandria, points to Queen Street on a rare 1796 map of Alexandria. A donation from Federico to the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association helped the city acquire the map.



Gary Eyer, left, and Bill Kehoe of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association discuss the historical significance of a 1796 map acquired by the City of Alexandria.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Del Ray Celebrates Local Music

One of Del Ray's own to perform in music festival.

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI  
GAZETTE PACKET

**D**el Ray Music Week will be held June 18-22. Along with Music Week, the Del Ray Music Festival will be held on Saturday, June 23. Alexandria's Kate Moran, lead singer in the Kate Moran Band and also the festival's chair, will perform. Moran also helped create the festival.

The festival was created in 2006 to have "an event that was just a music festival for Del Ray," said Moran, unlike other festivals which had music as one part. She also says that it's a chance to highlight the musicians in the area.

Del Ray Music Week, which was started in 2011, features several bands at different locations in Del Ray. Moran said that Music Week started with the idea of trying to get people to explore the community since the festival is only one day. It also allows new acts to perform each year at the festival, while still bringing back popular choices.

Moran said that both events are made possible with the support of the local business community. "It's fully sponsored by Del

Ray businesses," said Moran. In addition to the support from businesses, Moran said that the festival wouldn't be possible without volunteers, like the food vendors and the event coordinator.

Moran always had an interest in performing from a young age, starting with putting on plays for her family. She also had an interest in being in her own band. "It was kind of a dream that I had in my head, 'It would be awesome to have my own rock band,'" she said.



**Kate Moran, chair of the Del Ray Music Festival and lead singer in the Kate Moran Band.**

PHOTO BY ROSS SYLVESTRI/GAZETTE PACKET

**IN 2006, MORAN CREATED** the Kate Moran Band and became its lead singer. She continues to sing in the band today, in addition to her full-time job at the Department of Education and pursuing her doctorate at George Mason University.

Moran never expected that she would be the leader singer in a band. She said that she was always someone who would just sing in the background for plays. "I had always dreamt about being a singer in a band, but I never really thought of myself as a front person for a band."



**Gabrielle and Adiah Leverette look over the stickers and tattoos available as prizes in the children's corner at 2011's Del Ray Music Festival.**

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

### Schedule

#### MONDAY/JUNE 18

**Chad Christian** at Kiskadee, 5-6 p.m.  
**Rick Irby** (of Lightfoot) at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**Addieville** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Calling Mary** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**The Weathervanes** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Oklahoma Car Crash and Mary Mary Quite Contrary** at Labels Exchange, 7-9 p.m.  
**Ella Sophia** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**The Highballers** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.  
**Brittany Jean** at Evening Star, 8-10 p.m.

#### TUESDAY/JUNE 19

**Del Ray Performing Arts Center** at Bellies and Babies, 5-6 p.m.  
**Alex Sussman** at Kiskadee, 5-6 p.m.  
**Brian Pagels** at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**The Walkways** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Mars Rodeo** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Dr. Tim Parks** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Emy Tseng** at Cheesetique, 7-9 p.m.  
**Anthony Pirog (of Janel and Anthony) and Insect Factory** at Labels Exchange, 7-9 p.m.  
**Kristina Furey** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Dear Creek** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.  
**The NRIs** at Evening Star, 8-10 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 20

**Harris Face** at Kiskadee, 5-6 p.m.  
**Rainbow Lady & Princess Fiddlesticks** at Bellies and Babies, 5-6 p.m.  
**The Scrub Pines** at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**The Mercy Alliance** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Black Muddy River Band** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Lethal Peanut** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Thirteen Towers and Four Mile Run** at Labels Exchange, 7-9 p.m.  
**Herb & Hanson** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Andrea Pais** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.  
**The Beanstalk Library** at Evening Star, 8-10 p.m.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 21

**Evan Bliss and the Welchers** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Mike Bowers** at Kiskadee, 5-6 p.m.  
**Groovy Nate** at Bellies and Babies, 5-6 p.m.  
**Janna Audey** at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**Rodger French Trio** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Vico Cycle** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Talk It and Harness Flux (John Masters of the Cheniers/Metropolitan)**, 7-9 p.m.  
**Bernie and Melissa Stoltz** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Not So Modern Jazz Band** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.  
**Tiffany Thompson** at Fireflies, 8-10 p.m.  
**Adrian Krygowski** at Evening Star, 8-10 p.m.



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**Adam Muhlendorf and Allison de la Torre dance to the music of the Harley String Band at the 5th annual Del Ray Music Festival in 2011.**

### Del Ray Music Week

The 6th Annual Del Ray Music Festival kicks off with Del Ray Music Week, Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22. Each evening between 5-10 p.m., local bands will perform at indoor and outdoor venues leading up to the festival on Saturday, June 23.

Fifty bands from the D.C. metro area are set to perform, including the WeatherVanes, The NRIs, Adrian Krygowski, Wytold, Dear Creek, Herb & Hanson, Velvet Undertronic, Lethal Peanut, Talk It, Tiffany Thompson, and Owen Danoff. Fans of folk, rock, indie, soul, country, jazz, world music, children's music, punk, pop, reggae, experimental, bossa nova, and classical should come out and see the shows.

Venues are located in the 1500 to 2700 blocks of Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. All venues are Metro accessible via Yellow and Blue lines at Braddock Road (10 to 15 min walk). DASH and Metro Bus also serve the neighborhood.

### Del Ray Music Festival

The Del Ray Music Festival will be on Saturday, June 23, at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center fields at 2701 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Visit [www.delraymusicfestival.com](http://www.delraymusicfestival.com).

### Schedule (con't.)

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 22

**Amber Dutton** at Bellies and Babies, 5-6 p.m.  
**Owen Danoff** at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**Velvet Undertronic** at Del Ray Artisans, 6-8 p.m.  
**50 Man Machine** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Andrew Acosta and the New Old-Time String Band** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Wytold** at Cheesetique, 7-9 p.m.  
**I&I Riddim** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Orchard Wall** at Labels Exchange, 7-9 p.m.  
**Art Hildebrand** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Tiffany Thompson** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Carlyle Hosts Food, Wine Festival

Foodies and grape lovers can gather to enjoy fine cuisines and Virginia wines at the 1st Annual Alexandria's Food & Wine Festival on Saturday, June 23.

This inaugural signature event will transform Old Town's Carlyle District into a lively festival with live entertainment, a children's corner, food and wine tasting, a food demonstration showcase area and a VIP networking reception for sponsors. Local restaurants will compete for the best appetizer, the best main course and the best dessert.

Attendees will be able to sample food and wine from a variety of local restaurants and Virginia wineries.

Alexandria's Food and Wine Festival 2012 participating restaurants include: The Chart House, Delia's Mediterranean Grill, San Antonio Bar & Grill, Walker's Grille, Clydes at Mark Center, Rita's Ice Custard, Indigo Landing, Alexandria Cupcake, La Tasca and Jamieson Grille.

Wineries include: Mattaponi Winery, Unicorn Winery, Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery, Lake Anna Winery, Glass House Winery, DelFosse Vineyard and Winery and Cedar Creek Winery.

The judging panel consist of Lisa Shapiro, dining reporter for the Washington Examiner and Founder of Dining in DC; Molly Ahearn from regional foodie website TheListAreYouOnIt.com; and Darik Kristofer, radio personality from 94.7 Fresh FM. More judges will be added and announced on the festival website.

The festival provides the opportunity to give back to the community through local non-profit organizations. Active duty military families will receive one



### Details

Saturday, June 23, 2012 from noon-5 p.m. at John Carlyle Square in the Carlyle District of Alexandria. 300 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Close to the King Street Metro station. Call 703-624-0245 or visit [www.alexandriafoodandwine.com/](http://www.alexandriafoodandwine.com/)

Event is free; tickets are needed to sample food and beverages. Each booklet of 25 taste tickets is \$20. Wine tastes are \$10.

1st Annual Alexandria's Food and Wine Festival is presented by S and B Event Management LLC in partnership with the City of Alexandria and Carlyle Community Council.

free book (25 taste tickets) per family, while supplies last, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Carpenter's Shelter of Alexandria.

Festival sponsors include Post Properties, NOVA Advertising, George Washington University and Indigo Landing.

### CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to [connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 21

**Great Books Discussion Group.** 7-8:30p.m. Located in the Story Time Room. Call Bill Scouton, 703-931-3559. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**Paws To Read.** 15-minute session starting at 5:30 p.m. Grades 1-6. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**Music At Twilight Concert.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Musical performance by the Alexandria Singers, featuring pop choral. 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 22

**Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. in front of City Hall. The Alexandria Citizens Band, the City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization, is celebrating 100 years. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5592.

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30-11 a.m. Ages 2 and under. Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [hooray4books.com](http://hooray4books.com).

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 23

**Field Day.** The Alexandria Radio Club will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at Armistead Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Boulevard, between 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the picnic pavilion area. The public is invited to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license. To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to [www.emergency-radio.org](http://www.emergency-radio.org).

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**Hooray for Books! Turns 4!** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. celebrate with a special story time, and activities throughout the day for kids. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**Food & Wine Festival.** Sample food and wine from a variety of local restaurants and Virginia wineries. John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. noon-5pm. Call 703-624-0245 or visit [www.alexandriafoodandwine.com](http://www.alexandriafoodandwine.com).

#### SUNDAY/JUNE 24

**Chamber Music.** Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. The

Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org). E-mail [wmpa@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpa@earthlink.net) or call 703-799-8229.

**Annual Brunch.** The Board of Lady Managers, Founder and Supporter Since 1872, of Inova Alexandria Hospital will host their 14th Annual Brunch at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union Street, Alexandria, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. A donation of \$25, \$35, or \$50 will benefit the Inova Alexandria Hospital for the purchase of Anesthesia Machines. Call 703-370-6798 or 703-765-0004.

**Exhibition.** Artist's reception from 4 - 6 p.m. Free. The Northern Virginia Fine Art Association announces the next exhibition in the Athenaeum Gallery: *Native Ground* by Rob McDonald. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria.

#### JUNE 24 - JULY 29

**"Spice it Up!"** At the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery featuring experimental ceramic art, vibrant glazes and whimsical forms for all things saucy and spicy. Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays until 9 p.m. The gallery is located at 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria, VA. 22314. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

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Join this conversation with the fourth President of the United States, in the context of his own time, and be a witness to the events of this year of 1812 as the events unfold. Be a party to the public debate in the company of James Madison, as presented by John Douglas Hall, at Gadsby's Tavern Museum in this on-going series of presidential salons which continues through 2014.

Since 1985, John Douglas Hall has been following the life of James Madison on a day-by-day basis. He offers an opportunity for today's audiences to engage James Madison in conversation in the context of Madison's own time. In appearance, in content, syntax, and with a remarkable command of the pe-

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In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Gadsby's Tavern was the center of social and political life in Alexandria and the new Federal City of Washington. The tavern served as the premier gathering place for residents — including George Washington — and visitors to eat, drink, learn, and influence history.

The salon, held in the Main Dining Room of Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, Sunday, June 24, 3-4:30 p.m.; check-in will be at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street. Reservations

are recommended and tickets to each event are \$15 per person and \$10 for high school/college students. Madeira, Port and other libations will be available for purchase at the event. To purchase tickets, visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703-746-4242. The next salon with President Madison is scheduled for July 22, 2012.

**Alexandria Voted in Top Arts Destinations**

A new reader poll conducted by AmericanStyle magazine ranks Alexandria fourth among the nation's best arts destinations.

Rising from an 8th place ranking last year, Alexandria beat the 2011 mid-size cities winner, New Orleans, as well as perennial favorites Savannah, Miami and Charleston. The top three spots went to St. Petersburg, Dayton and Tampa. Alexandria has had a top 10 ranking since 2010.

Alexandria is home to the internationally renowned

Torpedo Factory Art Center, as well as an eclectic collection of art galleries, a public art collection of more than 40 works of art and the Art League, one of the nation's largest and oldest multi-service organizations for artists. The city's Fall Arts Jubilee features a spectrum of signature events throughout the city, from outdoor art festivals to indoor performances, exhibitions and films.

To see the complete list of the Top 25 Art Destination, Mid-Size Cities, visit [www.americanstyle.com](http://www.americanstyle.com).

**CALENDAR**

**MONDAY/JUNE 25**

**Little Wonders.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. children's program, ages 12-23 months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.  
**Books The Bagic is Real.** 7 p.m. Marvel at Joe Romano's magic show. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult at the program. Call the Burke Information Desk to register at 703-746-1704 x3. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library. 4701 Seminary Road.

**TUESDAY/JUNE 26**

**SUMMERQUEST JR.** 10 a.m. Children's program, for ages 0-5 with an adult. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.  
**SUMMERQUEST JR.** 11 a.m. Children's program, for ages 0-5 with an adult. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.  
**Paws to Read.** 5:30-6:30p.m. Children's program, for grades 1-6. Registration required. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.  
**Time For 2's.** 10:30 a.m. Children's program, ages 24-36 months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central

Library. 5005 Duke Street.  
**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. Children's program, ages 0-11months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.  
**Hands on History Tent.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come build your own model sailboat and race it against others. Other activities include designing a flag, writing with a quill pen and trying on colonial clothes. The event is free, sailboat craft \$5, and designed for children ages 3-12. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or e-mail [carlyle@nvrpa.org](mailto:carlyle@nvrpa.org).

**WEDNESDAY/JUNE 27**

**Lunch Bunch Concert:** The Russkie Musikanti. noon - 1 p.m. Musical performance by The Russkie Musikanti, an ensemble of the Washington Balalaika Society, featuring Russian folk music, series held in partnership with Tishman Speyer. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Call 703-746-5418.  
**Bridal Showcase.** 7 - 9 p.m. Free. White Ribbon Studios Wedding and Event Photography is hosting select local wedding vendors for a wedding and bridal show. Make connections with high quality vendors representing photography, cakes, transportation, music, venues, catering, and more. Occasionally Cake, 207 King St, Alexandria.

**SUMMERQUEST Shazam Magic.**

4:30 p.m. Children's program, for ages 6-12. Children only. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.  
**Family Storytime.** 7 p.m. Children's program. Bring the whole family to enjoy stories and songs. No registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.  
**SUMMERQUEST Jr.** "Oh Susannah!" Concert. 10:30 a.m. Children's program. Ages 0-5 with an adult. Registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.  
**SUMMERQUEST:** Storyteller Diane Macklin . 4 p.m. Children's program. Ages 6-12. Registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.  
**Hangover Royale (Swing)** - Lee District Nights. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park. For directions and information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/or](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/or) [myspace.com/hangoverroyale](http://myspace.com/hangoverroyale).

**THURSDAY/JUNE 28**

**World Short Story Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. Discussing stories from the book, Other Voices, Other Vistas edited by Barbara Solomon. Please call the adult services/

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Flavors to Savor in Clay

As temperatures tip toward toasty, potters are trending to the wild side of summer seasonings in a "Spice it Up!" show at the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery.

Displays are peppered with experimental ceramic art, vibrant glazes and whimsical forms for all things saucy and spicy.

A dash of inspiration comes with sculpted salt cellars. Handled double dishes hold condiments, nuts and sweets. Dispensers serve savory olive oil, vinegar, soy sauce and other dressings. Embrace zesty seasonings with artisan garlic pots, sauce and syrup pitchers and dishes for every detail of the tablescape.

Organically-formed salt and pepper shaker sets add playful spunk. A porcelain butter dish shows geometric flare with its folded lid and saucer. Squared bowls hold red-hot salsas and chutneys while artisan chip and dips elevate vegetables, breads and salty snacks. Find a sweet honey pot or a tangy relish tray. A quirky textured cream and sugar set adds flavor to morning joe or afternoon tea. Handpainted lidded jars hold jam, mustard or olives.

The Ceramic Guild is an organization of more than 40 juried Washington, D.C. area artists. Organization members exhibit themed shows every other month at the artist-run cooperative Scope Gallery in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center.



**Textured cream pitcher and sugar bowl set by Rebecca Zweibel of Alexandria.**



**Porcelain eggplant and pear salt cellars/condiment dishes by Suan Ying of Vienna.**

### Details

The Ceramic Guild show runs June 24 to July 29; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, Thursdays until 9 p.m. 105 North Union Street, 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)

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[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ormyspace.com/anthonyjamesband](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ormyspace.com/anthonyjamesband).

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**Story Time.** 10:30a.m or 3 p.m. Children's program, ages 3-5 (children only). Sign-up required.

Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk.

**CALENDAR** Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. **J. Hayden.** Opening for En Vogue. 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall. Tickets are on sale now at [www.jworldrecords.com](http://www.jworldrecords.com).

### FRIDAY/JUNE 29

**Serenade! Festival.** 7:30 p.m. "Opening Celebration" with a welcome address by Alexandria's Mayor W. D. Euille. Take a trip around the world with this opening festival concert that will feature exciting and unique performances presented by choirs from Canada (Countermeasure and Cantaré Children's Choir), Colombia (Verata e Liberi), Australia (Young Adelaide Voices) and the USA (Boston City Singers). At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Old Town Alexandria.

**Serenade Festival.** 12 noon. Free. Lunch time treat at Alexandria's Market Square, 301 King Street.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 29

**Concert By 2012 Serenade.** Noon-1 p.m. Concert by 2012 Serenade! Washington, D.C. Choral Festival. Hear music presented by choirs from Colombia, Australia and the United States. Market Square, 301 King St., call 703-746-5592.

**Anthony James Band (Southern Rock)** - Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill at 7:30 p.m. Visit

### SATURDAY/JUNE 30

**Chopteeth (Afrofunk)** - Mt. Vernon Nights at Workhouse Arts Center (Lorton) at 7:00 p.m. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/) or [www.chopteeth.com](http://www.chopteeth.com). Chopteeth is a 12-piece Afrofunk orchestra exploring the common groove between the funkier, most hip-shakin' West African and American popular music on the planet.

**Serenade Festival's "African Evening."** 6 p.m. Free. In partnership with Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Classical Movements will present two exhilarating choirs from Africa (Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society and Voices of Namibia). At Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred Street, Alexandria.

**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. Cost is \$47. At Alexandria Massage Therapy 1217 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0310.

**The Clan MacLeod North American Gathering** at the Alexandria Crowne-Plaza Hotel will have the Stanley R. McLeod Memorial Lecture, open to the public, by Australian John MacLeod at 9 p.m.

**Nature-Based Preschool Open House.** 9-11:00 a.m. Free. Come see this mini-farm located on two acres adjoining Huntley Meadows Park. This year-round, non-profit preschool serves children 18 months to pre-kindergarten. Frog Pond Early Learning Center, 7204 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-765-7663 or visit [www.FrogPondKids.org](http://www.FrogPondKids.org).

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**SSSAS Administration (from left):** Clay Perfall, chair of the SSSAS Board of Governors; Joan Holden, Head of School; The Rev. Sean Cavanaugh, Chaplain; Eileen Sullivan '95, Commencement Speaker; Bob Weiman, Director of Lower School; Bud Garikes, Director of Upper School.

## SSSAS Celebrates Class of '12

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Commencement for the Class of 2012 was held on Saturday, June 9.



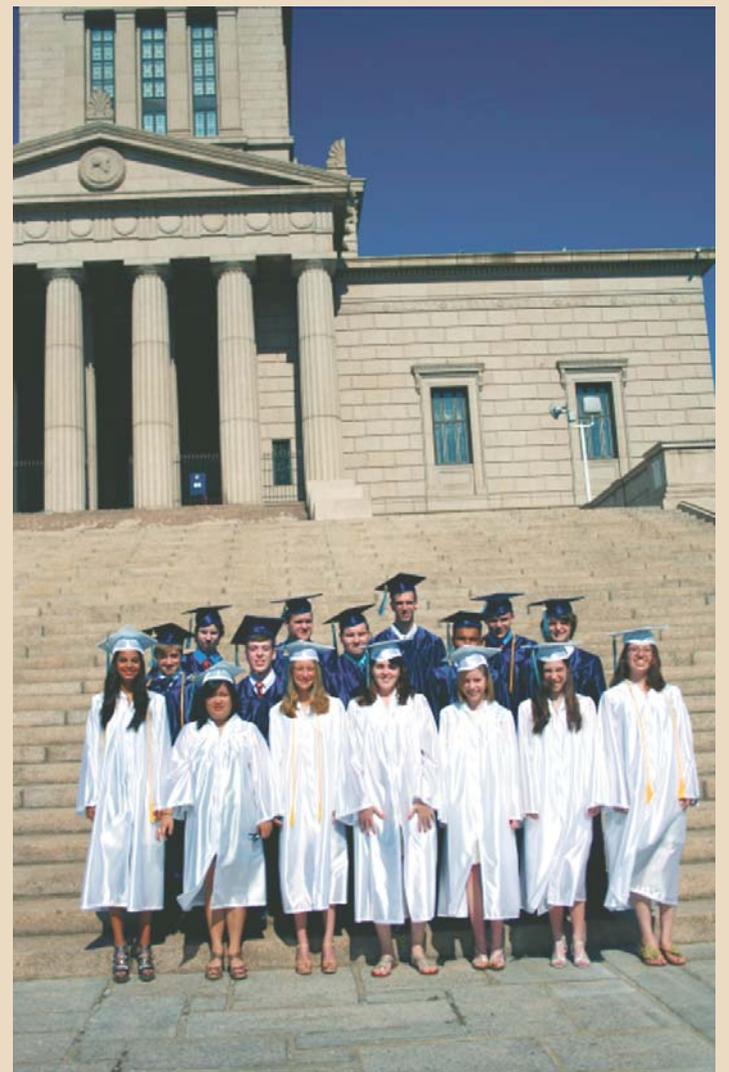
**Eileen Sullivan, SSSAS Class of 1995, Commencement Speaker and 2012 Pulitzer Prize winner.**



**Class of 2012 Valedictorian Sarah Pariser gives her address.**



**The SSSAS Class of 2012 graduates.**



**The graduates of Commonwealth Academy: Bottom, from left are** Khadija Noakes, Julia Zeigler, Jenny George, Kathryn O'Connor, Katie Apol, Stephanie Lemberg, Kelsey Schaefer. **Top, from left, are** Elliot Katz, Harper Orwin, Craig Strasbourger, Sebastien Hopkinson, Alex Kurmoyarov, Tyler Jennings, Maurice Meadows, Sam Curtis and Danny Cardwell.

## Commonwealth's Graduates

**T**he Class of 2012 graduated from Commonwealth Academy at the George Washington Masonic Memorial on Friday, June 8. The head of the school, Dr. Susan J. Johnson, announced that all 16 of this year's graduates were moving on to four-year colleges in the fall. Along with a commencement address from Tom Fitzgerald, a reporter for Fox News, the graduating class presented a video of their senior

year.

Commonwealth Academy, at 1321 Leslie Avenue, Alexandria, is a coeducational college preparatory day school for average to superior 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who benefit from small classes and instruction designed to address various learning styles, including those students who have organizational, attention, or learning differences.

— KELLY WITOWSKY

### MILITARY NOTES

**Navy Seaman Recruit Joyce K. Sowa**, a 2004 graduate of T. C. Williams High School, Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

**1st Lieutenant Eugene Finkle** from Alexandria completed the Aircraft Maintenance Officer course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

**Navy Lt. j. g. Michael M. Webb** of Alexandria was recently designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Training Squadron 22, Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas.

Webb was presented with the coveted "Wings of Gold, marking the culmination of months of flight training.

**Navy Lt. Christopher W. Wolff** of Alexandria recently reported for duty with Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va.

**Marine Corps Pfc. Shaniece S. Stevenson**, a 2010 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria, Va., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

# LETTERS

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before a primary or general election and removal within 24 hrs). Here's an idea to raise revenue, let's start fining campaigns who don't remove the signs by the required date.

I'm all for the First Amendment, but let's put some sanity behind "yard" sign displays.

**Ruth Ravitz Smith**  
Alexandria

## TC Students Shine

To the Editor:

Last night, I had the privilege of volunteering for the first time at the T.C. Williams All-Night Graduation Party at Chincopin Park Recreation Center, here in Alexandria.

I worked the 10:30 – 1:30 a.m. shift in the Velcro wall room, with another local mom, Diane Hill. Here, graduates put on Velcro suits and propelled themselves via trampoline onto a Velcro wall. Most of the suits were really too small for many of them (we only had one that was long enough for all the boys) and yet, we had not one frown, not one complaint. Nothing, but smiles and laughter, gracious patience in sharing the suits, support for one another and the pure joy of hurtling one's self onto that wall.

I point this out, because I am tired of reading what's wrong with T.C. Williams, when [this] night highlights everything that is right. Each year, this wonderful event goes on thanks to the hard work and contributions of so many parents, teachers, local businesses and police. We saw students last night from every clique, sport and background behaving like the superb, young people that they've become. I am proud to live in a community that is so diverse and cares enough about its children to sponsor such an event. But, most importantly, I am so proud of these kids, our kids.

Next fall, my own daughter will be in 10th grade at TC. I am looking forward to that day when, she too, will have this unique experience.

It's terrific to be a Titan!

**Beth Craig Jones**  
Alexandria

## On Right Side For Public Health

To the Editor:

This week, Mayor Euille took a decisive stand in support of public health. He joined with 90 other mayors, together representing more than 33 million Americans, and submitted a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency in support of the Agency's recently-finalized Mercury and Air Toxics Standards.

The new air quality standards call for national limits on mercury and other toxics from the nation's single largest source of mercury pollution: coal-fired power plants. The standards will protect young children from developmental problems associated with mercury contamination, and prevent up to 11,000 premature deaths and 5,700 hospital and emergency room visits each year.

In the most basic terms, these standards will improve the lives of children across the

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## Betsy Ross and Free Speech

BY HARRY COVERT

**I**t's important to honor and revere Old Glory and not just on the day set aside as Flag Day. The official observance was yesterday, June 14.

It didn't have to be a federal holiday, a day off, to be a proud flag waver.

I don't give any credence to those who take pleasure besmirching the Betsy Ross creation which has stood the test of time, honoring the nation and Americans of all stripes.

**COVERT MATTERS ...**

I'm one of those who wears a flag lapel pin. I often rotate between a dual decoration that includes a state or Commonwealth flag or another combination of the U.S.-United Kingdom. On Sundays it's not unusual to see such accoutrements as The Flag with the Christian flag. It's a rather dazzling combination and often draws attention and comments.

Once during an impromptu visit to Washington, some friends and I happened upon a demonstration. A bunch of unkempt ignoramuses were attempting some disruption in front of the Department of Education. They were whooping and hollering, just being nuisances. The reason for this early morning bellyaching was not evident. Suddenly one of the crowd pulled out a cigarette lighter and a flag attempting to burn it.

Among my colleagues was a burley former college football player. Before the fellow could get the flame started, he was knocked to the cement and someone landed a big fist to his nose. Shortly blood was streaming down his face and the sidewalk emblazoned with red splotches.

There was no media around that day, no video recording nor still photography

country, helping to reduce the number of infants born with impairments in the way they walk, talk, read, write, and learn thanks to mercury contamination.

Mayor Euille and the Alexandria City Council are to be commended for their efforts to combat air pollution from the GenOn power plant, the largest local source of air pollutants like mercury, and contributing to the commitment by GenOn to close that plant this year. By signing this letter, Mayor Euille will help to reduce pollution from other coal-fired power plants, both in Alexandria and across the country.

Mayor Euille should be applauded for understanding the real day-to-day needs of protecting the health of Alexandrians. His support for public health and strong mercury standards represents the type of leadership that all elected officials should aspire to emulate.

**Dean Amel**, Chair  
Sierra Club-Mount Vernon Group

and no risk of an internet appearance. In those days there was no such thing as telephones with cameras or the web. Organizers apparently didn't know anything about media contact.

Yes, free speech may have been curtailed a bit that day. I don't think so. It was fun to see someone come to the defense of good versus evil, the symbol of America, preserving honor. No police were on the scene.

After some slobbering the group dispersed, afraid of any more pugilistic activities. No criminal case here either.

Not wearing a suit or sports jacket? A flag pin can adorn shirt pockets or collars.

On occasion, just to be different, I wear a silver fly. That's right, a fly. During May, it's not unusual for me to wear a tasteful gold Confederate States of America adornment. I also have a tiny pin symbolizing a shock of wheat. The

interesting thing is no one ever comments or asks their meanings.

Let me explain. The fly pin arrived on my desk in 1958. Producers of the Vincent Price movie "The Fly" sent the symbol to newspapers all over the country. A friend provided the CSA ornament and the wheat shock was a gift from "gleaners" who collect food for the world's hungry.

I've never been one to wear t-shirts with names of products or companies nor do I have the names of car-dealers on vehicles I drive. I draw the line at free advertising. The exception is for Betsy Ross' creation.

Even when I'm traveling abroad it's always with me. Once in a coffee shop near London's Trafalgar Square, there was a nice welcoming smile, and this, "Hello Yank!"

## Helping Small Business

To the Editor:

I am enjoying my fifth year as a small business owner in Alexandria. I have received a number of awards, The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year in 2010 is one that I am most proud of because I have worked diligently to maintain and grow my clientele.

Recently, I was faced with one of the unexpected events that can occur as a small business owner. I was feeling disappointed and uncertain. Unsure of where to turn, I took the advice of a long-time client that suggested I contact Val Hawkins, president and CEO of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. Mr. Hawkins listened to my story, understood that time was important and arranged for me to speak with Christina Mindrup Robinson, vice president of Commercial Real Estate at the Alexandria Economic Development Partner-

ship. Christina advised me that I needed to seek a new location for my business and immediately got to work helping me. I was partnered with Dianne Sappenfield of McEneaney Commercial Real Estate and made a timely and seamless move to a new location at 1309 King Street in Old Town.

When I approached the AEDP I expected that they would advise me. I never expected that they would take such an active and personal interest in my situation. Christina said, "We want you to keep your business in our city." And she meant it! They exceeded my expectations and saved my small business in this economy. They have given me the opportunity to grow and create a few more jobs in the city.

I want to thank my client, Val Hawkins, Christina Mindrup Robinson and Dianne Sappenfield for their care and professional attention during my time of need. I am so proud to be a member of the Alexandria community. Having a valuable resource like the AEDP is just another wonderful thing about owning a business in The City of Alexandria.

**Aida Fekir**  
Owner, Aida Spa  
1309 King Street



Old Glory

## Appreciating Old Glory

To the Editor:

Often when there's new ownership of our community of The Heritage At Old Town of Alexandria, for some reason or another, the American flag seems to be forgotten for a while.

But on this day, the Red White and Blue Old Glory flew on June 13, 2012 — a day before Flag Day — at our community.

I find myself speechless and eyes full of tears after I exit the building where I reside. I look up to the sky and there's Old Glory — a sight so beautiful that I made a u-turn back into the building and just stood at the desk speechless and pointing to the front door as the leasing person of our building asked if everything was OK. I just smiled and said, "The flag, the American Flag ... Thanks! Thanks to the management and maintenance staff of our community."

As I went back outside I stood there and thought about our land, our country, our nation and all who come to America, a land of freedom and a land of many languages.

Seeing Old Glory high in the sky within our community of The Heritage At Old Town ... Awesome!

**Geri Baldwin**  
Alexandria

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## RECREATION

# Get Ready for Olympic Day

By MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA

The Olympics are upon us and to celebrate its arrival, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will have Olympic Day, June 22, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center located at 1108 Jefferson St. For the second year, the department was chosen by the official Olympic Planning Committee to host a community event that taught about the values of the Olympic Games: fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship.

Each neighborhood center participates each year in this annual event. We engage in a number of activities that promote athleticism and healthy living habits. The games this year are two and four square, hula hoop competition, relay and sack races, tug of war and jump rope. Our entertainment will also be a combination of dance and sport with the Afficials Allstars. They will lead the DanceSport activity to the sounds of Miley Cyrus.

There will be two Olympians at our event and they will share their experiences with us and speak about the values of the Olympic Games.

Osman Orlando played for the Black Stars, Ghana National Soccer Team qualified in the 1968 in Munich, Germany and 1972 in Mexico City, Mexico. He played professionally for the American Soccer League for the Ohio Comets. Orlando has coached at all levels from little leagues to the college.

Gary Russell Jr. is an undefeated American professional boxer in the featherweight division and brother of 2010 National Golden Gloves champion Gary Allen Russell III. After a decorated amateur career that culminated in a spot at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Russell turned pro in 2009 and has since remained undefeated. When he was an amateur, Sugar Ray Leonard compared Russell to himself (Wikipedia, 2012).

For more information please call McKenya Dilworth-Abdalla, Chair of Olympic Day at 703-746-5481 or Jamie Aylor at 703-746-5425, Co-Chair of Olympic Day.

## NEIGHBORHOOD

### Seminary Valley

At long last I am able to sit down and crank out some news for Seminary Valley ... a trip to Italy (Turin) and preparations for high school graduation prevented me from doing this sooner.

This just in from our friend Kassy Benson, who is the go-to person for all news regarding Francis C. Hammond High School. Kassy writes: "My class had its 50-year reunion this past weekend (1962) at the Marriott across from Hammond. It was a terrific event, or weekend of events. On Saturday morning, we chartered a bus to take us on a 3-hour tour around Alexandria, going past all of our old elementary schools, GW where we had our football games, Jefferson (no longer there) where we went to the 8th grade with our GW cohorts, and many of the places which were special to us (including the back parking lot at Hammond). The highlight though, came at the end. We made a surprise stop at the Washington House and I had arranged to have teachers Mickey Moore and Mary Neale Garrett brought out front (neither my classmates on the bus nor the teachers knew we were doing this until the last moment). We sang the Hammond fight song, and the Alma Mater. I don't think there were many dry eyes. Mickey and Mary Neale both started out at Francis Hammond in '56, and then went to T. C. Williams in '71. Mickey became assistant principal, then returned to FCH as principal, retiring as assistant superintendent of schools. They were long time residents on Knox Place just a few blocks from the school before moving to the Washington House.

"Also at our reunion was good friend and fellow grad former Maine Governor Angus King. Angus is now running for the U.S. Senate from Maine to replace Olympia Snowe (as an Independent)." Kassy tells me that Mr. King also held student government positions while at Hammond and served as Governor at Virginia Boys' State.

Students at Hammond, now a middle school, are no slouches either ... Mickayla J. Noel, an eighth-grader in Rachel Payne's Honors Social Studies class at Francis C. Hammond 1 Middle School, for being chosen to participate in the Just The Beginning Foundation's Summer Legal Institute. Mickayla will learn the ins and outs of the legal system and will get to work with judges, lawyers and law students on legal reasoning, case analysis, writing, negotiation and oral argument exercises. In addition, the Hammond Music Department won big last week at the Hershey Music in the Parks Competition; first place awards went to the Concert and Symphonic Bands, the String and Chamber Orchestras, and the 8th Grade Mixed Choir. Well done!

We have several newly-minted high school graduates in the Valley. Congratulations to Abby Cox (University at Mary Washington), Phil Espinosa (The Johns Hopkins University), Michelle Avila (George Mason University), Chelsea Palma (NOVA), Sam Jones (Christopher Newport University), Rebecca Wood-Conover (NOVA) and Franz Vosseler. Franz, Sam, Michelle, Phil, Abby and Rebecca are the products of 13 years in ACPS, starting at Polk Elementary School.

— MIA JONES

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OBITUARY  
Eugene "Gene" Burkholder

Of Alexandria, VA on June 12, 2012. Survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Polly Sue, his four children, Bonnie Lee Browning, Karen Sue Bocchetta, Tony Wayne Burkholder and Eugene William Burkholder, Jr., 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. A gathering will be held at the Franconia Moose Lodge, 7701 Beulah St., Alexandria, VA, on Saturday, June 23 from 3-4PM where a memorial service will begin at 4PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org/involved/donate or to Heartland Hospice, 3900 Jermantown Rd. #360, Fairfax, VA.

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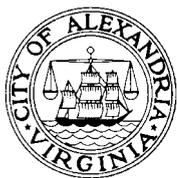
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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 58.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 100 South Pickett Street from, CG/Commercial General to CRMU -M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) with Proffers in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2012-0001 (Project Name: The Delaney, 100 South Pickett Street)

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2012-0001, to rezone property at 100 South Pickett Street from CG/Commercial General to CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) with Proffers.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Landmark/Van Dorn chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0002 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (Project Name: The Delaney, 100 South Pickett Street)

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0002 to change the land use designation of the property at 100 South Pickett Street from General Commercial to Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) with proffers and to increase the applicable height limitation from 50 feet to 77 feet.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Eisenhower East chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0001 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (Project Name: Carlyle Plaza II)

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0001 to revise Figure 4-10 of the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan to consolidate blocks 26A, 26B and 29 into one new block, increase the allowable height of that block to 375 feet and add related notes and conditions to Figure 4-10.

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JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC CITY CLERK

OPINION

Just the Beginning

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Recently, the keynote speaker at Wellesley High School in Massachusetts delivered a profound message to its graduates: "You are not special." While his remarks were intended to be a reality check for students ... a reminder of how competitive the world will be after leaving high

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school ... I believe the T.C. Williams High School Class of 2012 is special. Each and every student is special because of who they are and the community from which they hail. Beyond wishing them the very best, we charge them to take care of themselves and to take care of others and to always remember that they are special. Once a Titan; always a Titan.

Having been part of more than 35 high school graduations as a superintendent, each one is inspiring and deeply touching. This year's graduation at T.C. Williams High School on June 16 was truly inspiring and touching. Each graduate, each faculty member and each family member felt some pride and joy, some love and happiness and a great sense of accomplishment as a participant in these commencement exercises.

They are remarkable Titans; good caring young men and women with a sense of responsibility. Academically, this class has continued the transformation of T.C. with the largest percentage of any T.C. class taking AP courses - 53 percent and leading the way with a pass rate of more than 92 percent on the English and Writing SOLs. The Class of 2012 has produced special leaders in many arenas, winning

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 37

Lack of Action

To the Editor:

Three years ago this month, the City Council approved the Urban Forestry Master Plan, a far-thinking document intended to increase tree planting and care in the city.

Unfortunately, the Council has failed to take any actions to implement the plan.

The council's lack of action is disappointing in three respects. First, our tree canopy has declined significantly during the past decade or so. Second, tree planting and care is one of the cheapest and most effective means of improving public health and the environment. Third, the council does not appear to consider trees as an investment.

Consider what the council's underinvestment means:

1) More air pollution. Because there are fewer trees to absorb pollutants, life is more difficult for people with asthma and other respiratory illnesses.

2) More water pollution. Tree root systems and the microbes associated with them break down toxic chemicals, but now more of those chemicals wash into local waters and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

3) Hotter summers. A good tree canopy can reduce ambient air temperatures by 10 degrees or more. Our declining tree cover means that fewer people are able to walk or exercise outside during the sweltering summer months.

4) Less than expected real estate values and tax revenues. Many studies have linked trees and higher real estate values. Our already-high real estate values could perhaps be even higher with a greater tree canopy.

In short, a greater city investment would more than pay for itself.

I believe the council cares about trees. It has also struggled with a difficult budget situation in recent years. But the budget situation always seems to be challenging, and even in good times, the city has underinvested in tree planting and care.

This year, the council cut \$70,000 from the tree care budget, a very shortsighted move, because newly planted trees that are not watered often die and young trees that are not pruned often result in bigger and costlier problems later on.

The Urban Forestry Master Plan includes many practical recommendations for reversing the decline of our tree canopy, none of

awards in journalism, the arts, sciences, athletics and producing two National Merit Scholarship and two National Achievement Scholarship recipients.

These graduates are going on to great experiences in life including attending some of the best colleges and universities in the nation. Members of the Class of 2012 will attend

Georgetown University, Dartmouth College, Columbia University, University of Virginia, The Ohio State University, Syracuse University, Cornell University, John Hopkins University, and many other great institutions across the country. They will enlist in the military, and they will work in fields that they received training in through our Career and Technical Education courses at T.C. Williams High School.

Like the tree that is the gift from the Class of 2012 to the school - a gift in memory of the seniors who we lost this year, T.C. will continue to grow and to flourish. While our recent graduates are making their start in the world, we will continue to work toward preparing our next class of graduates. We will continue preparing them from elementary school with high standards, high expectations, and excellent teaching.

Each year brings a new beginning. I hope you will join us next year and remain involved in the education of our children as we work to meet the needs of our students with the launch of the T.C. Satellite Campus, enhanced elementary reading guidelines, a new plan for the Talented and Gifted program and continued commitment to ensuring all students receive an excellent education in Alexandria City Public Schools.

which are hugely expensive. A greater investment will be needed, but it can be made over a decade or more.

The plan identified many opportunities for planting more trees, on public and private property. But tree care can be even more important than planting, because it doesn't make sense to plant a lot of trees if you're not going to care for them.

In terms of planting, we need to think not necessarily in terms of numbers, but rather in terms of increasing the overall tree canopy. In this respect, fewer but large shade trees can have a greater impact in terms of improving public health and the environment than a lot of cherry or other small flowering trees, no matter how pretty they are in the spring. We need an Alexandria Shade Tree Campaign.

The most important thing is that the council change its mindset and begin thinking of tree planting and care as an investment that more than pays for itself. Unless this happens, we can expect our tree canopy to continue to decline and our public health and the environment to continue to worsen.

**Bill Hendrickson**  
Alexandria



**Two scullers make their way up the Potomac during the Blue Plains Sprints a few years back. The Sprints is an annual regatta that pits T.C. Williams summer crew participants against each other in a series of races and marks the official end of the summer rowing season. Sign-up for the 2012 program is this Saturday, June 23, from 8-10 a.m. at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town.**



**Two "eights" are shown poised at the starting line ready to race at the Blue Plains Sprints a few years back.**

PHOTOS BY BOB LAUBACH

## Summer Crew Registration To Be Held June 23

**I**nterested in learning how to row this summer? Then come down to the Dee Campbell Boathouse this Saturday, June 23 and sign up for the Alexandria Crew Boosters 2012 summer crew program. Sign-up will be held from 8-10 a.m. at the Boathouse, which is located at 1 Madison Street in Old Town.

The program is open to youth and adult novice rowers who are interested in learning more about the sport. Sessions begin on Monday, June 25 and run for five weeks. The program concludes on Saturday, Aug. 4 with the Blue Plains Sprints, an annual regatta that pits the summer rowers against each other in a series of races and marks the official end of the summer rowing season.

This year's programs include the youth novice sweep which allows one oar per rower and is a learn-to-row program for students in the eighth through 12th grades. No experience is needed. Rowers are grouped by age and ability, and learn the basics of rowing in 8-person shells. Sessions

are held from 7:15-9 a.m., Monday-Friday. The fee is \$175.

The youth intermediate sweep program focuses on building rowing skills and technique, as well as strength and endurance. This program is for rising ninth graders with one competitive season of rowing under their belt. Sessions are held from 7-8:45 a.m., Monday-Friday. The fee is \$175.

The youth sculling program, in which each rower uses two oars, is for high school students with two competitive spring seasons of rowing and experience sculling or in a varsity-level 8 or 4. Scullers will row in quads, doubles and singles. Sessions are held from 6:45-7:45 a.m., Monday-Friday. The fee is \$200.

The adult novice sweep program first session is for adults of all ages who want to learn the basics and the beauty of rowing; no experience needed. Sessions are held from 6-7:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The second group of sessions are held from 6-7:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thurs-



**A pair of rowers in a double scull race down the Potomac during the Blue Plains Sprints a few years back.**

day, and 7-8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The fee is \$250.

All participants in the summer crew program must register in person, submit a signed waiver form and certify or pass a swim test. Registration forms can be found

at <http://www.tcwcrew.org/programs/summercrew.html>.

Additional questions can be sent to Lexye Hearing, the director of the Alexandria Crew Boosters 2012 Summer Crew Program, at [lexye.hearing@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:lexye.hearing@acps.k12.va.us).

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Aces' Buccilli Named CRCBL Player of the Week

Alexandria Aces outfielder Alex Buccilli was named Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League Player of the Week for the extended first week of the season.

Buccilli, a junior at Coastal Carolina University, went 13 for 32 (.406) with two doubles, a triple and two home runs from June 6-17.

Buccilli and the Aces were 7-5 entering action on June 20. Alexandria was tied for fourth place in the 10-team league, two games behind the first-place Rockville Express.

Kevin Francke (Trinity) is hitting .308 for the Aces. On the mound, the team has four pitchers who have thrown at least 10 innings with an ERA less than 4.00

— Colin Milon (0.69), Ronnie Glenn (1.80), A.J. Rosenthal (2.70) and Brian Leon (3.60).

Alexandria will host Silver Spring-Takoma at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 21.

#### Youth Volunteer Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is seeking volunteers to coach youth baseball, softball, field hockey, swimming, track and field, rugby, summer basketball and football. Criminal history background checks are required. Interested persons should call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or [emailmac.slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:emailmac.slover@alexandriava.gov) or [Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov).

#### Youth Basketball Fundamental School

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Fundamentals School for boys and girls ages 5-12. The school will run on Saturdays from July 7 through July 28 at Francis Hammond Middle School located at 4646 Seminary Road. Participants will learn the fundamentals of ball handling, shooting, passing, dribbling and rebounding. Registration fee is \$50 per child. Registration deadline is June 30 or as soon as sessions are filled. For more information or to register online, contact the youth sports office at 703-746.5402 or go on the youth sports website at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).



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Thursday, June 28th vs Baltimore Redbirds - 7 PM



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## SCHOOLS

FROM PAGE 29

- ❖ **Gizachew Emiru** will receive a Juris Doctor.
- ❖ **Ganesh Nair** will receive a Juris Doctor.

**Mary Katherine Rother** of Alexandria received the juris doctor degree on May 5, from Washington and Lee University School of Law. Rother graduated cum laude. She received the B.A. degree from College of William and Mary.

**Rene Borges** of Alexandria graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in information security and forensics from RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences in the winter 2011-2012 quarter.

**Muriel LaMois**, a graduate of T.C. Williams High School, received a bachelor of arts degree from The College of Wooster during commencement exercises on May 14. A history major, LaMois is a resident of Alexandria.

**Johanne Walleck** of Alexandria received a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Quinnipiac University during a commencement ceremony held May 13 at the TD Bank Sports Center.

**Goma Thapaliya** of Alexandria graduated from the College of Mount Saint Vincent on Saturday, May 19, on the River Lawn of the College's Riverdale campus.

**James Ahern** of Alexandria graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Sunday, May 20 with a degree in MLIS - Master of Library and Information Science, School of Information Studies.

**Erin Rheinheimer**, a first-year Art and Education License, PreK-12 major and resident of Alexandria, was among 250 students from Eastern Mennonite University who made the spring semester Dean's List.

The following students were recognized as members of the dean's list for the spring semester at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg.

- ❖ **Heather Evans**, a first-year Music: Performance major from Alexandria.
- ❖ **Julia King**, a senior Theater major from Alexandria.
- ❖ **Stephanie Rheinheimer**, a junior Social Work major from Alexandria.

**Tyler Kimbel** of Alexandria received a Doctor of Philosophy, Counselor Education and Supervision, at the University of Northern Colorado during graduation ceremonies May 4-5.

**Kyle Travers**, a resident of Alexandria, has been named to the Spring 2012 Champlain College's Dean's List for academic achievements and achieving a semester grad point average of 3.5 or higher. Travers is majoring in Secondary Education -English.

**Kevin Komson Sidney**, a senior at Hampden-Sydney College, was inducted on May 2 into Pi Mu Epsilon, the national honorary mathematics society. Kevin, a mathematical economics major, is a graduate of West Potomac High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Sidney of Alexandria.

**Everton Nascimento Batista** graduated cum laude with a B.A. in economics and commerce from Hampden-Sydney College on May 13. A graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School, he is the son of Louis A. Masochini of Alexandria.

**Monica Varner** of Alexandria has received Randolph College's alumna-sponsored internship at the Preservation Institute: Nantucket. Varner, a rising junior, will participate in the program this summer. The support of alumna Lynne Land ('60) and her husband, A.J., allows Randolph College to offer a student a full scholarship to study historic preservation for eight weeks on Nantucket Island.



**Melissa Beaty** of Alexandria has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

At Final Convocation on April 26, Hampden-Sydney College senior **Everton Nascimento Batista** received the William R. Hendley Award in Economics, presented by Dr. Justin P. Isaacs '95, Associate Professor of Economics. This award is presented to the senior economics major who, in the judgment of the department, has gained the greatest benefit from his major.

A Davis Fellow, Everton is a member of the Student Body Senate, the Society of 1791 (leadership program), the Pre-Business Society, the Garnet & Grey Society, the Soccer Club, and the Rugby Club. He writes for The Hampden-Sydney



**Deanna Doyle (left) with Dr. Richard Bay, RU chairperson of art education.**

## Outstanding Radford Student

**D**eanna Marie Doyle of Alexandria was named the 2012 Outstanding Graduating Student from the Department of Art in the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) at Radford University. Doyle worked as a museum intern — first at the Glencoe History Museum in Radford where she worked on the inventory data base, next at the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden in Alexandria, where she developed educational programs for scouting troops and led guided tours and most recently at the U.S. Navy Museum in Washington, D.C., where she was involved in teaching and developing educational activities related to the museum's exhibitions and was responsible for the creation and organization of two week-long summer camps: "Rocket Camp" and "Engineering Camp" for primary school-aged children.

Tiger, the school's newspaper. An economics and commerce major, Everton graduated from St. Stephens & St. Agnes School and is the son of Louis A. Masochini of Alexandria.

Saint Augustine's College recently admitted for its fall 2012 semester, the following Alexandria residents: **Teyah Conaway, Tiffani Gibson, Percy Haskins, Shacolbe Horn, Johnnie Jackson, Tyriek James, Abenezer Jemal, Johnee Lewis, Tyrone Mackall, Jordan Ray and Grand Roberson.**

**Shamim Siddiqi** from Alexandria graduated from Brenau University with a Master of Business Administration degree after focusing studies on project management.

**Jason Livernois**, a resident of Alexandria, was among the class of more than 451 graduate students at Nazareth College who received master's and doctoral degrees during the College's 85th Commencement Exercises held on May 12. Livernois received a MSE degree in Inclusive Education.

The following students are members of the graduating class of 2012 at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.:

- ❖ **Julia King**, a bachelor's degree recipient in theater, from Alexandria.
- ❖ **Barbie Fischer**, a master's degree recipient in conflict transformation, from Alexandria.
- ❖ **Tammy Briggs**, a master's degree recipient in nursing, from Alexandria.

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