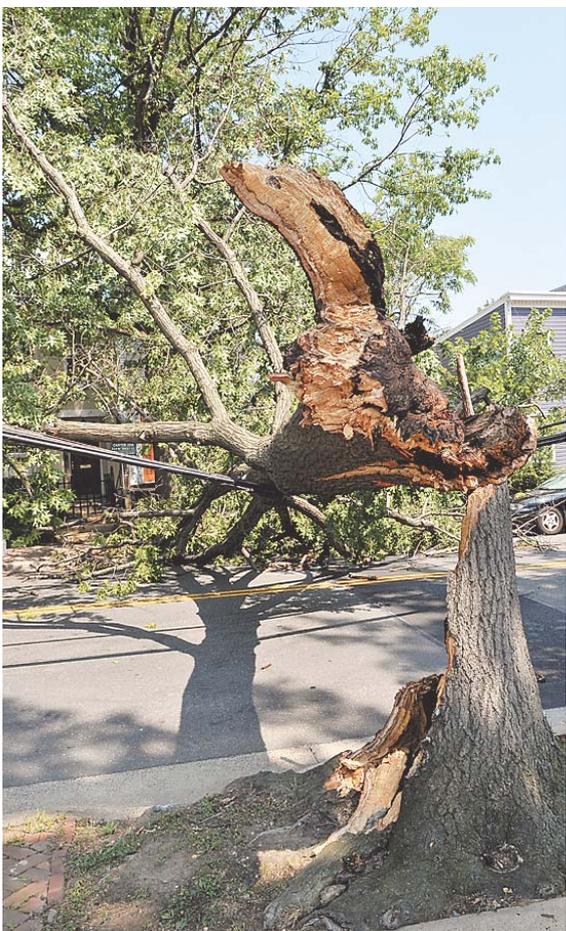


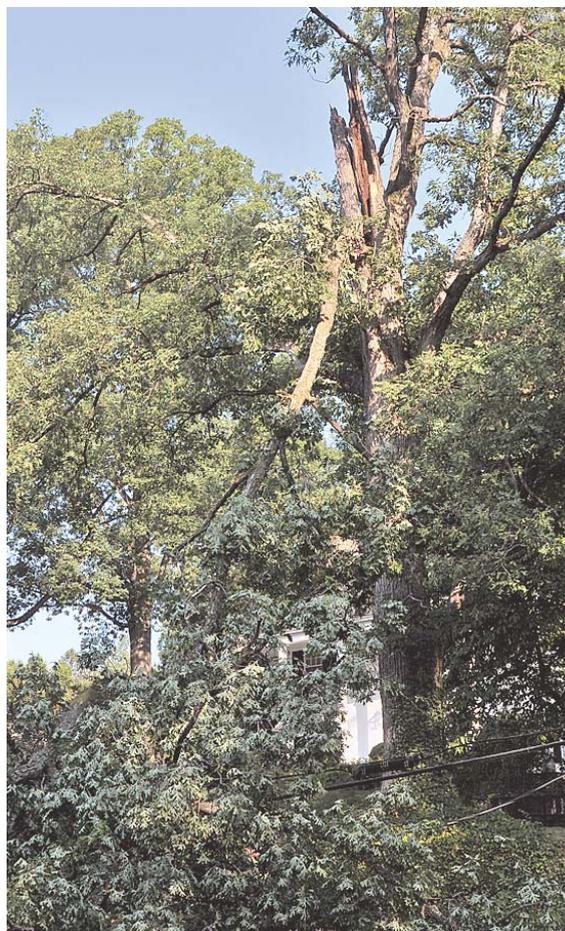


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The force of the June 29 storm is evident on Gunston Road and Martha Custis Drive in Parkfairfax.



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As of Monday morning, July 2, power returned to 11,000 locations in Alexandria, leaving 23,000 without electricity.

City officials could not put a number to the amount of traffic lights without power, but assured that progress was being made. However, there were fewer road closings on Sunday than Monday, as city crews were closing streets to pick up debris.

Four cooling stations opened as of Saturday morning. By Sunday afternoon, all public pools, recreation centers, and libraries were open except for Flora Krause Casey Health Center, Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library and Patrick Henry Recreation Center.

Members of the city's health, police, and fire departments stationed themselves at nursing homes and locations with large

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Gorsuch Re-Elected School Board Chairman

At its organizational meeting on July 2, the Ale School Board voted to re-elect Sheryl Gorsuch as chairman and Helen Morris as vice chairman for the remainder of 2012. The current board will serve through Dec. 31, after which members elected by City of Alexandria voters on Nov. 6 will take office.



Gorsuch



Morris

In addition to re-electing Gorsuch and Morris, the board approved meeting dates for the 2012-13 school year, approved the Jefferson-Houston School's construction management contract with the Turner Construction Company and revised Superintendent Morton Sherman's contract to reflect changes required by the state for contributions to the Virginia Retirement System, but made no market rate adjustment.

Morris was selected as the board's delegate to the Virginia School Boards Association, and Gorsuch was elected as the alternate.

Help Review Proposals For Freedmen's Cemetery

The public is invited to meet the artists and view proposals for the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery sculpture on July 7 at the Durant Arts Center.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Office of the Arts will host a reception from 5 - 6 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, located at 1605 Cameron St.

The finalists are:

- ❖ Erik Blome, Crystal Lake, Ill.
- ❖ Mario Chiodo, Oakland, Calif.
- ❖ Edward Dwight, Denver, Colo.

The public may record written comments at the display, or e-mail comments to aca@alexandriava.gov through Aug. 6.

The three finalists emerged from a pool of applicants from 19 states and three countries. The artists were selected by a panel including representatives of the Friends of Freedmen's Cemetery, descendant family members, Old Town/Hunting Creek Civic Association, the Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Alexandria Historical Society, the Public Art Committee, and subject matter experts including an historian, design professional and sculptor.

The winning artist will be announced in September. The sculpture will be installed in the spring of 2013 at the cemetery, located at 1001 S. Washington St.

The cost of the sculpture is funded in accordance with the terms of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge settlement agreement between the city, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Comment Sought on Field Name

The city is seeking public comment on a proposal to name the Lee Center Softball Field, located at 1108 Jefferson St., "The Kelley Cares Miracle Field." A Miracle Field is a rubberized surface baseball diamond that allows individuals with special needs the opportunity to play outdoor sports in a safe and fun environment. The proposal was forwarded by the Miracle League of Alexandria in response to the Kelley Cares Foundation's support of the city's therapeutic recreation program over the past several years.

The public is invited to provide comment on the proposal to name the softball field through Monday, July 23. Those interested in providing comments should email them to jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, subject line: Kelley Cares Miracle Field, or may be mailed to Recreation and Parks, Attn: Jack Browand, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria VA 22314. All comments received or postmarked by Monday, July 23 will be reviewed by the City Council Naming Committee.



PHOTOS BY MONTIE MARTIN/GAZETTE PACKET

The pool at Charles Houston Recreation Center was a cool respite for city residents over the weekend. A severe storm struck the region Friday night, leaving many without power during the midst of a heat wave.

The Coolest Places in Town

City recreation centers maintain power, air-conditioning, during heat wave and devastating storm

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Many Alexandria residents remained without power over the weekend when a freak storm hit the region late Friday night, June 29. The power outage occurred as the area is experiencing a heat wave with temperatures in the high 90s, and a heat index of well over 100 degrees.

Unaffected by the storm, however, were the city recreation centers. Recreation centers have always been the traditional sites for cooling locations during the summer months, but the facilities have grown all the more important due to the widespread shortage of air-conditioned locales.

Although the recreation centers are equipped with backup generators in the event of a mass power outage, in many cases they proved unnecessary.

"We never lost power during the storm," said Joseph Jennings, the manager on duty at Charles Houston Recreation Center. "People can come and recharge their devices no problem."

The Charles Houston Recreation

"Air-conditioning is one of those necessities that you take for granted."

— Dajuan Stafford, a volunteer at Cora Kelly Recreation Center

Center saw higher than usually foot traffic over the weekend, as visitors were quick to take advantage of air-conditioning to escape

the heat.

"We haven't had power since Friday night, and there's still no estimate when it will come back on," said Alexandria resident John Smith. "I haven't been to Charles Houston before, but this place is fantastic, there are lots of activities."

Like most recreation centers in Alexandria, Charles Houston is equipped with game rooms, televisions, a gymnasium and places to sit and chill. Charles Houston also boasts wifi Internet access, as well as a computer room. The most popular feature over the weekend, however, was the swimming pool.

"People had to wait in line to enter the pool, it was overcapacity which was a first," said Elmer Lazo, a lifeguard at Charles Houston. "We were a little delayed

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Beat the Heat

The city officials recommend that residents take precautions during excessive heat waves. Limit exposure to the sun, drink plenty of water, wear loose, lightweight and light-colored clothing, and check on neighbors that may be at risk or do not have air-conditioning.



John Smith and son Mathew enjoy the game room at Charles Houston Recreation Center. The family lost power Friday night when a severe storm struck the region.

Carlyle Plaza and Alex Renew To Create 'Green Block'

Architectural and environmental challenge leads to unique developmental project.

By ERIK HEANEY
GAZETTE PACKET

On June 16, city council voted 7-0 in approval of Carlyle Plaza and Alex Renew's "green block," or about 5 acres of proposed green space off of Eisenhower Avenue. The project confronts several architectural and environmental challenges to provide an open green space for the growing number of residents and workers in the Carlyle Towers area.

"There were so many complex constraints," said Dan Kaplan, architect from FX Fowle, "we really needed to be facile to solve them."

First, Carlyle Plaza must create a green space to comply with Alexandria's Green Building Policy. Since 2009, Alexandria has required all new developments to meet LEED silver standards. LEED silver requires buildings to meet at least 50 points across five different categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

Additionally, Carlyle Plaza must build a parking garage to serve the growing number of residents.

Secondly, Alex Renew, formerly known as the Alexandria Sanitation Authority, must abide local and state environmental laws. Along with LEED silver accreditation, Alex Renew must comply with Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, which requires a reduction of 62 percent nitrogen from the treated wastewater. With Alexandria's projected population of 25 percent in 40 years, increased efficiency in wastewater treatment alongside increased urbanization is a concern.

Finally, the development is to be built on contaminated soil. Throughout the early and mid part of the twentieth century, the area was home to a municipal incinerator, which would cover the soil in ash. Furthermore, many local residents would use the space to dump used appliances. As a result,

many metals, paper, glass, ash, and even petroleum have contaminated the soil.

Since then, the land has been reclaimed. However, no developer is allowed to dig more than 18 inches into the soil. This makes a standard green space almost impossible to develop.

WITH THESE CHALLENGES before them, Carlyle Plaza contracted landscapers and architects from the firms, Oculus and FX Fowle, to find a solution.

What the Alex Renew and Carlyle Plaza showed to the City Council on June 16 was an integrated urban green space. The two entities had two different goals: Alex Renew needed build sewage tanks to accommodate a growing population, and Carlyle Plaza needed to build both a green space and a parking garage for their new development. Therefore, Alex Renew revealed a \$100 million plan for sewage tanks to be concealed by a multipurpose field, which is to be integrated with Carlyle Plaza's green space.

"Everything had to be integrated," said Kaplan, "the wastewater, the green space, the parking, the network of open space, and the architecture had to be integrated."

To resolve the density issue, designers decided to create the green space on top of an above ground parking garage. The space includes an open field, trees, and a "creative play" area, a space where children can play on rolling hills and valleys.

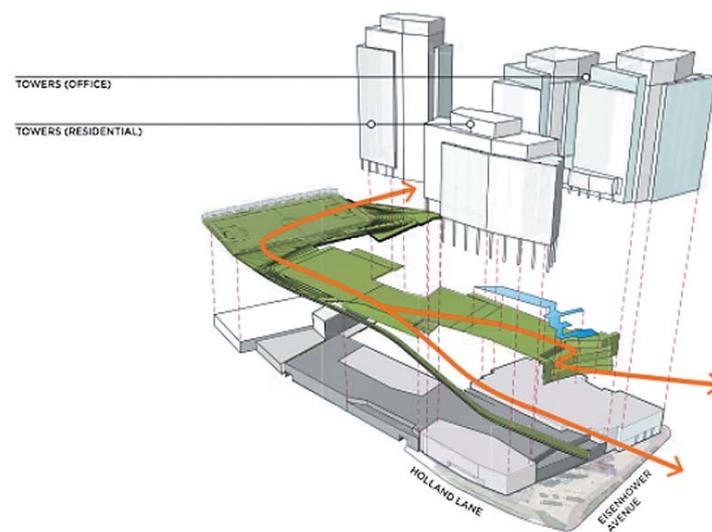
"As a mother, I am very excited for the play area," said Karen Pallansch, CEO of Alex Renew, "this is more open and unstructured."

To treat the runoff water, developers designed a series of bio-filters along the stair entrance. Thus, the runoff will be treated and later used to irrigate the open spaces and fill the nearby water feature.

Because accessibility was another concern, designers included a pedestrian-bike path that connects the green space to the ground level. The path will be connected



Site plan for the 5 acres of proposed green space to support the growing number of residents and workers in the Carlyle Towers area.



Architect Dan Kaplan was excited about this project and described it as a good example of green urbanism. "Everything had to be integrated," said Kaplan, "the wastewater, the green space, the parking, the network of open space, and the architecture had to be integrated."

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Electronic Collars Not Leashworthy

The city has adopted an ordinance that excludes electronic collars and similar electronic devices as legal methods to physically restrain dogs in public. At its June 16 public hearing, the City Council voted unanimously in favor of the ordinance, which goes into effect on Sept. 1.

The goal of the ordinance is to preserve public — and canine — safety in a densely-populated community where dogs are welcome just about everywhere. Additionally, Alexandria offers residents and visitors 18 fenced and unfenced dog

exercise areas where dogs are not required to be leashed. Dog owners may use electronic collars and other training devices in these dog parks, at sanctioned obedience training classes and field trials, and on private property.

Beginning Sept. 1, a dog in public wearing an electronic collar can be considered running at large, and the owner may be cited and fined up to \$100.

More information on Alexandria's ordinance requiring all dogs in public to be physically leashed is available at www.AlexandriaAnimals.org/e-collar.

Correction

In the article "Price of Democracy/City Council candidates spent a range of \$8.60 to 10 cents per vote" (Gazette Packet, June 28), several mathematical errors change the range in costs per vote. The corrected numbers, with a range of \$9.56 to \$1.76, are:

Cost Per Vote

Candidate	Total receipts	Votes	Cost Per Vote
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Sean Hollihan	\$36,916	4,294	\$8.60
Michael Hepburn	\$16,875	2,231	\$7.56
* Justin Wilson	\$32,974	3,887	\$6.35
* Tim Lovain	\$32,995	5,388	\$6.12
* Allison Silberberg	\$28,306	5,168	\$5.48
Melissa Feld	\$19,199	3,558	\$5.40
* John Chapman	\$22,636	4,644	\$4.87
Sammie Moshenberg	\$19,403	4,076	\$4.76
* Paul Smedberg	\$21,279	4,957	\$4.29
Arthur Peabody	\$19,400	4,957	\$3.91
* Del Pepper	\$17,957	5,069	\$3.54
Victoria Menjivar	\$15,026	4,427	\$3.39
Boyd Walker	\$4,942	2,807	\$1.76

* Winning Candidates

SOURCE: Virginia Public Access Project and the Virginia State Board of Elections

PEOPLE

Walking Across America

Jennifer Cooper hopes to raise awareness of poverty.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
GAZETTE PACKET

On July 4, Alexandria resident Jennifer Cooper, 38, will celebrate the three-year anniversary of the start of her walk across the United States. To celebrate, she will fly from Alexandria to Wichita, Kansas, where she last left, to continue her trek to Los Angeles.

"I started walking three years ago, July 4, 2009," Cooper said. She said she started at the Lincoln Memorial with a 54-pound backpack strapped to her and with a plan to walk to Los Angeles in one trip.

The first leg of her walk ended in Pittsburgh due to injury, according to Cooper.

"The plan was initially was to do the whole thing in one go. But when I reached Pittsburgh, I realized I had a stress fracture. I had no idea it was broken, I just knew it hurt a lot. Finally after an x-ray

I realized it was broken."

Cooper said as a result, the walk across the United States will ideally be completed over three years and four stages.

"The first year I walked from Washington D.C. to Chicago," Cooper said. "Then Chicago to Kansas City. Then Kansas City to Wichita. Now it's time to give it a rest. I want to finish this part of my journey and I want to write my book."

Cooper said she will need financial support to write a book.

She said she has been in Alexandria since last fall and is now preparing for what she hopes to be the last stage of her walk.

The inspiration behind Cooper's walk is an accumulation of causes and she said they have evolved over the three years.

"It was an accumulation of a lot of different things in my life," Cooper said. "It's great to get out there and see things and see the country. I am a journalist so I should go out and see how the economy



Jennifer Cooper

is affecting people. I sensed it was a time in history that it would be worth for me to take the time to go out and talk to people."

Cooper said she has already started working on the book about her journey and one of the causes of her memoir will be to eliminate the stereotype behind homelessness.

"Initially I wanted to walk to raise awareness of homelessness and poverty but then I realized homelessness is just a function of poverty. So I'm trying to push less attention on that," Cooper said.

She said at every stage and ev-

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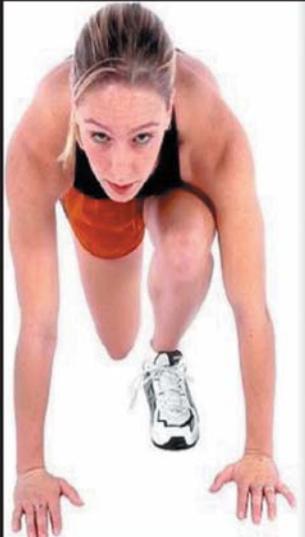
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Ruffner Road at East Timberbranch Parkway.

Storm's Wind Topples Trees

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numbers of residents to ensure aid. Air-conditioned DASH buses were driven to these locations to provide relief from the heat.

Many fallen trees and limbs have caused an unrecorded amount of property damage. In one example, on Friday night, the crown of a city street tree in front of Dino Drudi's house broke off and landed on his roof.

Another branch broke off and landed on his porch roof with its base blocking the sidewalk. Both ap-

pear to have missed the electrical wires, but the latter is hanging on what appears to be the cable TV wire.

When Drudi saw the tree fall on his house, he contacted the city. "Your city street tree's treetop fell on my house in yesterday evening's storm," Drudi said via email, "would you please be so kind as to come by at your earliest opportunity and take it off?"

No serious injuries caused by the weekend's storm were reported in Alexandria.

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A tree on the grounds of Trinity United Methodist Church at the corner of Allison Street and Cameron Mills Road snapped and uprooted, lifting the cement walkway.



A car on the 600 block of Beverley Drive was crushed by a tree during the storms of June 29.



The Wal-Mart at 7910 Richmond Highway was still without power Sunday afternoon, two days after the June 29 storms swept through the area.

PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE

“We wanted to break the link between gun running in a way that the second amendment would not be broken.”

— Don Beyer, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia under the Wilder administration

Guns from the South

July 1 marks lifting of 19-year restriction on handgun purchases.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

On July 1, the 19-year restriction on handgun purchases in Virginia became null and void. The measure was signed by Gov. Bob McDonnell Feb 28, and effectively allows an unlimited number of handgun purchases to individuals in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Small businesses that support the change maintain a rise in handgun sales will lead to increases in state revenue, and that the restriction is fundamentally against the second amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Opponents of the measure argue that lifting the restriction will facilitate arms trafficking and further the image of Virginia as a rogue supplier of firearms.

The one-handgun-per-month restriction was a signature effort of the Douglas Wilder administration, and was aimed squarely at crime organizations from New York. Such organizations filtered south to Virginia for bulk purchases of handguns from local retailers. By purchasing handguns in Virginia, firearms traffickers circumvented stringent controls in New York.

According to Don Beyer, lieutenant governor of Virginia under the Wilder administration when the restriction was established in 1993, the limit on handgun purchases was seen as a practical and bipartisan solution to gun trafficking.

“We wanted to break the link between gun running in a way that the second amendment would not be broken,” said Beyer in a telephone interview. “We had a lot of bipartisan support, limiting gun purchases to one per month is not the same as taking all guns away. People thought this was a common sense approach, criminals were not buying Virginia guns in bulk and to that extent it was a very good thing.”

The restriction had an immediate impact on Virginia guns found at crime scenes out of state. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association and ATF records of traced firearms used in crimes, 41 percent of crime scene guns found in New York City in 1991 originated in Virginia. Two years after the restriction was put in place Virginia guns only accounted for 15 percent of total guns used in crime there.

The net effect of the restriction did not



PHOTO BY MONTIE MARTIN/GAZETTE PACKET

Guns on display at the Nation's Gun Show. Private owners of guns in Virginia are not required to conduct background checks before selling firearms.

hold up over time, however, and by 2006 Virginia was once again a top supplier of guns used in out of state crime. Colin Goddard, a survivor of the 2007 Virginia Tech mass shooting and spokesperson for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, notes that guns trafficked from Virginia are caused by ever increasing exceptions to the one-handgun-per-month restriction.

“Lobby groups like the NRA started taking away pieces of the law until they could claim it was redundant. The law did not apply to private sales, collectors, and not if you had a concealed handgun permit,” said Goddard in a telephone interview. “Basically everyone was exempted except gun traffickers.”

The consequences of firearms trafficking are deadly. In December of 2011, NYPD Officer Peter Figoski was shot and killed by a Virginia handgun. Following the high-profile murder, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Boston Mayor Tom Menino brought the issue of illegal guns to the national stage during a 30-second advertisement for Super bowl XLVI. Although Bloomberg did not call out Virginia by name during the Super Bowl slot, in an emailed statement to the Connection Newspapers the mayor made his sentiments clear.

“Virginia is the number one out-of-state source of crime guns in New York, and one of the top suppliers nationally,” said Bloomberg. “If they care about innocent people and police officers being shot, they should be strengthening laws — as we have

done in New York — to keep guns away from criminals, not weakening them.”

Proponents of lifting the one-handgun-per-month restriction are quick to point out second amendment concerns. “We had a man come in looking to buy a handgun for his daughter, wife and himself because he felt his family was threatened,” said Brian Reed, a gun dealer with the Damascus Gun Shop in Damascus, Va.. “He couldn’t, because of the restriction, and he had to wait months to buy them.”

Virginia guns have been selling at record highs even with the restriction in place. According to the Virginia State Police, between 2010 and 2011 there were 321,166 firearm background checks from licensed dealers in Virginia, the largest number of checks ever. Conservative estimates put these sales into the millions of dollars.

“Between 2010 and 2011 gun stores sold \$312.5 million in firearms, and another \$312.5 million on accessories. That’s \$625 million in total sales,” said Reed. “With a five percent sales tax that’s \$31.25 million collected for Virginia.”

Annette Eliot, president of Showmasters, a family-owned gun show company, notes that many of the Virginia gun dealerships are small businesses. Although the one-handgun-per-month restriction has limited potential sales, lengthy wait times for background checks are a principal concern for firearm dealers.

“The average customer is delayed by four hours because of background checks, it’s expensive because people walk away from sales,” said Eliot. “These are small businessmen, last year dealers lost 12 percent in sales, that’s a hit.”

Delays most often occur when there is a high volume of background checks that must be processed. Customers who purchase firearms in Virginia are subject to two levels of background checks. The National Instant Criminal Background Check System, managed by the FBI, checks a national databank of convicted felons who are ineligible to purchase firearms. An additional background check conducted by the Virginia

State Police looks closely at individuals who were committed to mental hospitals, and stems from the fallout of the Virginia Tech massacre.

Background checks do not apply to private sales, however, and law enforcement officials do not know how many firearms are sold under such circumstances. “That is not something the Virginia Firearms Transaction Program is capable of tracking or capturing, nor is the FTP mandated to do so by state law,” said Corinne Geller, a spokesperson for the Virginia State Police.

Proponents of stricter firearms controls point to the “gun show loophole” as a source of illegal firearms transactions. Gun shows make space available for private citizens to sell weapons from personal collections, without conducting background checks. The one handgun per month restriction does not apply to such individuals. Applicability of the restriction to private sales, however, was never the intent of the original legislation.

“The perception was that people don’t go to gun shows to buy 50 at a time,” said Beyer. “The way the market worked at the time had to do with the radical operation of gun stores who could deal in volume.”

“Criminals don’t buy guns from private individuals at gun shows, the truth is that 98 percent of guns used in crime come from us,” said Reed. “Criminals will get guns, the solution is tougher laws for criminals.”

Although Virginia has laws in place that guard against falsifying documents when purchasing handguns, it is not required to report a lost or stolen firearm. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, such leniency creates an atmosphere ripe for gun trafficking via straw purchases.

In exchange for as little as \$10, or an equivalent in drugs, individuals with clean records will purchase a handgun and give the weapon to a ringleader for transportation.

“A straw purchaser is someone saying this gun is for me, then meets a person a few blocks away and gives them the gun,” said Mike Campbell, a spokesperson with the ATF, in a telephone interview. “Most people buy a gun and choose to keep it for a while, newly purchased guns used in crime scenes are more likely to have been trafficked.”

Law enforcement agencies track crime scene guns by following the supply chain, from gun manufacture to wholesaler, dealer and the individual who purchased the gun. If the owner has sold the firearm without keeping a record of the transaction, lost the gun or had it stolen, the trail goes cold.

Law enforcement officers are not involved in the political debate regarding the one handgun per month restriction. “Virginia is an island of loose gun regulations surrounded by states with more stringent controls on firearms,” said Campbell. “It’s not our job to advise states what they can and can not do with their laws. The people of Virginia are the ones who elected their officials.”

July 1, Fewer Gun Restrictions

Legislation going into effect this week in Virginia includes multiple bills that ease any restrictions on guns.

The new laws:

- ❖ Eliminate the prohibition on purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period.
- ❖ Add concealed handgun permits to the list of acceptable forms of identification to vote or when challenged.
- ❖ Provide that nothing in the Emergency Services and Disaster Law shall be interpreted

to limit or prohibit the otherwise lawful possession, carrying, transportation, sale, or transfer of firearms.

- ❖ Provides that no locality may participate in any gun-buyback program unless the governing body of the locality has enacted an ordinance authorizing the participation of the locality. The ordinance shall require that such firearms shall be offered for sale by public auction or sealed bids to a person licensed as a dealer.

PEOPLE



PHOTO BY LARRY ALBERSON

Representatives from local nonprofits gather for a group photo June 12 at the Rotary Club's annual Contributions Day. The club awarded \$92,000 to 32 local organizations.

'Service Above Self' Rotary Club contributes \$92,000 to local charities.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Rotary Club of Alexandria, in partnership with the Alexandria Day Nursery and Children's Home, continued its decades-long tradition of awarding grants to local nonprofit organizations with the presentation of \$92,000 to 32 organizations at the annual Contributions Day luncheon June 12 at Belle Haven Country Club.

"Today is a wonderful day that exemplifies what Rotary is about," said president John Woods, "when all that we think, say or do is about the community."

The Alexandria Rotary Foundation, funded through events such as the signa-

ture Taste For Giving gala, donated \$43,000 to local organizations dedicated to serving an array of needs in the community. Alexandria Day Nursery and Children's Home, originally established in the 1930s as part of the Rotary Club, awarded \$49,000 to nonprofits primarily focusing on the needs of children.

"It's such a great pleasure when we see the culmination of the work that started with A Taste For Giving," said Rotary Foundation director Ted Stark.

Each year local organizations apply for a Rotary Club Community Grant. The applications are reviewed with consideration given to the sustainability of the project, how it is helping those most in need, and how the project contributes to the commu-

nity.

"We really want to honor all the charities for the work they do and make sure that we help them to continue their great works," said A Taste for Giving 2012 chair Steve Wharton. "They all show the 'Service Above Self' spirit that we at Rotary live by."

The 32 Alexandria organizations that received \$92,000 from The Alexandria Rotary Club include: The Center for Alexandria's Children; Friends of Guest House; Alexandria Seaport Foundation; Campagna Center; First Night Alexandria; Alexandria Symphony Orchestra; Carpenter's Shelter; Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services; ALIVE!; Goodwin House; Child and Family Network Centers; Community Lodgings; SCAN of Northern Virginia; Scholarship

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'Fair Winds and Following Seas' Fort Belvoir unit builds teamwork on the Potomac.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

As a member of the Joint Services team at the hematology oncology unit at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Staff Sergeant Jerome Schorr is accustomed to working under pressure with others. But his problem-solving and communication skills were put to the test during a week-long team building exercise at the Belle Haven Marina.

"This was an incredible opportunity for us," said Schorr of the 10-hour sailing course that ended June 28 with match racing at the marina that sits along the banks of the Potomac River. "The instructors couldn't have been better. They broke everything down to a level even we could understand," he added with a laugh.

Schorr and four of his colleagues participated in the four-day exercise that was custom designed for them by Belle Haven Marina owner George Stevens and instructor Fred Wilson.

"We take our basic adult sailing course and modify it to work with the teams that come to us," Stevens said. "Some groups are more competitive than others but even on a social day, it's about building team-



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Belle Haven Marina owner George Stevens holds a certificate of appreciation presented to him June 28 by a group from Fort Belvoir that participated in a sailing team building exercise. Pictured are: instructor Fred Wilson, Hospital Corpsman Kasey Smith, George Stevens, Medic Sgt. Samuel Ramos, Hospital Corpsman Tana Miller, Hospital Corpsman Alvin Farthing and Staff Sgt. Jerome Schorr.

work and trust."

The largest full-time facility of its kind on the Potomac River, Stevens has worked with groups as large as 20 members on a fleet that ranges from Sunfish and Flying Scots to a 34-foot cruiser to teach cruising skills.

"Our usual class size is three students," said Stevens, who has owned and operated the marina since the mid-1980s. "We rotate them between driving the boat and operating the main and jib sails. This way everyone gets hands-on experience and can leave our course ready to do a solo sail."

Sergeant Samuel Ramos joined Schorr, who approached Stevens with the idea for the exercise. "This was a unique opportunity," Ramos said. "It definitely challenged us and took a lot of teamwork and trust between us to succeed."

Wilson served as the instructor for group, who presented Stevens with a certificate of appreciation that included the sailing adage and nautical blessing "Fair Winds and Following Seas." "What a great group of young men and women," Wilson said. "They were focused and disciplined but had a great sense of humor. It was a pleasure to sail with them." For more information on Belle Haven Marina, call 703-768-0018 or visit www.saildc.com.

Flunking the Future

Despite failing grade on transparency, law enforcement officials resist opening access.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Back in March, Virginia received a failing grade from the State Integrity Investigation as the result of a systematic lack of transparency. Last week, members of a subcommittee of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council gathered to see if there was any way to reconcile the concerns of law enforcement officials and advocates of public access.

The debate fell into a familiar pattern, with members of the press supporting more access to criminal investigative documents while prosecutors and police chiefs resisted any attempt to increase transparency. The meeting adjourned with no action, which means that members of the General Assembly will likely be unwilling to support legislation that the advisory council won't endorse.

"The General Assembly has been very reluctant to ever see the access community's side of it," said Ginger Stanley, executive director of the Virginia Press Association.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

Members of a subcommittee of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council meet in Richmond last week, although they made no progress in improving the commonwealth's failing grade for transparency.

"We deal with this every year, and that's why we hoped that the FOIA Council could help us through this process."

Two years ago, state Sen. John Edwards (D-21) introduced a bill that would have opened docu-

ments in closed cases, an effort advocates of public access praised as a good first step toward raising the commonwealth's failing grade for transparency. But police and prosecutors resisted that bill, which was referred to the council.

Members of a subcommittee formed to consider opening investigative records, but the panel has yet to make any progress. Last week, that panel met again and heard more resistance from the law-enforcement community.

"Investigations never close," said Mike Doucette, president-elect of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys.

"We always have an obligation to go forward, and if we learn of information that we may have prosecuted the wrong person, at that point in time we have to re-open and continue that investigation."

CLOSED CASES are often the subject of intense interest, and advocates for public access say the public deserves to have access to investigative documents.

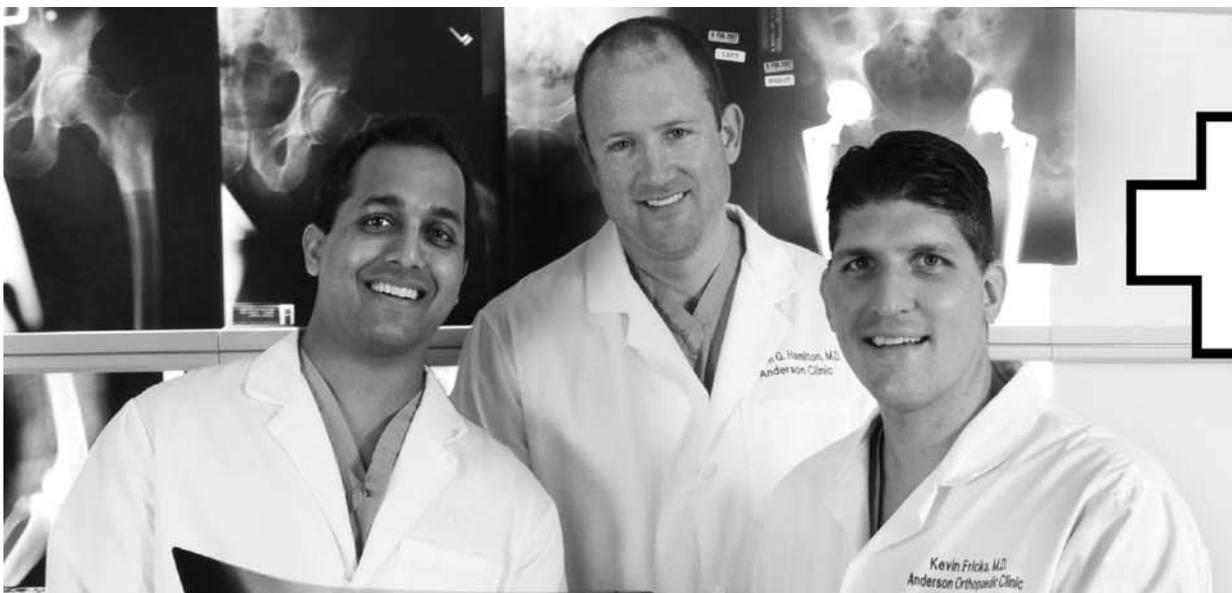
The Edwards bill was sparked by an effort to gain access to investigative documents involved in the Virginia Tech massacre of 2007. Police resisted releasing those documents until a lawsuit forced them into the sunlight. Advocates for open government say that's

unacceptable, especially if a lawsuit is never filed and the actions of the police remain shielded from public view.

"That raises a red flag, and it really denies citizens the right to see what went on in an investigation, if there was any sort of misconduct that occurred in an investigation, there's no way for people to know that even after a case is closed," said Caitlin Ginley of the State Integrity Investigation. "When you have an environment like that, it raises the potential for there to be illegal behavior, corrupt behavior, unethical behavior."

Police officials say the documents should remain unavailable to the public in an effort to protect witnesses and victims.

"We don't want to have a chilling effect on the public cooperating with law enforcement investigations for fear that they will have information from their cooperation with the law-enforcement agency released, which would be contrary to their interest or wishes," said Dana Schrad, executive director of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police.



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New Laws, Assault on Freedom?

Voting restrictions, abortion restrictions, DUI restrictions, fewer gun restrictions, more go into effect July 1.

A plethora of new laws will go into effect in the Commonwealth on July 1, including restrictive new procedures for voting, and the loosening of multiple gun regulations.

Drivers convicted of driving while very intoxicated and anyone convicted of DUI for the second time will now be required to have ignition locks installed on their vehicles which will check their blood alcohol levels and keep them from driving if they have been drinking. Hopefully this technology will keep drunk drivers from getting behind the wheel.

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Women seeking abortions will be required to have a sonogram 48 hours before the abortion. The debate over this bill was one of the most publicized pieces of state legislation in the nation, and the focus of many jokes, protests and outrage. But still the bill passed and the Governor signed it into law.

Voters will be required to present identification, and if they arrive at the polling place without identification, they will cast a provisional ballot that will only be counted if the voter attends a meeting of the electoral board the next day to present his or her identification. Previously signing an affidavit swearing to your identity was sufficient.

Fortunately, your concealed weapons permit will count as your voter identification. But the law provides less sanction for carrying your concealed weapon without having your con-

cealed weapons permit in your possession (\$25 civil fine) than for not having your identification to vote in your possession (disenfranchised, your vote is not counted).

These two provisions, counting concealed weapons permit as voter identification and limiting the penalty for not having your permit with you while carrying your concealed weapon, were just a few of the laws passed that lessen restrictions on guns in commonwealth. Some examples, effective July 1: Eliminate the prohibition on purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period (there are no limits now); provide that nothing in the Emer-

gency Services and Disaster Law shall limit or prohibit the otherwise lawful possession, carrying, transportation, sale, or transfer of firearms; provide that any locality that participates in any gun-buyback program offer the firearms acquired for sale by public auction or sealed bids to a person licensed as a dealer; allow local government employees to store a lawfully possessed firearm and ammunition in a locked private motor vehicle; remove the option for a locality to require that an applicant for a concealed handgun permit submit fingerprints as part of the application.

And something that will affect all of us, although it does not go into effect until September 2013, a new law that will require Virginians to pay sales tax on purchases from Amazon. This is only fair to local retailers.

The Virginia General Assembly enacted more than 700 new laws in 2012, many of them worthy of discussion.

Independence Day Coverage Online, Next Week

This week's Connection papers were printed on Monday and Tuesday July 1-2 because of the timing of the July 4/Independence Day holiday.

On Monday, at least half of our readers were still without power after Friday night's 80-mile-per-hour wind storm, and at our office, we are coping with intermittent power and related computer problems. Our website has been updated with storm information, www.ConnectionNewspapers.com, and our twitter accounts kept followers up to date during the aftermath.

While the hard copy of our papers won't get to readers until after the Wednesday holiday,

those papers will not include coverage of independence day events, which will hopefully all be held despite the ongoing cleanup.

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— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paradise Endangered

To the Editor:

For those of you who would like to keep our city green, please take a walk around the Olde Towne Swimming Pool. Notice the nice park area between the basketball court and the homes. There are picnic tables there. There is a nice play area.

The grass area is shaded by the trees. This is a very nice green space, and its blocked from moving traffic. There is a nice view of the pool. This is a very pleasant area, very nice for anyone to enjoy. Anyone using the pool can easily access this area without having to cross moving traffic. Anyone taking their family or friends to the playground or basketball court can easily enjoy this area.

That is until the new Jefferson-Houston Elementary School is built and the builder tears this area apart to make a drop off for the new school.

That is until they open the currently closed end parking lot so they can wrap a driveway around the swimming pool causing moving vehicular traffic at all hours.

There is a way to keep this area safe and enclosed for all to enjoy. The builder can build a driveway going around the Durant Center, open more parking behind the Durant Center for activities. Once the new school is built and the current field is moved to Cameron Street, right next to the Durant Center, the driveway going around the Durant Center could provide more parking by the new field, more parking, including handicap parking closer to the front of the Durant Center.

Keep our park where it is, keep our basketball court where it is. Keep our green space where it is. Come, see for yourself, our own little piece of paradise hidden in a corner. Don't take this away.

Bea Porter

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Snapshot

Rachel Simmons works on a turning skill with her pogo stick on Sunday evening, July 1.

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19th Century Vitriol

To the Editor:

Victorian social restraint was late arriving in the United States, where until the late 19th century political communication was scathingly vitriolic. The Progressive Era which followed in the 20th Century saw newspaper consolidation; major newspapers' rise to dominance and prominence played a major role in civilizing public speech.

The newspaper editor, with fierce independence and integrity, rose above the mud-slinging as a community leader, a counterbalance to venal politicians and narrow-minded partisans. The editor played a unique, irreplaceable societal role as "gate-keeper" for public opinion, who focused debate, framed issues coherently, kept discussion in-bounds. In some times and places, newspapers alone preserved and promoted political, civic, and cultural literacy for a mass audience. The literate read editorials and articles aloud for the general public gathered 'round on street corners and in taverns, sewing circles, church halls, etc.

When David Speck left the City Council almost a decade ago, "tweeting," "blogging," and Facebook were almost unknown concepts. Like former councilmember Speck, I am not convinced these new media are for the better.

Today's communications and information sharing might be faster, more unfiltered, unimaginably voluminous, but less well thought through. Ease, accessibility, and quantity have come at the expense of civility and quality.

Casual clothing for young people comes with generous pockets to hold modern micro-elec-



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Snapshot

7:59 a.m., June 30: Local tomatoes are in abundance at the Del Ray Farmer's Market.

tronic devices designed for instantaneous communication, forgetting that such spontaneity and instantaneity comes at the expense of the contemplation and consideration a daily or weekly publication schedule forces, by its very nature causing enough delay to think things through thoroughly.

These new media not only circumvent the edited discourse a newspaper makes feasible, they threaten to undermine civil dis-

course altogether because they generally lack a bona fide editor acting as "gate-keeper." These new media take us, I fear, in a headlong rush back to 19th Century vitriolic discourse before newspaper consolidation when everyone with an ax to grind could issue a broadsheet, not unlike today's "tweets" and "blogs."

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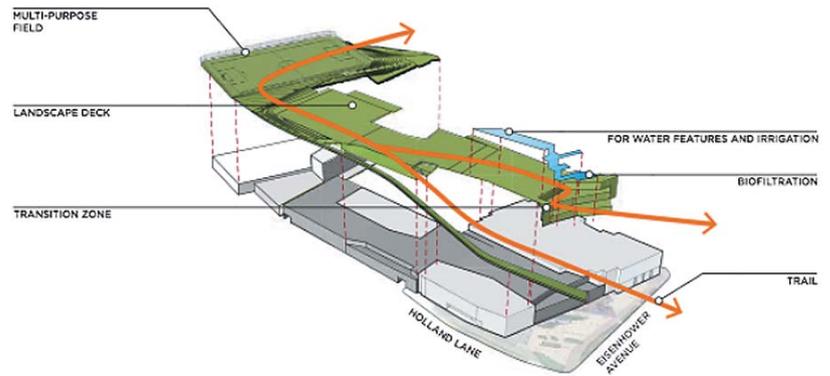
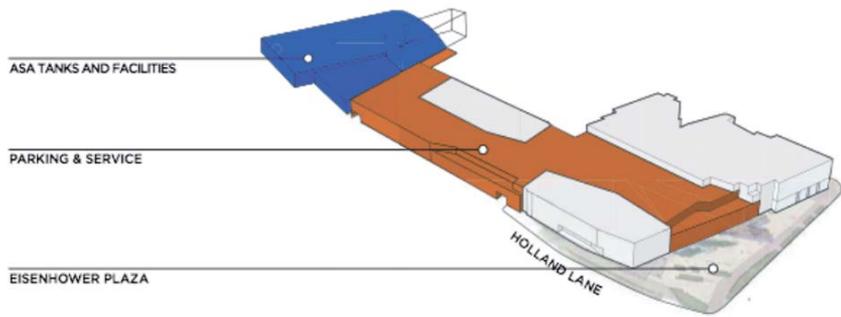
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The green space includes a multi-purpose field, a “creative play” area, passive green space, and a water feature. The water feature is also a part of the water filtration system that helps AlexRenew comply with Virginia’s Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Carlyle Plaza and Alex Renew To Create ‘Green Block’

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to the greater Mount Vernon bike trail, and will have a gradient of 5 degrees to allow for an easy walk or ride.

Finally, the sewage treatment tanks will be concealed by an open, multi-purpose

field. “I would see the pocket parks where people will fill them up,” said Carlyle resident Bill Harvey, commenting on the need for a field, “there would be 30 to 40 people fill up these little spaces.”

“There’s been a lot of talk of sustainable development, but the big strength of this is

that this is really green urbanism,” said Kaplan, “it’s less about the performance of each individual building, it’s about the performance of the whole project.”

Harvey, who also worked for the Army Corps of Engineers for 28 years, applauded the design. “I’ve been a supporter from the

beginning,” said Harvey, “and I think their design has improved from the beginning. And they are not finished yet.”

Excavation is to begin spring 2013, but could begin as early as fall 2012. The project should be “mostly done” by 2016, said Pallansch.

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PEOPLE

American Legion Post 24 Installs New Officers

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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Alexandria's Post 24 of the American Legion installed its 2012-2013 slate of officers and board members during a ceremony at the organization's headquarters in Old Town.

"I'm very proud of her," said Vietnam veteran Stephen Allen, who was visiting from Michigan to see daughter Stacy Swisher installed as Auxiliary treasurer. "The Legion is an organization dedicated to America's veterans and service members and I am proud that Stacy is a part of that mission."

Newly elected officers include: Bill Aramony, Commander; Mike Sawyers, first vice commander; Steve Flamm, second vice commander; Paul Moffett, third vice commander; Sergeant at Arms Scott Allen; Adjunct Jim Glassman; and finance officer Doug Gurka.

Ladies Auxiliary officers include: Melissa Schermerhorn, president; Maggie Cadeaux, historian; Stacy Swisher, treasurer; Heather Stevens, Sergeant at Arms; Randi Tressler, vice president; Autumn Lloyd, secretary; and Mary Lawson, chaplain.

"American Legion Post 24 has been helping the veterans of our community since 1920," Aramony said. "We look forward to doing more in the year ahead to honor those who have and continue to serve our country."



Newly installed officers and executive board members of American Legion Post 24 pose for a group photo. Pictured are: Erik Campbell, Dick Evans, Henry Dorton, Commander Bill Aramony, Jim Bertine, Jerome Schorr, Jim Taylor, Steve Flamm, Fred Brink, Mike Sawyers, Jim Glassman, Paul Moffett, Chance Wiley, Jared McMullen, Jesse Stevens and Dan Dellinger. Not pictured are Scott Allen, Doug Gurka, Warden Foley and Bill McNamara.



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Walker Experiences America One Step at a Time

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ery place, the plan has changed.

"It is what it is and I'm kind of along for the ride," Cooper said. "My route veers off course frequently. When I reached Chicago the first year, I was comfortable saying that was reaching the end. But every time I try to stop, the road calls me back."

She said there is no planned path to the West Coast.

"I walked from Washington D.C. to Pittsburgh to Cleveland to Detroit to Chicago to St Louis over to Kansas City to Topeka and ending in Wichita," she said. "It's not a straight line."

She said she seeks shelter from camping, hotels and sometimes even with people she meets along the way.

"I prefer to stay with people I meet," Cooper said, who is undergoing this walk alone. Still, she's had some support from her parents.

Her dad, Roger Cooper, said he did join

Jennifer the first three miles of her walk and has helped her out fiscally after Jennifer was laid off from her remote job, which happened while on her adventure.

"We've been supportive, both monetarily and by word, as a parent should be," Roger Cooper said, although he added that Jennifer has mostly raised the money she needed by herself.

"I went to D.C. with my wife, Jen's mom, Ethel, and some of Jen's siblings, to see her off," he said. "I surprised her by walking three miles with her as she exited D.C."

He added that during her first year when Jennifer was suffering from her stress fracture, he convinced Jennifer to let him drive to Pittsburgh, and bring her home to see a doctor.

"After some time off her feet, so that the stress fracture in her leg could heal, I drove her back to Pittsburgh," Roger Cooper said.

So, Jennifer has walked her entire course. Her dad said at first he thought Jennifer

was crazy, but is proud of her desire to explore the country and help its people.

He added that he regularly keeps in touch with Jennifer as well.

"Jen calls every night, and tells us about her trials and tribulations of that day's trek," he said. "The next day I post her previous day's path on a large American Auto Association map at the local library."

Jennifer Cooper said she's thought about having a support car but has ultimately decided against it.

"This isn't a vacation," Cooper said. "While it's fun, it's also hard work."

The work will continue July 4, where she will re-start in Wichita, Kansas, where she was last. From there, she will continue to Los Angeles.

She said she estimates it will take her about two months to get to LA.

"But I might stop in certain places and visit Indian Reservations," she said. "I don't want to rush things and I know Native

Americans experience some of the highest levels of poverty in this country."

Once Cooper reaches Los Angeles, she said she will "most definitely be flying home."

Meanwhile, Jennifer's dad said he does not worry too much about his daughter's wellbeing.

"I really don't have any concerns, except for those caused by weather," he said. "I believe that we Americans are a pretty [darn] good lot."

To follow Cooper's walk, follow her at any of the following sites:

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The Cora Kelly Recreation Center has air-conditioned facilities where residents can charge electronic devices, or just relax during the heat wave.

The Coolest Places in Town

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opening because of debris, but there were no problems with the pumps. Everyone is out having a good time.”

Some of the other cool recreation centers included Cora Kelly, which held late night hours on Saturday. “People can come here and beat the heat,” said Dajuan Stafford, a volunteer at Cora Kelly Recreation Center. “Personally, my power went out. Air-conditioning is one of those necessities that you take for granted.”

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9403 Ferry Landing Ct
\$735,000
Large Colonial-Custom Pool!!!
Fabulous Colonial in prime location on one of area's most attractive streets. Home features unique courtyard effect with "L"

shaped two car garage. Exceptionally well maintained home with bright floor plan and spacious rooms. Open kitchen and family room. Gorgeous professionally manicured 1/2 acre grounds with custom pool. Exceptionally well price.



9110 Congressional Ct
\$665,000
Stately Colonial!
One of Mt. Vernon area's most imposing homes. Stately columned front and lot with custom pool creates true "estate" feel to

this special property. Features include large room sizes, 3 finished levels, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, 3.5 baths, fireplace and large garage. Gorgeous setting on fenced lot in prime location on quiet cul-de-sac.



2406 Wittington Blvd
\$639,000
Updated Charming Colonial!
The home you have been waiting for! Classic 3 level Colonial in prime Stratford Landing location.

Numerous features include: updated gourmet kitchen, 4 large BRs, "Andersen" thermal windows, updated baths, screened porch and side load 2 car garage. Walk to neighborhood pool! Unique opportunity! OPEN SUN 7/8, 1-4! GW Pky S; R-Stratford; L-Camden; L-Stockton Pky; R-Wittington.



4311 Ferry Landing Rd
\$498,500
Large Rambler-Prime Location!
Price Slashed! Rare Under \$500K Opportunity in prestigious Yacht Haven

Estates. Exceptionally spacious 2 level rambler in leading water front community. All major rooms are on main level-no steps! Bright, open floor plan with expansive window walls bring natural light to every corner of the house. Fin. LL. with family room and direct outside entrance, full bath and two bonus rooms. Ideal for in-law suite!



9514 Mount Vernon Ld
\$1,950,000
MVOP WATERFRONT-PRIVATE DOCK
Unique opportunity to acquire direct water frontage with private dock

in prestigious MVOP! Designed by architect to capitalize on water views. Dramatic open floor plan, soaring ceilings, expansive glass walls and all brick exterior. All major components in place-personalize interior. OPEN SUN 7/8, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Ferry Landing Rd; R-Mount Vernon Cir to Mount Vernon Landing.



4118 Robertson Blvd
\$575,000
Three Level Colonial! Reasonable Price!
Classic four bedroom Colonial in prime Mt. Vernon location.

Numerous features include updated kitchen with stainless appliances, light wood cabinets and gas cooking. Family room with FP and built-ins off kitchen. Hardwood floors on two levels. 3.5 baths. Garage parking and large deck overlooking level grounds. Price reflects need for a little TLC. Super value!



808 Pendleton St
\$465,000
Just Completed-Total Renovation!
Unique property combining the best of both worlds-new home amenities with the character and convenience of a prime Old Town location.

Fabulous features include: open floor plan, brand new kitchen & baths, upgraded trim detail and hardwood floors. New windows, siding and roof. Complete rebuild by leading builder. No condo or HOA fees.



9405 Leeward Dr
\$679,000
Grand
Opening! Just Completed! Exceptionally spacious home by one of area's leading builders in prime location. Four stories

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9319 East St
\$589,900
Unique Opportunity!
Classic 4-5BR Colonial in prime location on quiet cul-de-sac. Remarkably reasonable price! This

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9405 Leeward Dr
\$1,890,000
Stunning Price Reduction!
Magnificent colonial custom designed to capitalize on views from

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!
\$309,000
Arlington Village
2700 S 16th ST #618

You too can live in a National Wildlife Habitat. This all brick end TH is part of a 42 acre community w/parkland, pools, 2 tennis & more. This 2BR w/cat-in kit, W/D, HW, back porch & extra storage is delightful!

The Kohler Team Heidi 703.609.7367 & Elke 703.967.7633



JUST LISTED!
\$1,275,000
Old Town / SE Quadrant "EARLY 1800s"

This residence blends historic charm w/modern amenities. 2,000+sqft of living space, the 3BR/2.5BA home has been thoughtfully renovated incl gourmet cat-in kit w/granite & SSA; mstr suite w/spa-like BA; library w/built-ins; UL den or 4th BR; & prof landscaped bkdy. Orig flrs & more!

Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams 703.587.7841



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!
\$175,000
Alex / Belle View
6604 BOULEVARD VIEW #A2

JUST LISTED! Sunny, bright & freshly painted IBR condo w/remodeled BA, refin flrs, updated kit w/new flr, counters, stove. Closet organizer. New plantation blinds. Laundry & extra storage in bldg. Plenty of parking. Great location near river, bike/hike trails, grocery, shops & public transportation.

Martha Deal 703.622.6797



\$525,000
Alexandria "STUNNING"

Contemporary 2-car garage home w/elegant updates thru-out. Spacious 3BR/2.5BA TH offers a chef's kit w/maple cabs & room bkfst area. Mstr suite has spa BA w/sep shower/Jacuzzi. Rec rm frpl, wood flrs, deck & great Location plus much more!

Georgia McLaughlin / Patricia Landaeta 703.628.4663



\$519,000
Alex / Old Town "RARE OFFERING"

Largest 2BR/2BA in this boutique bldg. Corner unit w/walls of windows provides plenty of sunlight. Large balcony & deeded parking. Just steps to shops, restaurants & hotels. Quick commutes to Ft. Belvoir, Pentagon, Reagan & DC + 2 blocks to King St Metro. Pets allowed. Low condo fees. All it needs is your client's personal touch!

Michael Manuel 703.615.6317



\$535,000
Alex / Old Town "A NETHERGATE CONTEMPORARY"

Must see this new listing at Nethergate totally updated in smart modern style by designer/owner. State-of-the-art kitchen, living room tiled fireplace, French doors to outdoor oasis, high end master bath. Perfection!

Renee Raymond 703.507.5330



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!
\$479,900
Parker Gray Historic District
1606 BOYLE ST

- Great starter home
- Drenched in light
- Updated kit and baths
- Gleaming hdwds thru-out
- Fully finished walk-out lower level
- Freshly painted
- A Must See!

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- 2 spacious BR/2.5BA
- Hardwoods on main level
- Finished bsmt w/rec rm, den, laundry & storage
- 2 fireplaces / Custom deck & covered patio
- 1 assigned parking

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!
\$450,000
Alexandria
947 HARRISON CIR

Directly across from Van Dorn St Metro + rare 2-car gar. Spacious 3BR/2full & 2halfBA w/open kit/fam rm. Lux master w/sep shower & soaking tub. HVAC & gas furnace new. Fresh paint, crown molding, lots of windows, French doors to deck.

Sharon Edwards 703.408.8144



\$355,000
Alexandria "CANAL PLACE..."

A wonderful place to come home to. Summer - take a swim in the pool. Winter - enjoy your own cozy wood-burning fireplace. This lovely 2BR unit has many nice touches - updated kitchen, hardwood floors, chair rail, dental molding, W/D, Juliet balcony & extra storage. For more info, call...

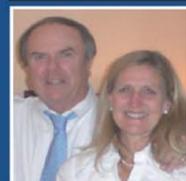
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\$869,900
Arlington "ENTERTAIN!"

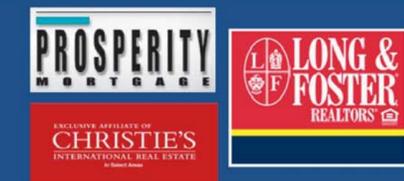
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In May 2012, 213 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,300,000-\$94,000.
This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$500,000-\$94,000 range.
For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
410 DUNCAN AVE	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301	DEL RAY	
303 PRINCETON BLVD	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Detached	0.23	22314	COLLEGE PARK	
400 MADISON ST #1207	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE	
538 NELSON AVE	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	22301	LINDEN GARDENS	
1305 CLEVELAND ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$494,500	Detached	0.17	22302	MCKENZIE LEWIS PROPERTY	
317 WEST ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	PARKER GRAY	
2121 JAMIESON AVE #911	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$478,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS	
4900 RUTLAND PL	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,100	Detached	0.21	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY	
5201 TANEY AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Detached	0.25	22304	BROOKVILLE	
625 COLUMBUS ST S #625	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$474,500	Townhouse		22314	ARCH HILL	
356 SAINT ASAPH ST N	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$474,000	Townhouse		22314	BROCKETTS CROSSING	
3 CUSTIS AVE E	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$469,500	Duplex	0.05	22301	DEL RAY	
306 HOWELL AVE E	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Detached	0.13	22301	DEL RAY	
205 GUTHRIE AVE	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
400 MADISON ST #903	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$459,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE	
3012 LANDOVER ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$459,000	Townhouse	0.07	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
2930 SYCAMORE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$456,500	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
2913 SYCAMORE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
715 ALFRED ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	PATRICK HENRY	
2934 LANDOVER ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$432,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
4705 RICHMARR PL	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Detached	0.19	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY	
5000 RICHENBACHER AVE	3	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Detached	0.22	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY	
529 LURAY AVE E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301	BRENTON	
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #614	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	PORTO VECCHIO	
920 HARRISON CIR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Townhouse	0.01	22304	SUMMERS GROVE	
1002 PELHAM ST N	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Townhouse	0.06	22304	KMS TOWNHOUSES	
38 GORDON ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$399,990	Duplex	0.07	22304	DUKE GARDENS	
4950 BRENNAN PARK DR #411	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$398,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	CAMERON STATION	
25 FLOYD ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$395,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON KNOLLS	
181 REED AVE E #401	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$384,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22305	PRESTON	
3749 INGALLS AVE #23	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Townhouse		22302	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE	
622 PAYNE ST S	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	JEFFERSON HOMES	
557 COLECROFT CT #5-7	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$379,400	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	COLECROFT	
251 EVANS LN	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.07	22305	LYNHAVEN	
2950 COLUMBUS S #A-1	1	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$373,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22206	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE	
39 FLOYD ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON KNOLLS	
501 SLATERS LN #707	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$370,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	MARINA TOWERS	
3725 INGALLS AVE #34	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,800	Townhouse		22302	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE	
2966 COLUMBUS ST S #A1	1	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$355,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22206	FAIRLINGTON VIL	
224 TENNESSEE AVE	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE	
1115 PITT ST N #3C	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	CANAL PLACE	
1547B VAN DORN ST N #1547B	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$348,000	Townhouse		22304	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA	
400 MADISON ST #1005	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$342,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE	
505 BRADDOCK RD E #502	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	COLECROFT	
4950 BRENNAN PARK DR #109	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$337,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	MAIN STREET	
608 ALFRED ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$336,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22314	NONE	
3321 VALLEY DR #704-33	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Townhouse		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
47 GARDEN DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Duplex	0.07	22304	DUKE GARDENS	
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #218	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$306,250	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	PORTO VECCHIO	
9 COCKRELL ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$305,000	Detached	0.18	22304	ALNOR HEIGHTS	
3315 CORYELL LN #803-33	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$302,500	Townhouse		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
132 DALE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$297,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22305	HUME SPRINGS	
1200 BRADDOCK PL #607	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$297,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	BRADDOCK PLACE	
505 BRADDOCK RD E #106	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$290,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	COLECROFT	
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #208	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$288,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	CONDOS AT CARLYLE SQUARE	
803 HOWARD ST N #454	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$285,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22304	PLAZA	
3315 WYNDHAM CL #2235	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$283,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	POINTE AT PARK C	
3736 HOLMES LN #511-37	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$281,000	Townhouse		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
132 ROBERTS LN #401	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$275,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	FORT ELLSWORTH	
132 ROBERTS LN #402	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$272,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	FORT ELLSWORTH	
2800 DARTMOUTH RD #5	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$269,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	SEMINARY WALK	
38 FRENCH ST S	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$262,617	Semi-Detached	0.19	22304	DUKE GARDENS	
3608 VALLEY DR #522-36	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Townhouse		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
3754 GUNSTON RD #904-37	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
3 RUSSELL RD #C	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$256,950	Garden 1-4 Floors		22301	STATION PLACE	
4860 EISENHOWER AVE #176	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$255,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN	
4561 STRUTFIELD LN #3311	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22311	PALAZZO AT PARK CENTER	
3726 HOLMES LN #508-37	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$249,950	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
6101 EDSALL RD #906	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$249,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	ALEXANDRIA KNOLLS	
4854 EISENHOWER AVE #449	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$239,999	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN	
4905 29TH RD S #3338	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$239,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22206	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE	
3101 HAMPTON DR N #618	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$235,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22302	NORTHAMPTON PLACE	
307 YOAKUM PKWY #1419	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$235,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK	
1302 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #521-13	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$234,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
820 WASHINGTON ST S #126	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$230,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	BEARINGS SOUTH	
203 YOAKUM PKWY #1422	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$226,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK	
309 YOAKUM PKWY #303	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$225,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK	
1535 MOUNT EAGLE PL #947-15	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$220,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	PARKFAIRFAX	
6101 EDSALL RD #403	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$220,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	ALEXANDRIA KNOLLS	
277 PICKETT ST S #102	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$213,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	HILLWOOD	
1445B VAN DORN ST N #1445B	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$210,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA	
706 FAYETTE ST S #22	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$210,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	FAYETTE COURT	
309 YOAKUM PKWY #514	1	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$200,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK	
6101 EDSALL RD #409	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$200,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	ALEXANDRIA KNOLLS	
3101 HAMPTON DR N #601	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$196,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22302	NORTHAMPTON PLACE	
1225 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #1001	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$196,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22302	PARC EAST	
1800 DE WITT AVE #1800-F	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$193,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22301	ALEXANDRIA SQUARE	
203 YOAKUM PKWY #624	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$188,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK	
307 YOAKUM PKWY #1706	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$186,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK	
301 REYNOLDS ST S #212	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$180,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22304	LOFTS	
4326 DUKE ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$180,000	Semi-Detached	0.07	22304	WAKEFIELD	
309 YOAKUM PKWY #505	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$175,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK	
3311 WYNDHAM CIR #2191	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$170,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	POINTE AT PARK C	
3311 WYNDHAM CL #3194	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$170,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	POINTE AT PARK C	
6101 EDSALL RD #911	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$165,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	ALEXANDRIA KNOLLS	
6300 STEVENSON AVE #910	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$159,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	SENTINEL OF LANDMARK	
8 VAN DORN ST S #305	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$150,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22304	TWENTY-ONE	
718 WASHINGTON ST S #102	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$150,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	BEARINGS NORTH	
5500 HOLMES RUN PKWY #1501	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$145,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	PLACE ONE	
4600 DUKE ST #1502	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$145,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	FORTY SIX HUNDRED	
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ENTERTAINMENT



“Unmasked” by Susan Makara, from Target Gallery’s “Masks” exhibition.

‘Alive with History’

2nd Thursday Art Night: Alive with History” will take place Thursday, July 12, 6-9 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Admission is free.

Take a journey back in time to learn about the history of the Torpedo Factory. Bring a mask from home or make one at a Do-It-Yourself Station and wear it to the reception for Masks in the Target Gallery. Join The Art League Gallery for the reception for Genius Loci and the All-Media Membership Exhibit.

View artwork by trauma survivors at a reception in Site 2 and 3 Galleries. En-

joy refreshments, live music by Wytold Lebing, and fun activities throughout the evening.

A reception in the Target Gallery, 6-8 p.m. will be held for Susan Makara. Makara is this year’s winner of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory’s Artist of the Year competition, recognizing a Torpedo Factory artist for outstanding achievement in art. Guests are invited to wear masks to the reception.

Visit <http://www.torpedofactory.org/thursday.htm> for more information about 2nd Thursday Art Night and this month’s special activities.

New Watercolor Exhibit at River Farm

The paintings of Salon 8, a group of local watercolor artists, will be on display at the American Horticultural Society’s headquarters at River Farm through Sept. 25. The show includes a collection of paintings of magnolia blossoms and pods, each interpreted by one of the eight watercolorists. Also on display will be landscapes, and floral paintings inspired by the beauty of nature, and the play of light on plant forms. There also will be several paintings of views of River Farm itself.

All of the artists are members of Potomac Valley Watercolorist, a regional juried arts organization, and have exhibited locally, regionally, and nationally. Individual members have participated in

art exhibits sponsored by the Art League in Alexandria, Virginia; the Baltimore Watercolor Society; the Virginia Watercolor Society; the Washington Watercolor Association; the Rehoboth Art League, and the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C.

Connie Boland, Leigh Culver, Joan Kirk, Emilie McBride, Yoshimi Matsukata, Margitta Hanff-Potts, JoAnne Ramsey and Donna Sturm are the artists.

River Farm is located at 7931 East Boulevard Drive in Alexandria, approximately 4 miles south of Old Town Alexandria. The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. All works are for sale.

CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

THURSDAY/JULY 5

Chris Robinson Brotherhood. 7:30 p.m. Will perform from their new album, *Big Moon Ritual*. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/JULY 6

Polynesian dance troop Hui O Ka Pua ‘Ilima performs the traditional and contemporary songs and dances of Hawaii and the Polynesian islands of New Zealand and Tahiti. Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 7:30 p.m. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway Alexandria. Visit www.ilmahui.com/

Musical Performance. 7 p.m. Jonathan Edwards, who topped the charts with the classic hit “Sunshine” in the 1970s, will perform songs from his latest release “My Love Will Keep,” his first in 14 years. The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500.

Wee Ones Storytime will be held at Hooray for Books! Children’s Bookstore from 10:30-11 a.m. Join us as we explore the exciting world around us with some of our favorite stories and songs! Age 2 and under. Free. Hooray for Books! is located at 1555 King St. Alexandria, VA 22314. For more information, call 703.548.4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com

SATURDAY/JULY 7

USA/Alexandria Birthday Celebration. 4-10 p.m. Program includes children’s activities and pre-show entertainment, exhibits by community groups and food sales; followed by awards presentation, birthday cake distribution, musical performances, and concludes with fireworks. Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Call 703-746-5592.

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Author visit by Candice Ransom, author of *Rebel McKenzie* at Hooray for books! Children’s Bookstore on Saturday, July 7, from 3-4 p.m. “When feisty 12-year-old Rebel McKenzie, an aspiring paleontologist, goes to spend the summer taking care of her older sister’s seven-year-old son at the mobile home park in Frog Level, Virginia, she never expects to enter a beauty pageant or meet a hand model.” Ages 10+. Free.

Church Market Day and Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 7, 2012, 8 a.m. -2 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church/Sharon Chapel. The Chapel is located at 3421 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA 22310, up on the hill just west of Telegraph Rd. Come shop for recycled treasures, crafts, food, plants, produce, and much more. Have you things to sell? For a table, email allsaintsmarketday@gmail.com or go to www.sharonchapel.org

SUNDAY/JULY 8

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3:00p.m. Special performance by Pianist Victoria Park. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. For more information visit www.wmpamusic.org. E-mail: wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-8229

MONDAY/JULY 9 THROUGH FRIDAY/JULY 13

Come go Fishin’ with Ebenezer. Join Ebenezer Baptist Church, 909 Queen Street, Alexandria, “Fishing on a mission with Jesus” July 9-13, 6-9 p.m. each night. We will fish our way through crafts, Bible Stories, Games, Arts/Crafts, Skits, and have a light dinner. Transportation provided by calling the church office 703-683-1473 ext. 3. Visit www.ebenezer909.org.



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TUESDAY/JULY 10

Tom Cunningham Orchestra. 9-11 p.m. \$10. The 17-piece orchestra plays the standard Big Band hits of swing era. The Carlyle Club. 411 Carlyle Street, Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 11

Billy Wilder’s “Double Indemnity.” 7 p.m. Free. Part of the monthly Film Noir Series at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., in Del Ray. After the movie, viewers are invited to discuss the film at St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub at 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705

DJ Dance Party. 9-11 p.m. With DJ Dabe Murphy. \$6. Nick’s Nightclub. 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

Used Book Sale. 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For children and teens. Hardbacks: \$1; paperbacks, 50 cents with discounts for books bought by kids. Sale will be held at the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Contact 703-746-1702 or www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Lunch Bunch Concert. Noon-1 p.m. Musical performance by Lea, featuring folk & contemporary acoustic music. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Call 703-746-5592.

Ben Brenman Park Concert. 7-8 p.m. Performance by Jazz Foundry, featuring traditional jazz. Lawn seating, you are welcome to bring a blanket or folding chair to enjoy the music. Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. Call 703-746-5418.

THURSDAY/JULY 12

Music At Twilight Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. John Carlyle Square Park. New Location. Musical performance by Lesson Zero, featuring roots rock covers & originals. John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418.

Swing and Blues Dance Party with Gina Desimone & the Moaners. 7pm. \$10.

FRIDAY/JULY 13

Mt. Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. Little Red & The Renegades performs a variety of American music, emphasizing Zydeco and Cajun. Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway Alexandria. Visit www.littleredandtherenegades.com.

Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts. 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Alexandria Citizens Band, the City’s Oldest Performing Arts Organization, is celebrating 100 years. Join them in front of City Hall and enjoy the wide variety of music including marches, jazz, classical, patriotic and others. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5592

SATURDAY/JULY 14

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra: Summer Concert Series II. 7:30 p.m. Free. The Schlesinger Center, 3001 N.

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Del Ray Revisited

The Wanderer has been on a bit of a "sabbatical" lately but has returned revived as his old bon vivant self. Imagine his delight as he revisits one of his favorite laissez-faire haunts — Del Ray. The usual buzz of activity has become almost deafening with the explosion of new businesses. So break out a new pair of flip-flops and join his romp through one of the hippest parts of town where the action swings well into the night.

Talk of the Town



H PORK BARREL BBQ

Mike Anderson's new venture Pork Barrel BBQ is now open with outside seating on the corner of Mount Vernon and East Oxford Avenues. Anderson, along with restaurateur Bill Blackburn and Heath Hall and Brett Thompson, founders of Pork Barrel BBQ, have brought BBQ to Del Ray in a big way!
2312 Mount Vernon Avenue, 703.822.5699, porkbarrelbbq.com



G DEL RAY NAILS AND SPA

A new beauty destination has come to town! Nail services are just a part of their offerings. Waxing, facials, specialty massages and LHE hair removal are among the services in their convenient location in the middle of Del Ray.
2307 Mount Vernon Avenue, 703.299.4477, delraynailsspa.com



F THE HAPPY TART

After much research, baking, tasting and researching again Emma Cech has reached her dream ... owning a French Bakery. It just happens to be gluten FREE! Her delicate and delicious pastries are creating some long lines in the adorable location tucked at the end of a little driveway in the 2300 block of Mount Vernon Avenue. The lemon and lime curd tarts are a perfect hostess gift!
2307A Mount Vernon Avenue, 517.244.3662, happytartbakery.com



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E MARKET 2 MARKET

A new neighborhood deli and specialty store opened by the owner of Cafe Pizzaiolo, Larry Ponzi. They carry over 125 craft beers along with wine, Italian-style subs, deli meats and cheese by the pound with homemade foods for take-out.

Also, look for pasta, olive oils and candy.
116 East Del Ray Avenue, 571.312.3010, m2mdelray.com



D OSTERIA 1909

After a fantastic rehab of an old Del Ray building by the Scott family that owns La Strada, Osteria 1909 is open daily from 11a.m. to midnight serving charcuterie, panini, soup and salad. They have a full bar and an extensive wine list.

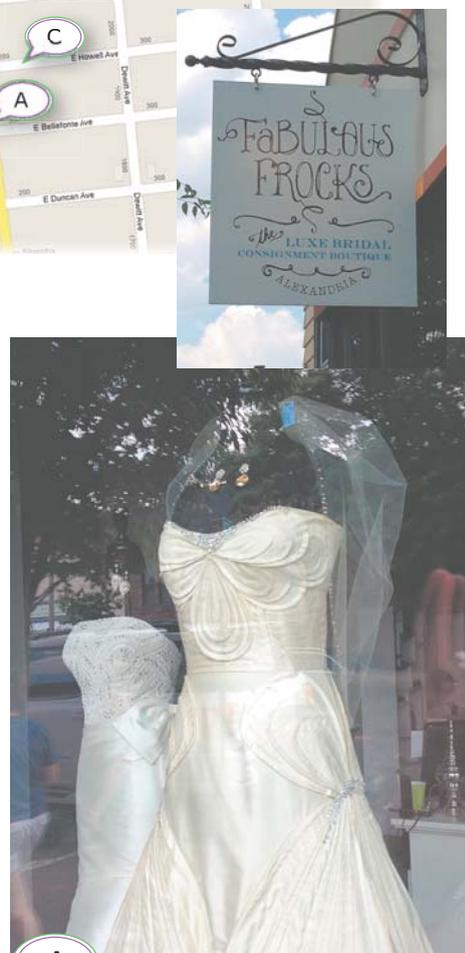
1909 Mount Vernon Avenue, 703.836.1212, osteria1909.com



B AMALGAMATED CLASSIC CLOTHING & DRY GOODS

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205 East Howell Street, 703.717.9151, delraycafe.net



ENTERTAINMENT

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Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.marineband.usmc.mil.

Banjo Festival. 7:30 p.m. Mike Seeger Commemorative 6th Annual Old Time Banjo Festival. Artists include Bill Evans, Adam Hurt, The Old 78's, Evie Laden, and Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer. Advance tickets are highly recommended. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 202-397-SEAT.

SUNDAY/JULY 15

Chamber Music. 3 p.m. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. Performance by The Edwin Trio: violinist Rachele Sills, cellist Ryan Bridgland, and pianist Stefanie Watson; with Guest Artists: violinist Winnie Nham and Erin Terwilliger. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.wmpamusic.org, email wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-8229

Jazz at Meade. 4 p.m. \$15 donation. Featuring Nasar Abadey. Light refreshments will be served. Parking available in the church's lot and on the street. Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. 322 N Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334

Banjo Workshops. noon-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30p.m. Artists include Bill Evans, Adam Hurt, The Old 78's, Evie Laden, and Cathy Fink. House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave. Takoma Park, Md. Call 301-270-9090.

TUESDAY/JULY 17

Sarah Jaffe to open for Blitzen Trapper. 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall. Tickets are on sale now at <http://sarahjaffe.com>

Jazz. Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra will play on Tuesday July 17 at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria from 9-11 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Join New Hope Housing's Young Professional Board for Happy Hour at The Green Turtle's Funds for Friends. 5p.m.- 9p.m. \$2 Domestic, \$2 Rails and \$Yuenglings. Food and drink proceeds benefit

New Hope Housing homeless shelter programs. Donations of new pillows, diapers, toothbrushes, and toothpaste will be collected. The Green Turtle. 900 N. Glebe Road, Arlington.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 18

Ryan Montbleau Band (R&B/Pop) - Lee District Nights at Lee District Park at 7:30 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.ryanmontbleauband.com. Ryan Montbleau Band has been tending its own musical vineyard for a few years. Their distinctive, long-fermenting blend of neo-folk, classic soul, and kick-out-the-jams Americana comes to full fruition in their new album, Heavy on the Vine.

Live Music. Hangover Royale, DC area's newest rockabilly/swing/blues power trio will play at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria from 9-11 pm. Cost is \$10.

Arthur Downey Jr. will speak on the Role of Lawyers During the Civil War Era. 7p.m. and book signing at 6:30 p.m. "Lawyers dominated public and political life during the first third of America's history, specifically including the Civil War period. The role of the law and the lawyers during the period has been underappreciated. This lecture will discuss some of the great constitutional issues, along with tense courtroom dramas where individual lives were at stake—including questions of habeas corpus and military commissions that have relevance today." The Arlington Central Library. 1015 N. Quincy Street.

THURSDAY/JULY 19

Shawn Colvin U.S. Tour. Birchmere Music Hall.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

Tommy Lepson Band (Blues/Soul) - Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.myspace.com/tommylepsonband. Combine the soulful, award-winning vocals of Tommy Lepson with the versatile instrumental backing

of his band and you get what the Washington Post calls "A sweltering mix of good-foot funk, blue-eyed soul and Southern rock romps."

FRIDAY/JULY 20 (FREE)

Spoken Word. The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Society (NVFAA) is pleased to announce the next four scheduled SLAM ALEXANDRIA spoken word poetry events at the Athenaeum in Old Town, Alexandria. Admission is free for all, but attendees interested in competing in the poetry slam can pay an entry fee of \$10 for a chance to win a \$100 cash prize. Featuring live music, scheduled artists, and an open mic, SLAM ALEXANDRIA is hosted by Shelly Bell and co-sponsored by the NVFAA and Shelly B. Arts. The event starts at 7 p.m. and is located at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/JULY 21

Jah Works (Reggae) - Mt. Vernon Nights at Workhouse Arts Center (Lorton) at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.jahworks.com.

SUNDAY/JULY 22

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3:00p.m. Special performance by Cellist, Douglas Wolters. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. For more information visit www.wmpamusic.org. E-mail: wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-8229

JULY 22 AND 23

Victoria Ghost to open for Glen Campbell. Instant People no longer opening, but Victoria Ghost is comprised of siblings Ashley & Shannon Campbell. 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall. Tickets are available at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Victoria-Ghost/>

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FOOD & DRINK

Teaism Unveils New Location

The first Teaism restaurant has opened in Alexandria. These locally-owned, Asian-inspired tea houses have been serving locals and tourists alike at three downtown locations since 1996. Originally conceived to showcase loose leaf teas from all across Asia, Teaism has refined its commitment to healthy dining in this new space.

A new menu by Chef Alison Swope (New Heights, Santa Fe East, The Mark, Andale) features Okonomiyaki along with buckwheat and hempseed pancakes. Teaism serves organic meals made from scratch. Selected beers, sakes and wines – 15 different bottles—match the menu's bold Asian flavors.

Teaism Old Town is located at 682 North St Asaph Street, Alexandria, and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The restaurant opens at 7:30 a.m. Monday to Friday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The restaurant closes at 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday evenings and at 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.



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Festival's Success Has Organizers Looking Ahead

Aiming for more events in the Carlyle District.

BY TRUDY-KAY GANPATT
GAZETTE PACKET

Not only were the restaurants and wineries participating in the first Carlyle Food and Wine Festival on June 23 able to share their cuisine and products with local residents, they were also able to network and give back to the community as well.

"We were quite pleased to be a part of the inaugural event," said Sam Misleh, owner of Walker's Grille. "It gave people the opportunity to experience our cuisine and as we gain more popularity at our current location we look forward in expanding our concept and philosophy in other areas in Alexandria."

Twenty-five taste tickets were given to each active military family as well as a free book. Other proceeds were donated to the Carpenter's Shelter of Alexandria.

The event included live entertainment, food and wine tasting, food demonstration showcase, a VIP networking reception for



Seven Virginia wineries showcased their products at the Carlyle Food and Wine Festival.

Cupcake, La Tasca, and Jamieson Grille. Wineries included Mattaponi Winery, Unicorn Winery, Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery, Lake Anna Winery, Glass House Winery, DelFosse Vineyard and Winery and Cedar Creek Winery.

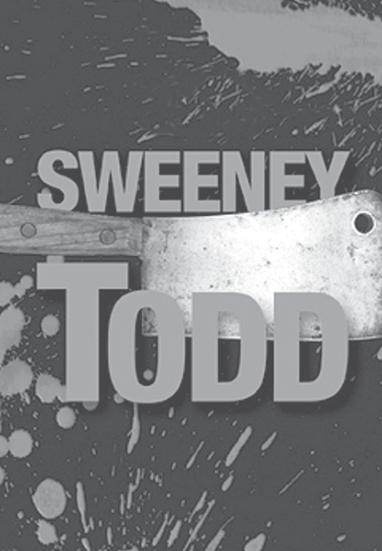
The local wineries and restaurants were able to compete for the best appetizer, the best main course and the best dessert. Winner for best appetizer went to Delia's with its halloumi crustini, main course winner went to Walker's Grille with its Asian-style short ribs and dessert went to Jamieson Grille with its green tea cheesecake.

Reacting to the large turnout, the festival committee are looking forward to continuing the tradition of having a Food and Wine Festival each year. They are also hoping that there will be more interactive events like this to bring the community together.

"We have certainly hit a nerve to have more community events like this in the Carlyle District," said Maurisa Potts, spokesperson for the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival. "For a first-year event, the festival had an incredible turnout to the point that the festival organizers and the city are already discussing expanding the footprint within the Carlyle District for next year. Many festival goers were not aware of this great area of North Old Town and we were happy to create an event to introduce them to this neighborhood."

sponsors and a children's corner for the entire family. Residents were able to sample food and wine from several different local restaurants. Participating restaurants in-

cluded 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



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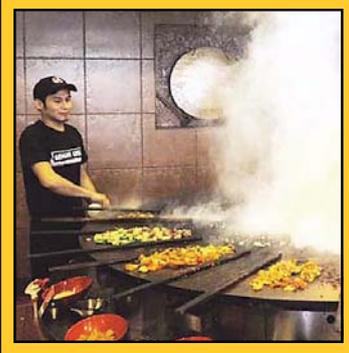
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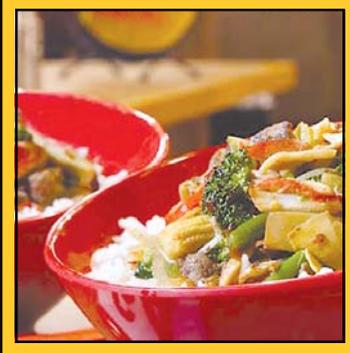
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ENTERTAINMENT

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MONDAY/JULY 23

Lecture on The Perfect Medical-Legal Storm, The Myth of Baby Syndrome. 3:00p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Presenter is Dennis K. McBride, PHD, MPA. He will review the evidence for and against the Shaken Baby Syndrome. Dr. McBride is Associate Vice President for Research at George Mason University and is affiliated with the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies and with Georgetown University School of Medicine. Call 703-228-2144

TUESDAY/JULY 24

MARK WHISKEY AND THE SOURS at the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The event is from 9-11 p.m. and costs \$10. Enjoy traditional, authentic Rockabilly!

WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

The United States Army Band "Downrange" performs. 7:30 p.m. With a popular and ever-changing repertoire, the active-duty musicians of Downrange grab the spotlight with their dynamic performances. Lee District nights at Lee District Park. 6601 Telegraph Road Alexandria. Visit www.usarmyband.com/downrange-event-calendar.html

Lunch Bunch Concert: Matthew Mills. 12 p.m - 1 p.m. Musical performance by Matthew Mills, featuring contemporary acoustic & flamenco. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Contact: Maureen Sturgill, 703.746.5420

Ben Brenman Park Concert. 7 p.m - 8 p.m. Performance by Hand Painted Swinger, featuring pop rock. Lawn seating, you are welcome to bring a blanket or folding chair to enjoy the music. Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. Contact: Special Events Office, 703-746-5418

Live Music. The Birchmere Presents 7 Time Grammy Award Nominee LEDISI. B.G.T.Y Tour. 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. Special guest Eric Benet. DAR Constitution Hall, Washington DC. Tickets on sale Now, through Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. Visit www.ledisi.com and www.ericbenet.net.

DJ DANCE PARTY with DJ Dabe Murphy on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. The event is from 9-11 p.m. and costs \$6.

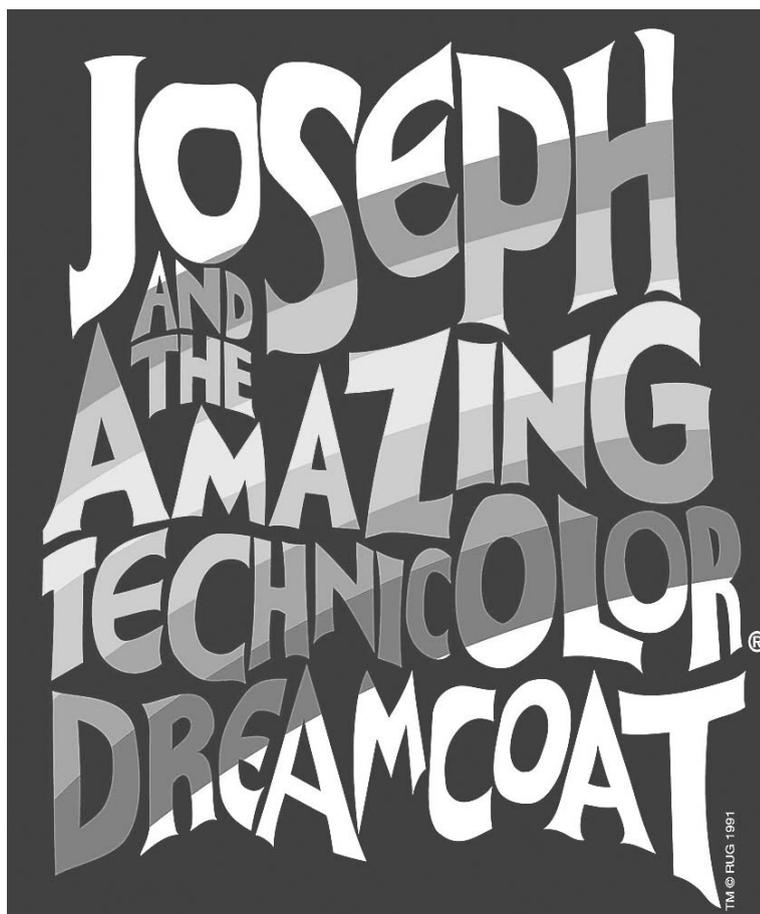
THURSDAY/JULY 26

Music At Twilight Concert-John Carlyle Square Park. 7:30-8:30 p.m. New Location. Musical performance by the Alexandria Harmonizers, featuring men's barbershop. John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418

FRIDAY/JULY 27

Swing Music. The Atomic Swing Club delivers a high energy program of vintage swing, jump blues, big band and rockabilly swing. 7:30 p.m. This five-piece combo brings back the savvy swingin' vibe that made swing music so very popular in the first place. Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit <http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/>.

Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts. 7:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m. The Alexandria Citizens Band, the City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization, is celebrating 100 years. You are invited to join them in front of City Hall and enjoy the wide variety of music including marches, jazz, classical, patriotic and others. Market Square, 301 King St.



Aldersgate Church Community Theater presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Show times are Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7 at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 8 at 2 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd., Alexandria. Visit www.acctonline.org or call 703-660-2611.

Contact: Special Events Hotline, 703-746-5592

THROUGH 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.

Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade retailer on King Street in Old Town, will be transformed into an oriental rug showroom, when more than 300 rugs, all hand made in Pakistan by fairly paid adults, arrive for the annual 4-day sale. But on Sunday, July 29, people interested in fair trade rugs can get a sneak peek of the event. Guests can sample fair trade wines and artisanal cheeses as they view samples of the rugs coming in September, learn about the different types of oriental rugs, how they are made, how fair trade rugs differ from other rugs, and what to consider when choosing a rug for their home. The hour-long preview party starts at 6:30 pm Sunday, July 29 at the store. The event is free but seating is limited, so reservations are strongly advised. Ten Thousand Villages is located at 915 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-684-1435 for more information.

SUNDAY/JULY 29

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3:00p.m. An instrumental master class. Details to be announced at www.wmpamusic.org. The

Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. For more information visit www.wmpamusic.org. E-mail: wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-8229

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

"The Postman Always Rings Twice" with Lana Turner and John Garfield. 7 p.m. Free. Part of the monthly Film Noir Series at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., in Del Ray. After the movie, viewers are invited to discuss the film at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub at 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Music At Twilight Concert-John Carlyle Square Park. 7:30p.m - 8:30 p.m. New Location. Musical performance by The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington, featuring 1920's-1940's Jazz. John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418

FRIDAY/AUG. 3

Concert By The U. S. Navy Band Sea Chanters. noon - 1:15 p.m. The U. S. Navy Band "Sea Chanters" chorus is the official chorus of the United States Navy. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including the sea chantey, to Broadway musicals. The Sea Chanters perform throughout the United States and often perform at the White House, the Vice President's home and for other places. Market Square, 301 King St. Contact Maureen Sturgill at maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-5420.

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Olympic Day Celebration 2012

BY MCKENYA
DILWORTH-ABDALLA
CENTER DIRECTOR
CHARLES BARRETT
RECREATION CENTER

The spirit of Olympics was alive and thriving in the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities in June with the Olympic Day Celebration.

On June 22, at the Lee Center, not even the heat beat our spirits down, but we did have to implement our Plan B due to the heat advisory and take a number of activities indoors. The department was chosen from thousands of proposals to participate in Olympic Day nationwide.

The official Olympic Committee works with us to make sure that we have access to past and present Olympians and have all of the tools needed to make the event an informative, fun and entertaining community event. This year's visiting Olympian was Osman Orlando, who participated in two Olympics Games.

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 League to the college. The children were attentive and showed their appreciation. There was pin drop silence in the gymnasium as Olympian Orlando described his experiences and shared the historic context of Olympics of 1968 with the expression of African Americans lifting their fists for equality.

As is the norm, I would like to thank all of the recreation professionals that made this event a success from senior management to each participating center. James Spengler (Director of Department), William Chesley (Deputy Director), David Miller (Division Chief), Jamie Aylor, Jackie Person (TR Director), Margaret Orlando (Recreation Manager), Senai Beyen, Tamika Coleman, Barbara Farrington (Regional Director), Rodney Bates, Iesha Ressurreccion, Venor "Tony" Biggs, Kendall Hermsdorf, Bryan Williams (Director of Patrick Henry) and staff (Ms. Kesha), Charles Houston (Ms. Sonya), Kendra Belk



Olympian Osman Orlando addresses the youngsters at the Lee Center.

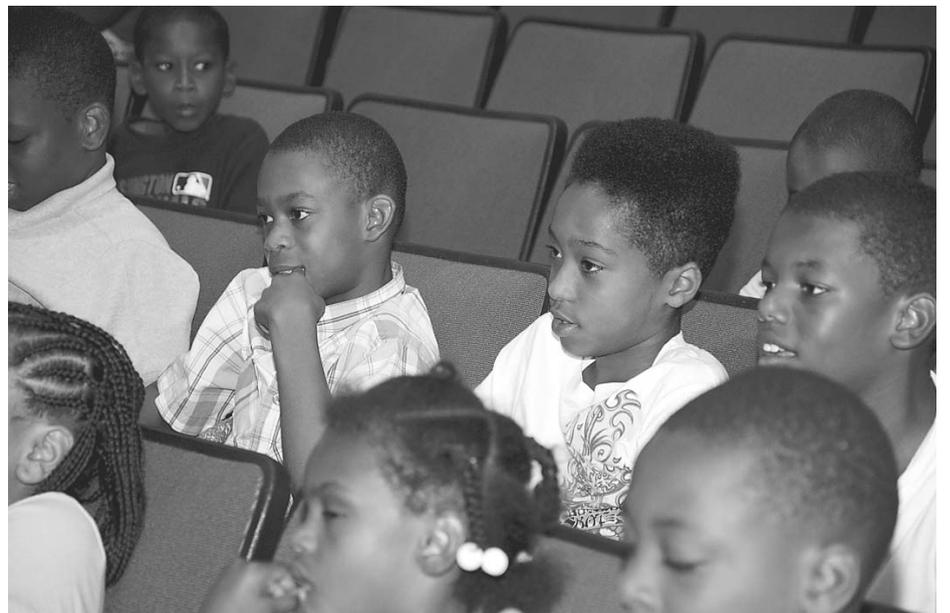
(Ramsay), Mr. Travis (Lee), Ms. Sheba (Cora Kelly), Lyndon Murray (Regional Director), Harold Little (Regional Director), Sheila Whiting (Regional Director), Elsie Akinbobola (Director of Mt. Vernon), Ms. Gertrude (Barrett), Ms. LaTasha (Barrett) and Ms. Shenika (Lee).



Participants on Olympic Day show their enthusiasm.



Bern Nadette Stanis and Briana Fontana.



Youngsters listen to the celebrities leading the master classes.

Celebrities Lead Master Classes for ACCT

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Alexandria City Community Theatre kicked off the summer programming season with Master Classes with two celebrities: Soul Food Series "Lemme" Darrin Dewitt Henson and Good Times "Thelma" Bern Nadette

Stanis.

The series is in part co-sponsored by ARHA (Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority). The classes were held at the Kauffman Auditorium at the Lee Center last month.

Henson is a choreographer having worked with the late Michael Jackson, Christina

Aguilera, Britney Spears, Prince, NSYNC and Jennifer Lopez. He led a dance workshop.

Stanis, a '70s television icon who made Thelma from Good Times the girl everyone wanted next door, held an inspirational story-telling session where she shared her story of discovery and experiences within

the entertainment industry.

Having youth and children exposed to professional artists is a goal that the department, with its support of ACCT, will continue to do because the arts brings people together and builds and makes communities stronger.

— MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA

OBITUARIES

Katherine Frances Smith

Katherine Frances Smith, formerly Katherine Frances Terlecky, born Sept. 22, 1945, died June 18, 2012.

Called Kay, she had a big sister named Felicite Anne and a pet duck.

Her parents, Frances and John Terlecky lived in Alexandria, on Mount Vernon Avenue. John owned a jewelry shop on upper King street; Frances worked at the Pentagon as an office administrator.

Kay and her sister played all day at their grandfather's (Dee Dee's) house on Mount Vernon Avenue with their many friends. Here she learned to appreciate, and create art with her paint set, and play with her dolls and watch the Mickey Mouse Club on TV.

Kay attended Saint Mary's Academy with her friends, as all of her past relatives had. She was remarkable as a softball pitcher, a "blackbird baked in a pie," and an up-and-coming actress.

A determined soul, she had a rebellious nature that led to her entering marriage at a very young age. Having two children by her 18th birthday, Kay had to grow up fast. Her husband was in Viet Nam and she was deeply disturbed and permanently marked by the horrors, particularly to children of that war. Her first marriage ended after a few years and she remarried and had a third child by her 22nd birthday. Fast forward a few years and Kay divorced for a second

time.

Her nature and spirit pulled her through hard times and she raised three boys on her own while completing a college degree. Kay will always be known for her unsinkable spirit and love of her family.

She was a fan of Conway Twitty, Ricky Nelson, and Patsy Cline. She sang loud, in the shower, believing that a talent scout for Walt Disney lived right next door. And she loved to sing "My Way!"

She married at 16, had three sons Charlie, Jerry, and David; became a great cook, and an avid outdoorswoman. Her outdoor adventures in the wilds of the Shenandoah and Colonial Beach are legendary.

She attended Northern Virginia Community College, where she graduated with honors in accounting. Together with her sister Flip they tackled the financial jungles of Washington, D.C. business life.

Her last career posting was at Acropolis Books/Colortone Press, where she was prized as chief comptroller of the publisher and printer. During this time, she became an accomplished oil painter, crafter, businesswoman and rose gardener. She loved to travel and might be seen in either the Caribbean, or in Rome. She was a veteran car camper, and long distance traveler. She toured the sites of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Canada, and Maryland's eastern shore.

She had a strange attraction for pulling into small hotels or motels that recalled the movie; "Psycho", thus scaring the wits out of her children, just to make sure they ap-

preciated her efforts at happy traveling.

She was invited to a one-time chance to see Elvis, in concert, only to turn it down out of fear he might ask her up on stage. Yet, she suffered without complaint through 2 KISS concerts with her rowdy children.

She taught her children how to cook, clean, wash garden and especially take out the trash, all before they started kindergarten.

She taught Charlie and Jerry how to be 3 years older than they were so as to fly to their Gramma Swanson's on their own. This had some bad repercussions when they became teenagers, always remedied by curfews and withholding allowances.

She retired to her home where she collected curios, dishes, cooking appliances, old videos, and Agatha Christie books, argued with Charlie about family history, chased Jerry around with her Dr. Scholl's sandal, and stored David's car projects in her driveway. She loved her cat, Mosby, and her dog, Cassie. She stayed with her Mother Frances and eldest son Charlie for the last many years, and loved her grandchildren like royalty, especially her first Christopher.

She loved dinners with her up-and-coming gourmet son, David, and loved listening to her beloved Rolling Stones.

She has left us all with the joy, wonder, and knowledge of her existence.

Her family included son Charles Swanson and wife Line,

son Jerry Swanson and fiancée Therese and grandson Dakota, son David Smith,

wife Pamela, grandsons Christopher, Zachary and Garrett and granddaughter Tara Haley, and sister Felicite Macfarlane and fiancé Howard Watson.

The family trusts Kay is at rest with her grandson Ricky Swanson, her brother-in-law Richard A. Macfarlane, her uncle Bubby Thomas, and her departed parents and grandparents.

Thelma T. Thompson,

Thelma T Thompson of Venice, Fla. formerly of Alexandria, died Monday, June 11, 2012.

Born Oct. 4, 1921, she was raised in Alexandria, graduated high school here and went on to work and retire from The Federal Communications Commission in June 1974.

She was preceded in death by her husband James C. Thompson and sister Marian T. Clausen.

Survivors include her sister Elton "Ellie" T. Randell, several nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

R. Tucker Winn

Tucker Winn, who was a Fairfax County Public School teacher for 25 years, died at Mount Vernon Hospital on June 23, 2012 of a stroke. She was 85 years old.

She was born in Wilsons, Va. (Dinwiddie

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WELLBEING

Finding a Home For the Golden Years

Experts offer advice on choosing a retirement community.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

When Jim Upp's wife Jeannie died in 2006, the Fairfax senior citizen found himself surrounded by a lifetime of memories in the spacious home where the couple had raised three children.

"We lived on a one-acre lot with plenty of trees all by ourselves," said Upp. "I was alone, and there was a large house and an acre of land to take care of. It took me about five days to realize that wasn't where it wanted to spend the rest of my life."

Upp moved to a retirement community, which he called a one-stop center for medical care, activities from bowling to television production, and socializing with people with similar backgrounds.

"I did not know a soul when I came here, but I know hundreds of people now," said Upp. "There are more than 200 activities here on campus. There are five or six doctors here everyday. If I have a problem, I can just go down and see a doctor anytime."

WHILE UPP'S TRANSITION was uncomplicated, methodical and borne out of a self-made decision, other moves are not so seamless.

Deciding that one can no longer live alone, selling a house that has been a home for decades and relocating to retirement facility can be an emotionally charged and physically challenging feat. Recognizing the warning signs that a change might be necessary and developing a plan can help make the move less complicated.

"There is usually a crisis that bring someone into a facility," said Catharine A. Kopac, Ph.D., a certified geriatric nurse practitioner and chair of the graduate nursing program at Marymount University in Arlington. "Often the family gets no counseling and the move is made in a hurry."

Knowing when it is time to transition to a professionally run living environment is a decision with which many struggle. Gerontology professionals say there are a few red flags. Topping the list is the risk of vulnerability. "Is the person safe?" asked Andrew Carle, executive-in-residence, at George Mason University's Program in Senior Housing Administration. "Are they are on [multiple] medications and it's hard for them to manage? Are they at risk for falling or do they have Alzheimer's and are at risk of wandering?"

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," it might be time to move. An inability to perform daily activities such as eating, bathing and driving is another indicator.



Residents at Vinson Hall McLean, participate in water sports. Experts say many people would be happier in an assisted living facility, where they have activities and friends, than they are living alone.

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SELECTING THE RIGHT TYPE of facility requires knowing the choices: independent living, assisted living and nursing homes.

Independent living is generally regular housing specifically designed for seniors whereas residents at assisted-living facilities can get aid with daily activities such as bathing and medication management. They often include kitchens, but meals and transportation to medical appointments and other errands are usually provided as well.

"Many people don't understand the difference between a nursing home and assisted living," said Carle. "Unless a person is bedridden, they probably don't need a nursing home."

Identifying a person's specific needs and finding a facility that is equipped to meet those requirements is vital. "If one needs any rehabilitation, then you would want to choose a facility that offers rehab services or therapy," said Dr. Jean Glossa, M.D., medical director for Fairfax County Community Health Care Network and Molina Healthcare. "If one has dementia or Alzheimer's disease, then you would want a facility that has trained and experienced staff in working with patients who suffer from either disease."

Geriatric care specialists, who can be found through the National Association of Geriatric Care Managers, can help assess a person's needs and help match him or her with an appropriate community. The Assisted Living Federation of America is another source for information on facilities, and experts recommend visiting www.medicare.gov when looking for a nursing home.

"CMS [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services] has the Nursing Home Compare



Jim Upp displays his late wife's paintings at an art fair at Greenspring, a retirement community in Springfield. Upp downsized from a large home to an independent living facility after his wife died. "I did not know a soul when I came here, but I know hundreds of people now. There are more than 200 activities here," he said.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GREENSPRING

website, which provides basic data about nursing homes, including staffing, past violations in recent surveys by the licensing agency, quality measures and more," said Glossa.

Experts say it is important to visit multiple communities before making a decision: "You should always tour at least three," said Carle, who lives in Herndon. "It is like test driving a car. You don't just test one car and buy it."

Meet those who run the facility. "A com-

munity is only as good as its administrator," said Carle. "Have the administrator give you a tour. It doesn't matter if the facility has a glass chandelier or a baby grand piano. As you're walking around, if the administrator doesn't know their own employees or residents, that would tell you a whole lot more than any brochure would. Families should look for an administrator who clearly has a love for seniors."

When meeting the staff at retirement facilities or nursing homes, there are key questions to pose. "Ask about the longevity of the staff and the average years of employment in the facility, the community's philosophy on aging in place, transition expectations as the person declines and needs additional services," added Karen Boyce, the administrator at Renaissance Gardens at Greenspring in Springfield. She also recommends staying for lunch or another activity "to experience the sense of community, and staff interactions with other residents and each other."

LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES are other key considerations. "Is the facility close to family?" said Dave DeClark, director of marketing at Vinson Hall in McLean. "Is it close to a social network or former business associates? Is it in a geographic location that they find desirable?"

DeClarke suggests contemplating social aspects. "What type of environment would the individual or the couple really thrive in? What are their outside friends like? What are some of the things that they used to do and would like to continue doing?"

The cost of the facility is important too. "Discussing payment methods in advance also helps alleviate financial issues in the future," said Glossa. "If you or your family member has Medicaid or Medicare, make sure the facility accepts residents on either or both programs."

Experts say such moves require sensitivity and planning. "Don't take control. Leave control in the hands of the elder like when to move, what to take, what to buy new, all the details, no matter how long it takes or how weird it may sound to you," counseled Potomac resident Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Howard University.

Carle added that guilt is a common barrier to assisted living or nursing home placement. "Many people feel that they should be taking care of their parents," said Carle. "But families need to be honest with themselves and understand that the world is different now than it was one or two generations ago. Many people would be happier in an assisted living facility where they have activities and friends than they would be living all by themselves. We should look at this as helpful and not something to feel guilty about."

SSSAS Athletes To Be Well Represented in College

Twenty-three athletes from the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes class of 2012 will compete at the collegiate level next season. They are: Brent Armstrong, lacrosse (University of North Carolina); Ferrel Atkins, swimming (Pomona College); Katie Austin, lacrosse (University of Southern California); Sal Benitez, soccer (Hampden-Sydney College); Matt Brinckerhoff, lacrosse (Dickinson College); Maddie Davidson, lacrosse (Claremont-McKenna College); Emma Dyson, lacrosse (Bucknell University); Justin Goldsborough, basketball (Lehigh University); Phil Guglielmo, basketball (United States Naval Academy); Taylor Heasley, softball (Ohio Wesleyan University); Ryon Huddleston, soccer (Wake Forest University); Elizabeth Lavie, lacrosse (University of California-Berkeley); Chris Maves, lacrosse (Colorado College); Tristram Osgood, baseball (Oberlin College); Paige Patterson, lacrosse (University of North Carolina); Parker Patterson, soccer (University of Richmond); Michele Phillips, lacrosse (University of Notre Dame); Grant Swaney, lacrosse (Hampden-Sydney College); Joe Warren, baseball (Swarthmore College); Michelle Whitham, lacrosse (Iona University); Sarah Wilcox, lacrosse (Vanderbilt University); Kathleen Williams, lacrosse (Rollins University) and Katie Wiseman, lacrosse (Stanford University).

SPORTS BRIEFS



Twenty-three St. Stephen's & St. Agnes athletes in the class of 2012 will compete in college athletics next season.

pounds; 95 pounds; 110 pounds; 125 pounds; and 150 pounds. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16.

Registration fee is \$30. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles identification card upon registration. The Sportsmanship and Equipment Days will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 (anklebiters and 75), Saturday, July 28 (85 and 95) and Saturday, Aug. 4 (110, 125 and 150). The Alexandria Titans Football Camps (free for Titan players only) will be held July 30 through Aug. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at George Washington Middle School.

The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Booster Club is looking for sponsorships for the 2012 season. For more information or to register online, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Recreation Department's web site at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Community Open Play Days and Nights

July is National Park and Recreation Month in Alexandria and throughout the United States. The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is celebrating "Rock Your Park" by offering free Community Open Play Days and Nights throughout the summer at Ben Brenman Soccer Field and Four Mile Soccer Field. We will be providing the opportunities for families, friends and neighbors of all ages to come visit our fields to exercise, play soccer, lacrosse, touch football, rugby, Frisbee and more.

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 email mac.slover@alexandriava.gov or Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov.

Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football Registration

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

ation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Sports Section held its girls' fastpitch softball championship games on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16 at Armistead Boothe Park.

The National League championship was won by the Gators with a 15-11 win over the Storm. In the American League championship, the Hurricanes defeated the Pride, 16-11. This season there were more than 175 girls participating in the Rookie, National and American Leagues.

Aces Knock Off First-Place Express

The Alexandria Aces defeated the first-place Rockville Express, 7-4, in a Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League contest on July 2 at Frank Mann Field.

The Aces led 6-1 after three innings and never trailed.

Starting pitcher Chris McKenna (Monmouth) earned the victory for the Aces, allowing four earned runs and six hits in five innings. He walked three and struck out four. Nicholas Marics (Wilmington) pitched a hitless ninth for the save.

Offensively, left fielder Jacob Stockton (Louisiana Tech) went 1 for 3 with a home run and two RBIs. Catcher Nick Octavi (VCU) was 3 for 4 with three RBIs.

The victory improved Alexandria to 12-11, three games behind the new first-place team, the Baltimore Redbirds.

Outfielder Alex Buccilli (Coastal Carolina) was fourth in the league with a .400 batting average (30 for 75) in 21 games. He had three home runs, eight doubles and 18 RBIs.

University of Richmond second baseman and 2010 T.C. Williams graduate Adam Forrer was batting .255 (14 for 55) with one triple, one home run, seven RBIs and six stolen bases in 16 games.

Register Early For Senior Olympics

Registration is open for the 2012 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, to be held Sept. 15-26. Participants can register online by going to www.nvso.us and signing up to compete in more than 40 events that will take place at 18 different venues throughout Northern Virginia. Registration forms are also available at senior centers, community centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. NVSO is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Senior adults 50 years of age by Dec. 30, 2012 residing in a sponsoring jurisdiction are eligible to compete. Deadline to register is Sept. 1.

Play days will be held at Ben Brenman Field (4800 Ben Brenman Drive) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Play days will be held at Four Mile Soccer Field (3700 Commonwealth Avenue) on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Play days are for city residents only and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hershey Track and Field State Meet

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Hershey Track and Field Team sent 15 participants to the Virginia State Hershey Track and Field Meet on Saturday, June 23 at Monticello High School in Charlottesville.

Two of Alexandria's relay teams in the girls' 9-10 division finished in first and second place. Congratulations to the Mount Vernon relay team for bringing home the first-place ribbon and to Charles Houston for making it a very close race and finishing in second place. The Mount Vernon relay team included Cierra Brown, Rylie Edwards-Drummond, Halle Walker and Emonnie Copeland. The Charles Houston Relay team members included Breyana Smith-Harper, Caliyah Fields, Mariah Matthews and Shanay Evans. Shanay Evans also placed first in the 50-meter dash.

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PEOPLE



The campers send up three cheers for Sgt. Alan Spaulding for his leadership during the weeklong program.

Civil War Camp Final Muster

Friday afternoon, June 29, the 24 campers at the annual Fort Ward Civil War Camp finished lunch in the shade of the trees and regrouped for a final field drill.

The campers had spent the week at the Civil War

Park and Museum learning about life during the Civil War. Camp activities included drilling, crafts, Civil War food and music, visits by historical reenactors, 19th century games, lessons on Civil War flags and setting up period tents.

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Angie Evelyn Albert, 82, of Parkville, MO passed away June 24, 2012 at her home from natural causes. A private service was held 12:30 pm on June 23, 2012 with family. Interment will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Mrs. Albert was born August 3, 1929 in Roanoke, VA. Angie was a military wife who raised her children at numerous posts throughout the US and foreign countries. She also worked as an assistant librarian during her husband's tour of Iran. She leaves behind her husband of 61 years, Benjamin Basil Albert, Jr.; and her brother, Samuel Calvin Wilson. Also surviving are her four children and their families, Jane Ellen and Warren Norris, June Evelyn Albert, Benjamin Basil III and Kristine Albert, James Samuel Albert; and grandchildren, Elaine Norris Goolsbey, Troy Benjamin Albert, Benjamin Basil Albert IV, and Kevin Arthur Samuel Albert. Angie also had four great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Hospice, 9237 Ward Pkwy, Ste. 300, Kansas City, MO 64114. (Arr. Heartland Cremation & Burial Society 816-313-1677)

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County). Tucker Winn received her B.S. degree in chemistry from Longwood College in 1948. She was the class valedictorian. She worked briefly in private industry before turning to secondary education. She spent most of her career in Fairfax County, including stints at Fairfax High School, Woodson High School and Robinson Secondary School. She received her M.A. in education from George Washington University and then moved to George Mason University, in the Office of Admissions. S

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A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on July 11 at Demaine Funeral Home, Alexandria, with reception to follow at Belle Haven Country Club. Interment will be in Blackstone Va. (Lakeview Cemetery) on Thursday, July 12, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Fisher House Foundation, Inc. 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20850-5168.

Board Appoints Student Liaisons

This week marked the beginning of a one-year term for two new student non-voting members of the School Board. In early June, the board voted to appoint two student liaisons, who competed for the slots through an application and interview process. Due to their credentials, Charlotte Clinger, a rising senior, and Edom Tesfa, a rising junior, were chosen from a group of nine potential student candidates to take on this major commitment.

Clinger and Tesfa were vetted for this position by members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Group. The Advisory Group is in its third year and is made up of 35 to 40 students who meet regularly. The Advisory Group is open to 10th-12th-grade students who can apply at the end of their 9th-grade year at the T.C. Williams High School Minnie Howard Campus or anytime thereafter. The group is headed by Minnie Howard Assistant Principal Michael Cohen and T.C. Williams Social Studies Department Chair Molly Frietag. A new addition is Dr. Margee Walsh, executive director for policy development, who is in her first year working with the group.

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