

**John T. Long, CEO and president of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, addresses the mayor and council about the waterfront vote.**



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/ GAZETTE PACKET

## It's Done: Waterfront Rezoned

**Six-to-one vote opens the door to higher density and overturns longstanding ban on hotels.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Members of the Alexandria City Council cast what may become one of the most important votes in their career last weekend, approving a controversial zoning change that would triple density at three sites slated for redevelopment compared to what's there now. The two-year ordeal has featured sharp comments, raised voices and several lawsuits — a process culminating in an election that unseated the two Republican opponents of the plan.

"The choice itself doesn't do the work for you," said Mayor Bill Euille shortly before voting for the plan Saturday afternoon. "It's merely the starting point from which you put in the effort and commitment."

The vast majority of speakers opposed the plan, which they said would clog the streets of Old Town and create new environmental hazards by developing new buildings on the waterfront. They criticized the logic of allowing more than 800,000 square feet on three sites that currently have 300,000 square feet — especially considering the existing zoning allows for 650,000 square feet of development. Former state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who was mayor when the 1992 zoning was adopted, said council members would be harming Old Town for the benefit of developers.

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**Former state Sen. Patsy Ticer addresses the mayor and councilmembers at Saturday's public hearing. Ticer reminded the council that she was on watch as mayor of the city while the 1992 Waterfront plan in Alexandria was being developed. Ticer noted that after being advised by her planning director that the plan might take five years to complete, she agreed to go ahead to ensure that it was the best plan for the city and future residents.**

## Cloud Hangs Over Jefferson-Houston

**Questions linger about how takeover would work if governor signs legislation.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Even as central administrators in Alexandria have finally entered into a memorandum of understanding with state leaders to turn around a troubled school, Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell is considering legislation that would seize control from local leaders. That could cast a cloud of doubt over a newly created memorandum of understanding between the Alexandria School

Board and the Virginia Board of Education. It also leaves unanswered questions about who will control the school in the future.

"This is uncharted territory," said Charles Pyle, spokesman for the Virginia Department of Education. "Whenever you enter uncharted territory, there are some things you are not going to know until the issues actually come up."

The way the bill is currently drafted, supervision of Jefferson-

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## In the Line of Duty

**Remembering slain officer Charles Hill.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

As thousands of supporters poured into Virtue Feed and Grain restaurant March 10 for a fundraiser for Alexandria Police Officer Peter Laboy, one attendee quietly slipped away to pay a visit to an often-overlooked corner of a park that sits just steps away.

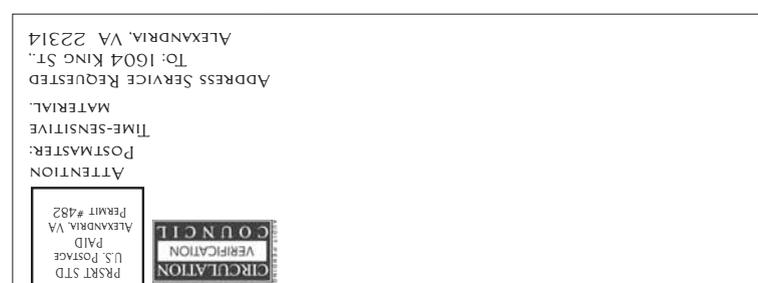
*Chuck, I was down in Old Town yesterday for Peter's fundraiser. I*

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**Corporal Charles W. Hill was the last Alexandria police officer to be killed in the line of duty. He died March 22, 1989 during a hostage situation on Hopkins Court in Old Town.**





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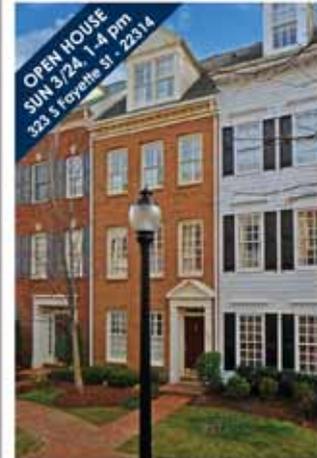
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## Moot Court

What's the difference between a map amendment and a text amendment?

The answer to that question is complicated, although it's safe to say that residents have the ability to challenge the former but not the later. City Council members took action this week to clear up any confusion that irate citizens can force a supermajority for a text amendment. That's what happened last year, and the protest petition cast the new zoning into a legal limbo.

"This would weaken zoning protections in a fundamental manner," said Old Town businessman **Bert Ely**. "And it's being rushed through the legislative process without debate or consideration of all of its implications."

But in politics, as in life, timing is everything. City Attorney **James Banks** said that the council's decision to change the wording of the zoning ordinance may influence a case currently before the Alexandria Circuit Court. That case was initiated by a group of citizens known as the **Iron Ladies** who said the city improperly dismissed their protest petition. The Board of Zoning Appeals agreed, so city leaders took them to court.

"By clarifying that confusion, which we think is a rather straightforward and commonsensical fix, by doing that we then at least potentially render the pending litigation moot," Banks told council members in a public hearing Saturday. "We therefore think that the Supreme Court matter would similarly go away."

Supreme Court justices will have the final say this spring.

## Deck Madness

Residents in the West End neighborhood of Colonial Heights are about to enter a brave new world — the ability to construct decks. For years, residents in the townhome community have lived with a restriction against decks. The rule dates to a dispute years ago between neighbors when one wanted to build a deck but others opposed.

Now, times have changed. And new residents have moved to the community. Perhaps most importantly, the neighbors worked together to craft the zoning change with city officials. During the public hearing on Saturday, they made it clear that Colonial Heights is a tight-knit community where people *really* know their neighbors.

"I can see my neighbors' television from my living room," said **Ron Bennet**.

"That may be a bonus for March Madness," said Mayor **Bill Euille**.

"They do watch a lot of sports over there," added Bennet.

## The Smallest Cut

The budget crunch may end up hitting city residents who are the least able to defend themselves — poor children.

City Manager **Rashad Young**'s budget includes cutting about 50 children from the city's Child Care Services program of the Department of Community and Human Services. That would save about \$130,000. But what happens to children already on the waiting list?

A new budget memo explains that the Child Day Care Fee System currently has 318 families on its waiting list, although budget officials estimate that only 111 would qualify for child-care services. Assuming each family has about 1.5 children, that would mean funding services for 167 children. The cost of clearing the waiting list is estimated to be about \$1 million.

"The maximum recommended child care caseload is 65," wrote Budget Director **Nelsie Smith**. "which means that serving the additional 111 families would require at least two additional FTE's."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



**Chief Judge Becky Moore, right, congratulates Lt. Ron Lawhorne following his promotion ceremony March 5.**



**Friends and colleagues fill the courtroom March 5 for the promotion ceremony of Sheriff's Deputy Ron Lawhorne.**

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

# Order in the Court

**Ronald Lawhorne promoted in surprise ceremony.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**or many, it was long overdue. But in a humor-filled ceremony inside the courtroom of Chief Judge Becky Moore, Deputy Ronald Lawhorne was sworn in March 5 as a lieutenant in the Alexandria Sheriff's Department by his younger brother Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.

"I had no idea," said Ronald Lawhorne of the surprise ceremony that officially promoted him from acting lieutenant to lieutenant in charge of judicial services and civil processes, a position that is responsible for the safety and security of the courthouse.

Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengal presented Ronald Lawhorne with an Oscar puppet from Sesame Street, citing his "best performance in an acting role." Then Dana Lawhorne was asked to address the capacity-filled courtroom.

"While Ron has demonstrated to you over the last 19 years his devotion to duty and his loyalty to others, I have known about it for a very long time," Dana Lawhorne said. "There was never any doubt in my mind about his ability to carry out the duties and responsibilities as commander of the courthouse."

Ronald Lawhorne joined the Navy after graduation from high school before embarking on a career in law enforcement.

"You may wonder sometimes where this came from, these great qualities that we all aspire to," Dana Lawhorne said. "One would assume that his parents raised him

this way, but although our father was a good man and our mother a nice lady, they were both addicted to alcohol. Needless to say we had a dysfunctional family and older brother Ron had to step in and be the parent to four younger siblings."

Dana Lawhorne shared several stories about his childhood and credits his older brother for his own successes in life.

"People ask me all the time 'How did you turn out the way you did?'" Dana Lawhorne said. "Without hesitation, I tell them about being raised by an older brother who cared immensely about me, who always had time for me, and who always told me and showed me the



**Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, right, congratulates his older brother Ron following the promotion ceremony March 5.**

right thing to do."

With the full slate of Alexandria's judges looking on, Clerk of the Court Ed Semonian formally administered the oath to Ronald Lawhorne.

"Ron has always been my bailiff," Moore said. "And I have always hoped that Sheriff Lawhorne would recognize how terrific and capable Ron always is."

Ronald Lawhorne and his wife Debbie have two sons, Ron and Rick, who both attained the rank of Eagle Scout and now serve with the Prince George's County Fire Department.

"My brother spoke at my swearing-in ceremony in 2006 and he used the words the Boy Scout manual uses to describe what a Scout is," Dana Lawhorne said. "Let me repeat them today because I believe they best describe

**"While being the Sheriff is great, being Ron's little brother is greater."**

— Sheriff Dana Lawhorne

who Ron is.

"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent," Dana Lawhorne continued. "I was fortunate to be taught at a very young age by someone who epitomizes what those words mean."

Following the ceremony, Dana Lawhorne embraced his older brother.

"No matter how bad things were at home, Ron always encouraged me to make something of myself," Dana Lawhorne said. "He never gave up on me. So while being the sheriff is great, being Ron's little brother is greater."

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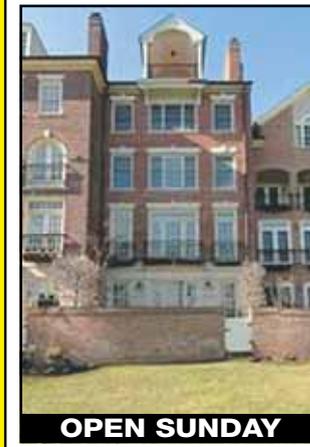
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Abigail Wallace, Silvia Burstein-Hendi and Katie Maxwell rehearse an untitled work-in-progress. The dance is inspired by the artwork, "Doppler" by Heidi Lippman located at the Mark Transportation Center. The dance was choreographed by CCP member Sara Lavan.



## 'Dance Around Alexandria'

Choreographers Collaborative Project held a spring concert "Dance Around Alexandria" in the auditorium at T.C. Williams High School on Saturday, March 16. The concert was inspired by public art pieces and public locations in Alexandria. Some dances were choreographed to be site-specific, such as the sculpture Brio in Market Square and the King Street Gardens Park, and others were inspired by a public art work, such as Truths That Rise From the Roots in the African-American Heritage Park. Students from CCP's youth

program as well as T.C. Williams High School Modern Dance Society also performed. The concert was part of CCP's season's project, "Dance Around Alexandria," creating and performing dances inspired by public art and spaces in Alexandria. This project was funded in part by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.



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T.C. Williams students and Modern Dance Society members Ella Boissoinnault and Jasmine Brown rehearse for the evening performance. The dance was choreographed and performed by members of the TC Williams Modern Dance Society.



Jasmine Brown of the T.C. Williams Modern Dance Society performs in "Mourning/Morning."

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**"Meet the Legends" Reception.** 6 p.m. at Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulaney St. The reception honors the 2013 Living Legends of Alexandria. Reservations by March 14 are \$40/person or \$75/couple; after March 14 \$50/person; \$90/for two. Register at [meet-the-legends.eventbrite.com](http://meet-the-legends.eventbrite.com).

**Art/History Waterfront Implementation Committee.** 7 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. For more information, contact Lance Mallamo,

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#### FRIDAY/MARCH 22

**Children's Consignment Sale.** 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at Cameron United Methodist Church.

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**Children's Consignment Sale.** 9 a.m.-noon at Cameron United Methodist Church.

**Gala.** 6-11 p.m. at the Hilton's Alexandria Mark Center. Visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) to purchase tickets and information.

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**Alexandria Housing Development Corp. (AHDC).** 6 p.m. Alexandria Housing Development Corp., 801 N. Pitt St. For more information, contact Mildrilyn Davis, 703-746-4990.

**Alexandria Citizen Corps Council.** 7 p.m. Fire Station 204, 900 2nd St. For more information, contact Kim Purcell, 703-746-5259.

**ARHA Board of Commissioners.** 7:30 p.m. Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. For more information, contact Roy Priest, 703-549-7115.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 27

**Alexandria Commission for Women - Exec. Comm.** 8 a.m. Caboose Cafe. For more information, contact Lisa Baker, 703-746-5030.

**City Council Work Session with ACVA.** 5:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. For more information, contact 703-746-4550.

**Alexandria City Council Legislative Meeting.** 7 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Call 703-746-4550.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 28

**Alexandria Transit Company Board.** 5:30 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. For more information, contact Marlene Jones, 703-746-5637.

**Maudy Thursday Service.** 7:30 p.m. at Alexandria Presbyterian Church, 2405 Russell Road. Visit [www.alexandriapres.org](http://www.alexandriapres.org) for more.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 29

**Commission for the Arts - Executive Committee.** 3 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. For more information, contact Diane Ruggiero, [diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov](mailto:diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5565.



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### 'Lil Leprechaun

Finleigh Seifert, 5-month-old daughter of Nicole and Brad Seifert, is dressed in her holiday finest March 17 to celebrate her first St. Patrick's Day in Old Town. Finleigh's grandmother is Kathy Seifert, director of development of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation.

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# Remembering Slain Officer Charles Hill

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walked down to Waterfront Park and said a prayer for you and Peter. I am glad that we don't have to add another name to the plaque there. Peter is doing OK, so many memories as I watched him being taken to the ambulance to be airlifted to Washington Hospital Center.

As I was standing there, I realized that you have been gone for as long as I knew you. I remember the first time we met, I was 14 and you were 16, 48 years ago. It will be 24 years next week that you are gone, yet it seems like yesterday. So many memories and emotions, the boys are doing well. Charlie gets married in May and Rob is now with APD. You would be so proud of them, they miss you a lot!

I love you and you will always be with me in my heart.

Ginny  
March 11, 2013

Ginny is Virginia Hill Obranovich, widow of Corporal Charles W. Hill, the last Alexandria police officer to be killed in the line of duty on March 22, 1989. Though it's been 24 years since his death, she writes to him often on the Officer Down Memorial Page website.

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't think of him," said Hill Obranovich as she visited the Police Memorial in Waterfront Park that bears her late husband's name. "I sometimes wonder where we'd be now, what we would be doing if that hadn't happened."

A 13-year-member of the Alexandria police force, Hill was killed when 34-year-old Jamie Wise had taken several hostages in the 300 block of Hopkins Court in Old Town to collect on a drug debt.

After a five-hour standoff, Wise emerged with a sawed-off shotgun pointed at the head of a teenage hostage. A police sharpshooter shot Wise but not before he was able to fire off two rounds. One fatally wounded Hill and the other severely injured Hill's partner, officer Andrew Chelchowski.

"It was just a normal working day for us," Hill Obranovich recalled. "Chuck was home



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**Ginny Hill Obranovich and husband Richard pay a visit March 19 to the memorial to slain officers in Waterfront Park that bears her late husband's name.**

early playing with the boys when he got the call about the hostage situation. He called me to say that the boys would be with a babysitter when I got home and that he would see me later that night."

It was about 7:30 p.m. when Hill Obranovich was visited by a police officer accompanied by her pastor.

"I knew right away it wasn't good," Hill Obranovich said. "I remember running through the house screaming and crying before they took me down to Washington Hospital Center, where Chuck had been medevaced. By the time I arrived, he had been pronounced dead."

Several thousand mourners turned out for Hill's memorial service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church while hundreds more shoppers, business owners and courthouse employees lined the streets of Old Town with their heads bowed in silence.

"After that, the days just kind of blurred," Hill Obranovich said.

Just one month earlier, Hill had celebrated his 40th birthday with his wife and two sons, Charles Jr., and Robert.



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**Police officer Charlie Hill celebrated his 40th birthday with sons Robert and Charles Jr. just one month before he was killed in the line of duty on March 22, 1989.**



**Charlie and Ginny Hill with sons Charles Jr. and Robert.**



**Virginia Hill Obranovich, left, meets with Alexandria Police Foundation board member Pat Miller and Laura Aden to discuss fundraising for a police memorial.**

"I was downstairs in our basement watching TV with my brother when the doorbell rang," said Charles Hill Jr., who was 7-years old when he lost his father. "We heard voices upstairs and then my mom screaming. A few minutes later a neighbor came to stay with us. It wasn't until the next day that we knew something was wrong."

Charles Hill Jr. remembers fragments of his father's funeral, but mostly he just remembers his dad.

"He was the biggest goofball you ever met in your life," Charles Hill Jr. said with a laugh. "People tell me I have the same sense of humor that he did. He was like a big kid, always smiling or joking despite some of the things we did as kids."

Robert Hill was 3-years-old at the time of the shooting.

"I have bits and pieces of memories," said Robert Hill, who is following in his father's footsteps as an Alexandria police officer after spending four years in the military. "One great memory I have is of his birthday before he was killed. I remember him coming in wearing his favorite moose slippers and his laughing as we gave him his presents."

Hill Obranovich remarried in 1991 and now serves as the volunteer executive director of the Alexandria Police Foundation, where she is joined by her husband Richard Obranovich.

"In 2010 I received a phone call from Deputy Chief [Cleveland] Spruill asking me to volunteer with families of officers," Hill Obranovich said. "When I found out the APF was raising money for a memorial, I let Chief [Earl] Cook know I would do what-

ever I could to help."

Hill Obranovich still volunteers with the department but for now her focus is on the foundation and its efforts to build a memorial to slain officers.

"The building of a memorial means an awful lot to me," Hill Obranovich said. "It's very important that it gets done."

As the anniversary of Hill's death approaches, each family member will mark the day privately.

"I don't discuss it much with my Mom," Charles Hill Jr. said. "It's not something I enjoy talking about. It's nice talking about him but not the events that happened."

Hill Obranovich will mark the anniversary by visiting Waterfront Park and placing flowers by her husband's memorial.

"I usually go alone," Hill Obranovich said. "I know the boys don't like to see me cry but it's very bittersweet. Chuck didn't get to see Robert join the APD or see Charlie so happy and getting married in May."

Hill Obranovich hopes that the memorial will be able to break ground next year, the 25th anniversary of her husband's death, and then will focus on other efforts of the foundation.

"When I first volunteered for the foundation, it was originally to help raise money for the memorial," Hill Obranovich said. "But it has evolved into helping the foundation and department overall. Everyone at APD has always been there for me, and I really want to give back something."

The police firing range and a park in Del Ray have been named in honor of Corporal Hill, who is still remembered by many in the community.

"To this day I run into people that will say they still think about my dad," Charles Hill Jr. said. "In that respect it's nice to know people really did care about him and that my family and I are not alone."

For more information on the police memorial, visit [www.alexandriapolicefoundation.org](http://www.alexandriapolicefoundation.org).



**After serving in the military, Robert Hill, right, is following in his father's footsteps as an Alexandria police officer.**

## California Money

Opponents of the Beaugard small area plan are following the money, trying to persuade a California pension group to withdraw money from developer JBG's plan to demolish 2,500 of low-end apartment units on the West End. The zoning issue has been hotly debated for a year, and a final vote is expected in the next few weeks. That's why leaders at Tenants and Workers United have been trying to persuade California teachers to withdraw their money from a fund that would bankroll the massive redevelopment.

"They kind of take the lead in terms of being ethical investors," said **Wesley Aten**, co-executive director of Tenants and Workers United. "So we are in conversations with them to make sure that they are doing the right thing on this investment."

Back in 2007, California-based real estate investment firm MacFarlane Partners and Washington-based developer JBG formed an investment venture called JGB Urban LLC. One of the investors in the venture is the California Public Employees' Retirement System. Supporters of the Beaugard plan praise the plan to add 800 units of dedicated affordable housing.

"We have been clear and consistent with our residents and partners that we are proposing a gradual, 30-year plan that will generate more affordable housing, not less," said **Charlie Maier**, a spokesman for JBG. "To suggest otherwise is misleading and unfair to our residents who we value greatly."

## Walgreens Kerfuffle

Several years ago, Walgreens tried to open a new store in Del Ray. The proposal angered neighborhood residents, who were concerned that local businesses would be displaced by the major national retailer. That effort fizzled, but now Walgreens is at it again. The Chicago-based company has submitted yet another permit to City Hall for a new location at the southeast corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and Monroe Avenue.

"We fought off Walgreens from going into that very same site," said Mayor **Bill Euille**, who opposed the previous project as a member of council. "We were successful then, but we'll see what happens this time around."

The property is quintessentially Del Ray, with quirky antique stores and a laundromat. Even people who have never shopped there are familiar with its iconic murals, including a trompe-l'œil in which an antique mural reflects the Burke and Herbert Bank sign across the street. City leaders say the owner has the right to develop the property without a special-use permit, which means the city has less leverage to make demands. Nevertheless, many folks in Del Ray are pushing the city to do anything in its power to keep Walgreens from transforming this corner of the neighborhood.

"If the council can do anything to prevent the Walgreens, the community would be grateful," **Lisa Desjardins** told council members during a Saturday public hearing.

## Car Tax

The cost of owning a car may be going up in Alexandria now that City Manager **Rashad Young** has proposed an increase to the city's personal property tax. Last month, the city manager suggested that tax rate be increased from 4.75 percent to 5 percent. Budget officials say that would generate about \$2 million of new revenue for transit.

"I'm opposed to it," said **Jack Taylor**, president and owner of Alexandria Toyota Scion. "We're taxed enough already."

The personal property tax rate has not increased since 1989.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

**A model of the waterfront plan is displayed in City Council chambers.**

## Vote Opens Door to Waterfront Hotels

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"I think the whole city, for a long time, has been too concerned about the fact that we don't have enough money," said Ticer. "And everything seems to rotate around that."

**BACK IN 2008**, long before city leaders released a plan, the Washington Post brought a lawsuit challenging the 1992 zoning. In court filings, the newspaper charged that the two warehouses it owns on the waterfront were entitled to more density than the current zoning allows. The lawsuit said city leaders engaged in "illegal spot zoning" by reducing allowable density at Robinson North and Robinson South in 1992, claiming the property was rightfully entitled to 97,000 more square feet.

"Robinson now desires to cease using the North Terminal property for warehouse and terminal purposes," the 2008 lawsuit explained. "Robinson has designed a development plan in accord with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement and has determined to proceed with such a development."

Officials from the company then began a public-relations campaign, meeting with community members to show them architectural drawings outlining a concept that would have included a hotel at the site. Robinson Terminal eventually suspended the lawsuit, although the threat of a potential legal action loomed over the planning process. When city planners released the concept for the waterfront at the end of 2010, they gave the Washington Post everything it wanted and more in exchange for developer contributions to open space and flood mitigation.

"We were not going to be bullied," said Planning Director Faroll Hamer. "At the same time, we viewed the lawsuit as an opportunity."

**THE ORIGINAL PLAN** was released in February 2011, initiating a vigorous discussion about everything from density and congestion to traffic and parking. Council members were deadlocked on how to proceed, so they appointed a work group to find common ground. That group met for six months and eventually reached an impasse over the same issues that divided the council, especially the impact of increasing density. Some members of the work group suggested that the plan not be adopted until a transportation analysis is conducted.

"It's essentially a sell-out to the corporate entities," said Old Town resident Bob Wood, who was a member of the work group. "We are all glad to get rid of the warehouses, but the city could have seized an opportunity, really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, to make this an Alexandria brand instead of a corporate brand."

Supporters say the plan calls for developers to contribute 2.5 acres of new parks, 3 acres of public spaces, contributions to a new art walk, historical

interpretation, a new shoreline treatment and an improved streetscape. They said the lure of additional density gives the city leverage to ask for amenities that would not be available under the 1992 zoning — the legality of which is still in question.

"I do not believe that it's Apocalypse Now," said Val Hawkins, president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. "There's enough study, there's enough people working on this together with the community that will now allow willy-nilly irresponsible development to happen."

**OPPOSITIONS HAVE NOT** given up the fight. They say the Virginia Supreme Court may take action this spring that could send city officials back to the drawing board once again. That case was filed by three Old Town homeowners known as the "Iron Ladies" who said the city improperly rejected a protest petition requiring a supermajority vote on the Alexandria City Council. Several of the speakers last weekend urged the council to wait until the court challenges have run their course rather than taking action now.

"They're, you know, just basically bullying ahead, and they need to learn how to play by the rules," said Bert Ely, a member of the work group and one of the leading opponents of the plan. "Hopefully that will be the instruction that comes down from the Supreme Court."

One catch — assuming the Virginia Supreme Court rules that the city should have required a supermajority vote, that's a threshold the plan can now meet. Back when city leaders rejected the petition from Alexandria citizens, the waterfront plan did not have a supermajority of support. Now that Democrats have unseated Republicans, the dynamics have changed and the proposal has clear support. Supporters say that the election results is a mandate from the people in favor of the zoning change.

"Having small boutique hotels will certainly improve the landscape of the waterfront for everyone," said Old Town resident Gina Baum, one of the leading advocates of the plan. "We'll have improved parks. We'll have improved walkways."

**NEWLY ELECTED** Democrat Allison Silberberg was the lone vote against the plan. She tried to offer a compromise that would have retained the 1992 zoning and limited development to one hotel instead of two. She said that would allow the city to move forward with redeveloping the industrial eyesores while gaining support in the neighborhood that will have to live with the new development.

"I was seeking a middle ground," said Silberberg, who received more votes than any of her colleagues in part because of her opposition to the waterfront plan. "But we can all count the votes."

In the end, the vote count aligned with how members campaigned in the fall — six in favor and one opposed.

# Making Poetry Open to All

New society hopes to expand poetry's reach.

BY COURTNEY M. MCSWAIN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria has a new poetry society hosted by the Duncan Library, and organizers hope their efforts will re-introduce the literary art form to those who have previously found it intimidating. Opening with an exploration of the sonnet, the Duncan Library Poetry Society held its inaugural session last month with a dozen people attending.

The society is sponsored by the Friends of Duncan Library, a volunteer group that supports the branch through fundraising. Walter Gross, chairman of adult programs for the Friends group, had the idea to initiate the society after attending an evening poetry reading at the home of David Glade, a fellow poetry enthusiast and one of the society's co-organizers.

"My family has a poetry night every April," Glade said last month on the evening of the poetry society's first meeting. "We sit on the back porch and everyone has to bring a poem ... everyone really gets a kick out of it," Glade said.

Having attended one of Glade's friendly backyard poetry readings, Gross thought a society that brought a similar informality and accessibility to poetry would be a good idea for the broader Alexandria community and would make a great program for the library.



**Barbara Murray reads a sonnet during the first meeting of the Duncan Library Poetry Society held last month at the Duncan Library in Alexandria.**



**Margaret Ingraham (left) and David Glade at the first meeting of the Duncan Library Poetry Society.**

"I thought a poetry society in a library was a very good fit," Gross said. "As the chairman of adult programs for the Friends committee, we only had one program going ... and I thought we could do more. The Friends were very enthusiastic about it," Gross said.

Taking away the stigma that poetry is difficult or only for a certain group of people

is a key goal for the society's organizers. "It [poetry] carries something of a bad rap," said Margaret Ingraham, poet and co-organizer. "I recoil when I hear people say 'I don't understand poetry.' I find that too bad ... it is a standard that doesn't seem to be applied to others of the literary arts," Ingraham said.

Bringing poetry into a public space is one way organizers hope to make poetry more accessible to those who don't think about exploring the art form more often.

"It's always nice to get more people in the

library," said Stephanie Clark, Duncan Library's branch manager. "Lots of people tend to look for what they already know ... so it would be nice if they became a little more familiar with the poetry collection and what we have ... it's just about expanding horizons."

Expanded horizons and ignited imaginations are just a few of the things organizers hope participants get from the poetry society. For Barbara Murray, who attended the February meeting, getting to hear different perspectives on familiar poems was a valuable part of reading with the group. "Even if you're looking on your own, you may not get this much variety of thoughts," Murray said.

Throughout the society's bi-monthly meetings, organizers plan to explore a variety of poetic forms. The poetry society will hold its second meeting at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub on April 8 from 8 - 10 p.m. and will explore beat poetry.

"Where else would you have beat poetry but in a coffee house," Gross said.

No matter the topic, organizers encourage Alexandrians to come and explore something new about poetry and themselves. When asked for his appeal to would-be poetry society members, Gross said, "Come and enrich your mind and have fun."

To reach organizers of the Duncan Library Poetry Society, contact the Duncan Library at 703-746-1705.

## Questions Linger about How Takeover Would Work

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Houston would transfer from Alexandria City Public Schools to the newly created Opportunity Educational Institution. The local school division would transfer per-pupil funding to the institution, which means that local leaders would no longer control how money is spent at the school. What happens next will be determined by members of the Opportunity Educational Institution Board, who would be appointed by the governor and General Assembly.

"They will step in and chart a course of action that they determine is best suited for that school's needs," said Paul Logan, spokesman for the governor. "They'll look at why the school is not performing, and create a plan."

**THE LEGISLATION** gives board members three options. One would be to transform Jefferson-Houston into a public charter school, which would make it the first charter school in Northern Virginia. The commonwealth currently has only four charter schools, so the mechanics of how it would work have yet to be fully realized. A second option available to board members would be to reorganize the school and return it to Alexandria City Public Schools. Then again, board members also have a third option — they can oversee the school



**School Board Chairwoman Karan Graf speaks to members of the Virginia Board of Education about a memorandum of agreement at Jefferson-Houston.**

themselves.

"I think it's a good idea for new people to step in and take over," said Bea Porter, whose grandson attends the school. "The local school system has failed Jefferson-Houston for too long."

The potential takeover comes at a time of transition for the school, which has failed to meet accreditation standards 10 of the last 11 years. Recent years have seen an increasing decline. In the most recent set of test scores, for example, only 29 percent of black students showed basic proficiency

in math. And only 46 percent of students with disabilities at Jefferson-Houston could demonstrate basic English skills. That's become cause for alarm in Richmond, and a desire to see some oversight outside Alexandria City Public Schools.

"The situation at Jefferson-Houston has been a grave concern to all of us for many years," said David Foster, president of the Virginia Board of Education.

**LAST YEAR**, board members were critical of Alexandria school officials for moving too

slowly to hire an outside consultant to step in and help guide transformation at the school. Central administrators signed a contract in late December with American Institutions of Research, which conducted a review of the school and made recommendations. Since that time, a series of corrective actions have taken place. One, for example, reassigned an eighth grade math teacher and brought in a replacement.

"Yea, it caused a ripple," Chief Academic Officer GwenCarol Holmes told members of the Virginia Board of Education last month. "But that was for about 24 hours, and then everybody was back on board saying this is what we've got to do for these kids."

The future of Jefferson-Houston is uncertain. Members of the General Assembly can still add amendments to the bill before the governor considers it. The governor may not sign the bill, although that seems unlikely because he identified it as one of his major goals for the year at the beginning of the session. Then again, Jefferson-Houston might make accreditation before the Opportunity Education Board seizes control of the school in the fall of 2014.

"We believe we are going to make accreditation," Superintendent Morton Sherman told state board members last month. "We'll have a conversation in June or July, and I hope I'm not here saying, 'Oops.'"

## Say Yes to Health Coverage

**Governor, state panel must accept coverage for 400,000 Virginians without health insurance.**

**M**ore than 140,000 residents of Fairfax County have no health insurance. That's more than 13 percent of the slightly more than 1 million people who live in the wealthiest county in the nation. Arlington and Alexandria have similar percentages of uninsured.

These are some of the 400,000 people in Virginia who could receive health coverage under an expansion of Medicaid if only officials in the Commonwealth are gracious enough to accept on their behalf.

Virginia's current eligibility requirements for Medicaid are so strict that although it is the 11th largest state in terms of population and 7th in per capita personal income, Virginia ranked 43rd in Medicaid enrollment as a proportion of the state's population and 47th in per capita Medicaid spending, according to a 2013 Fairfax County report.

Virginia has the option to add new coverage, at least 90 percent funded with Federal

dollars, that would extend to individuals earning less than about \$15,000 per year and families earning less than about \$31,000 per year, to low income teens who lose Medicaid when they turn 19, and adults with disabilities not currently eligible.

It isn't as if there is no health care cost for these currently uncovered residents. Right now, they access health care when they are very sick by going to an emergency room, where the hospital spreads the cost of care around. But this is inefficient, expensive and unhealthy. Expanding Medicaid coverage would allow far less expensive preventative care and lead to better health outcomes. Uninsured people don't receive preventative care; they seek treatment later in illnesses when the costs are much higher, and the consequences in terms of lost days at work and other productivity are also much higher.

Expanding Medicaid to 133 percent of the

poverty level would generate state general fund savings and new revenues that would total more than \$2 billion and more than offset the state's share of expansion costs over the next eight years, plus provide significant numbers of new jobs and economic growth, according to multiple reports including the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association. Expanding health care is a job creator, and would add tens of thousands of new jobs.

Virginia stands to lose more than \$9.2 billion in federal funds over the first five years of the new law if it opts out of the provision that expands Medicaid.

Turning away federal money to provide healthcare to uninsured Virginians makes no more sense than declining federal funds for transportation because you don't like the feds telling you to wear your seatbelt.

If Gov. Bob McDonnell and members of a General Assembly panel considering whether to accept funding to expand Medicaid decide against this benefit for 400,000 Virginians, perhaps they and their families should go for a year without health insurance as well.

— MARY KIMM,

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### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Support Funding Public Libraries

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge support for important elements of the proposed FY14 City budget as it pertains to the Alexandria public library system. It contains some heartening news:

- ❖ The proposed general budget includes \$57,744 in funding for a contract for night-

time cleaning services three days a week at Beatley Central Library and the Barrett, Burke and Duncan branches. Due to previous budgetary stringencies, the previous cleaning contract had been cancelled, the results of which were all too apparent to anyone who visited these libraries! The proposed budget is a positive and welcome move toward resolving the problem and providing a cleaner environment for library patrons and staff.

- ❖ The proposed Capital Improvement Bud-

get includes \$341,000 for carpet replacement and \$244,000 for treating wall system water penetration problems. These are important steps in addressing the serious deterioration of Beatley Central's infrastructure, which is a result of both initial structural shortcomings of the building and insufficient funding in previous years for necessary structural maintenance.

- ❖ The proposed Capital Improvement Budget also includes an additional \$150,000 to replace carpet at the Barrett branch, and the water chiller system, so as to improve internal climate controls, at the Burke branch.

These are all very welcome proposals that should be supported by Mayor Euille, Vice-Mayor Silberberg, and the City Council.

However, the news is not all good:

- ❖ The proposed general budget provides for a decrease of \$56,000 for the purchase of books (including e-books) CDs, and DVDs. These funds should be restored. The Alexandria public libraries provide important and effective support to a school system, which we all know is facing significant challenges, by providing additional resources for students, as well as a safe place to go after school hours. As well, my own observation over many years is that the collections at the Alexandria public libraries are markedly inferior to those of other local library systems, such as those of Fairfax and Arlington.

- ❖ To offset some of the budget increases, it is planned to cut opening times by two hours per week at the Barrett, Burke and Duncan branches. This will undoubtedly undermine their ability to provide the support so needed by students, as noted above. The cuts in opening times should not take place.

I urge all Alexandria residents to contact Mayor Euille, Vice-Mayor Silberberg, and City

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### Snapshot

**12:16 p.m., March 17: Pady Davis and the Rev. Marty Anderson hold up a prayer shawl during the Sunday service at Commonwealth Baptist Church in Alexandria. Davis crocheted the prayer shawl for APD Officer Peter Laboy.**

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## OPINION

# Stand by Our Heroes

BY WILLEM POLACK  
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**W**ith the tragic shooting of Officer Peter Laboy and the subsequent outpouring of support from officers, citizens and businesses in Alexandria and the surrounding communities, the daily observances of Officer Laboy's "miraculous" recovery cannot be ignored. It is very welcome news to an otherwise horrendous event. One cannot forget that this recovery will take a long time and he and his family needs will never disappear. The Alexandria Police Association and Virtue restaurant are to be commended for their efforts in bringing attention to Officer Laboy's long term costly recovery needs.

The risks that the police, fire and sheriff's personnel take on a daily basis bringing an unprecedented quality of life to the resi-

dents, businesses and visitors to Alexandria should never be forgotten. Organizations such as Heroes, formed by Bud Doggett in 1964, provide for the future of families whose loved ones are the fallen heroes of their department.

The event at Virtue Restaurant underscored the need to assist those heroes that are able to continue on, but clearly not in the same manner as before.

Alexandria has been blessed with three outstanding police chiefs in Charlie Samarra, David Baker and now Earl Cook. Their deputy chiefs on down the ranks to patrol officers are exemplary reflections of the Chief. It could not have been easy for Chief Cook to face the media and cameras at MedStar to explain the status of his recently shot officer, but he did it with the professionalism and calmness that marks his outstanding career. Alexandrians should be proud of this group and provide continued support to officers such as Peter Laboy and sadly, others that may not survive.

Hail to our Chiefs.

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Council to voice their support for full funding for the Alexandria's public libraries.

**Charles Ziegler**  
Vice-President

Friends of the Beatley Central Library

## Many Benefits To Beauregard Plan

To the Editor:

I am writing to voice my support for the Beauregard Small Area Plan (BSAP), and its proposed affordable housing solution for Alexandria. I have been a resident of Alexandria for almost two and a half years. Like many others in the Washington, D.C. area, I understand the challenges many individuals and families face when it comes to housing.

Housing costs are rising fast in the region, including Alexandria. The BSAP will contribute greatly to providing a real plan for affordable housing options for families in Alexandria and overall will be an economic and social boost for the city.

This plan is the essential first step in creating modern affordable housing in Alexandria. The city's plan uses a \$120 million private investment to largely fund affordable housing and dedicated apartments serving families with income up to 40-75 percent of Area Median Income.

The benefits for the community are numerous and diverse. A new Town Center, consisting of over 200,000 square feet of retail shops, will almost certainly be an economic boon to the city, and provide another alternative to shoppers in the region. Recreational benefits, including over 44 acres of new parks, a walkable street network with bike trails, and new athletic field lights adjacent to Ramsey Elementary School will bring people to the area for not only shopping, but a chance to experience the out-

doors, and enjoy a pleasant, environmentally-friendly urban landscape.

Alexandria is a wonderful city, one with a rich history, a great present, and an exciting future. The BSAP will only add to that exciting future, and I believe all residents of the city will be better for it in the long run.

**Adam Roberts**  
Alexandria

## Ignorance Is Not Bliss

To the Editor:

My thanks to Michael Lee Pope for pointing out to readers in the March 14 issue the troubling ironies as the City of Alexandria again tries to juggle the budget and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

There was the stark listing of proposed cuts that were deferred, at least temporarily. How can any city that considers the safety of its children seriously recommend cutting \$476,930 to drop all school crossing guards? And, by the same breath, cough up almost \$1 million for the private, profit-generating BikeShare program? This makes no sense.

Similarly, why are we so top-heavy with principals and administrators making from \$117,000 to \$161,000 and a superintendent making \$264,000, that we can claim the dubious distinction of the "highest paid administrators in the region"? Given the summer, winter and spring breaks, plus other holidays, that's an annual salary for 9-10 months of work. And why is such information so "closely guarded" that it requires an FOIA request to pry it loose? So much for transparency for public records and for public employees. Mr. Pope notes

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## Showing Support for Officer Laboy

**12:19 p.m., March 19: Playground fence at Lyles Crouch Elementary School is tied with blue ribbons to show support for Police Officer Peter Laboy.**

## Miracles for Officer Peter Laboy

BY HARRY M. COVERT

**O**fficer down. Officer down." Those words shrieked a few weeks ago over police radio. Terror echoed in the hearts and minds of all law enforcement, especially those in Alexandria's public safety agencies.

Moments following the chilling broadcast on Feb. 27, city police, sheriff's deputies and fire department and emergency sprang into action.

**COVERT MATTERS** These prompt reactions brought about the miraculous life-saving efforts for Officer Peter Labor. Further radio transmissions led to the rapid capture of the man charged with the nonsensical shooting on Washington Street, near Lyles-Crouch Traditional School.

Motorcycle Officer Laboy, a 17-year veteran, had reacted to a police call about a suspicious vehicle. He saw the vehicle, a yellow-colored taxi van on Washington Street. He stopped it. Moments later his life changed.

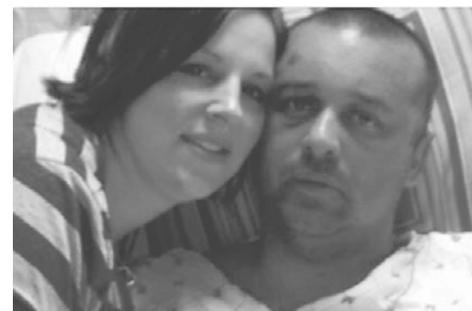
Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Anthony Zygmunt, on his motorcycle unit, heard the call and raced to the scene where he found Officer Laboy lying in the street.

As other police arrived, Sergeant Zygmunt took over the traffic post and suddenly saw the yellow van pass the scene. He notified police immediately. Another veteran Deputy Michael Cole gave chase along with Fairfax County police down the George Washington Parkway.

Quick action, too, by Fire Chief Adam Thiel's first responders did incredible work and prepared the critically-injured Officer Laboy for the emergency helicopter flight to the Washington Medical Center.

Laboy suffered a .9mm shot to his head. The story though is about the rapid response for Officer Laboy, 47, by his official and unofficial families in Alexandria.

Understandable "panic" turned to effi-



**Suzanne and Peter Laboy**

cient reactions, concerns and prayers by citizens everywhere. The outpouring of support for the officer is heart-warming and a credit to the people of Alexandria and northern Virginia.

Daily reports from Police Chief Earl Cook, doctors and family describe Laboy's recovery as "miraculous."

Doctors say recovery from such head wounds take long periods of time. He has been examined by some 100 specialists who acknowledge that support from his wife, sons and friends have Laboy moving his arms and fingers talking. Fantastic signs that portend to great recovery.

The quality of the men and women in Alexandria's police department, Sheriff's Office and Fire Department can be ranked with the best, if not the best around Virginia and the nation. Imagine having to risk your life every time you go to work? They do.

The city's first responders are incredible in their jobs and I'm prejudiced in their favor.

It's a pleasure to see Officer Peter Laboy recovering. One day he'll be back on his motorcycle.

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, for whom I toiled a while, emphasized to me: "The story needs to be about Peter and the Alexandria Police Department." I know that. I'm also proud of the effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department and Emergency Services.

## OPINION

# Panel for Seniors Addresses Improving One's Memory

BY MARYANNE BEATTY  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

**O**n March 13, Senior Services of Alexandria and host, Westminster Presbyterian Church, welcomed more than 100 Alexandria seniors to SSA's March Speaker Series event: "Maintaining Memory and Coping with its Loss." The crowd was in good spirits and lighthearted about a topic that every aging adult will face, and gathered lots of valuable information presented by an impressive group of experts in the field.

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SSA President-Elect David Baker began off the session by introducing Amber Nightingale, AARP's Virginia associate state director for community outreach, and Amy Fortney Parks, executive director of Wise Mind Solutions, who discussed techniques on how to maintain memory. AARP emphasizes five key elements to brain fitness: Nutrition, socialization, spirituality, physical activity and mental stimulation. Their

website ([www.aarp.com](http://www.aarp.com)) includes interactive games that can help keep your memory sharp and valuable resources on how to detect early memory loss.

Barbara Anderson Esq., of Life & Estate Planning Law Center, covered legal issues that everyone should consider when caring for someone with dementia, including how critical it is to have powers of attorney, medical directives and other legal documents in place. Jodi Lyons, representing the Alzheimer's Association, and Janice Cooper Levy of Care Options emphasized how important it is for caregivers to reach out for help through support groups as well as how physical activity can enhance the lives of adults suffering from the effects of dementia and memory loss.

Darrell Wesley, director of Alexandria's Adult Day Services Center, gave a heart-felt talk about how isolated seniors benefit from getting out of their homes and socializing with other community members. Pamela Phillips from Arden Courts in Annandale spoke about the decision to move a loved one into an assisted-living facility for the memory impaired and how this type of environment can actually improve the quality



Amber Nightingale from AARP discusses memory coping resources with a workshop attendee.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

of life for many residents.

The session ended with a discussion about brain plasticity by Dr. Anne Marie Dietrich from Adult and Adolescent Psychiatry. Dietrich talked about the importance of keeping the brain stimulated through exercise, social interactions, Omega-3's, antidepressant medications and proper sleep hygiene.

SSA's Speaker Series continues next month with the focus on retirement — how to plan ahead and how to make the most of your retirement. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 from 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Charles Beatley, Jr. Central Library. To register for this free event go to [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414, ext 10.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 11

that Alexandria's school system "administrators are getting about \$700 in salary for each student." Is that how we now describe "performance based pay"? No wonder the school system is the largest single component of the city's budget.

And, similarly, our City Council and city manager now claim that in order to pay for our school system and for all our other ongoing needs, we need to rewrite our planning and land use rules to raise the necessary revenues. Thus we are prepared to sell off the Waterfront and the West End to the highest bidders, and the public be damned. Why resort any more to the sham of "public hearings" when the majority of elected officials turn a deaf ear to the many citizens who spend 5-10 hours at a public hearing and can't even get significant revisions in flawed plans? Maybe we should resort to the tactic now used by the Governor of Michigan who has decided to override governance by duly elected officials in Detroit, and other cities, and he'll appoint a new czar who will be accountable only to him. And imagine how much time and money the state will save, by overturning democracy for autocratic rule.

The Virginia Legislative Assembly has recently passed legislation that will allow the state to take over "underperforming schools," with no straightforward criteria, guidelines or enforcement mechanisms spelled out. And we have been told that one of Alexandria's public schools is a prime candidate for this shift.

How did Alexandria, with its proud history of setting the standards for governance 1749 and as a incubator for our national Constitution, wind up in this sorry state?

Without the tenacious digging into arcane records by Mr. Pope each week, we would

have no idea what is really happening in the budget or other layers of local government. As readers, we appreciate his efforts. As taxpayers, we wish he could clone other reporters who share his passion for putting the facts out there. Ignorance is not bliss.

**Kathleen M. Burns**  
Alexandria

## How Many Do-Overs Needed?

To the Editor:

I don't know what City Council was thinking when they rubber stamped the waterfront plan.

First of all, a few days earlier opponents had submitted another petition, which city hall rejected, so when the city attorney runs to the Supreme Court to say Saturday's six-vote do-over moots the waterfront petition's case, waterfront plan opponents will counter that Saturday's vote was improper because the petition which would have stayed the proceedings was improperly rejected. What's the Supreme Court to do but remand the entire matter back to a lower court for an evidentiary hearing to determine whether the latest petition was improperly rejected? This is not the closure city hall had planned on ... if anything, it's an invitation to yet another do-over, of which this one was the second or third .... At some point, there could end up being so many do-overs folks will lose count and your newspaper will have to start retroactively renumbering each waterfront vote with Roman numerals.

Folks should understand that this is not just a wrangle between a city hall in thrall to development installed by electoral ma-

majorities garnered from neighborhoods far-removed from the waterfront and an obstreperous contingent of waterfront residents who don't like their property rights being sacrificed on the altar of overdevelopment. It is instead every bit as much a wrangle between today's City Council and the one of 20 years ago because the waterfront plan is so radically different from the one enacted two decades ago that, in essence, it says that today's City Council believes that what yesteryear's City Council did has failed to bring necessary improvements to the waterfront. A parade of past elected officials tried to tell City Council a year ago that City Council really knew what it was doing back then, only to be greeted with polite "we-know-best" indifference.

Vice-Mayor Allison Silberberg tried to give everyone an out by suggesting one hotel. One hotel makes sense. It allows for the impact of hotels on the waterfront to be fully gauged. If the one hotel is successful, then a decade hence a second could be allowed. This approach is respectful of past city councils because it is the smallest incremental change and it leaves to actual experience, rather than hubristic anticipation, whether waterfront hotels make sense.

A protracted legal battle poses perils for all concerned, but especially for city hall which might find itself in perpetual "do-over." Had one of the potential six votes pressed waterfront plan opponents about whether they would withdraw their lawsuit if the plan were compromised down to one hotel, they would at least have put waterfront plan opponents in a bind whereby they either had to settle on the spot or appear intransigent. Instead, this hubristic six-vote city council majority let waterfront plan opponents off the hook and allowed them

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PHOTO BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN

A playground remains amidst the rubble of demolition making way for new construction on N. Columbus Street.

## Amidst the Rubble

To the Editor:

The remains of a playground used by numerous children stands amidst the rubble on N. Columbus Street. Where do these families go when this redevelopment happens? What happens to the children? Do they have to change schools? I think that the Alexandria community would like to know. This image of the isolated remaining playground structure made me very sad for the families whose lives are being disrupted. And especially for the children.

**Carolyn Griffin**  
Alexandria



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# OPINION

## Every Drop Counts: Why Everyone Should Be a Water Sleuth

BY WILLIAM R. WALSH  
PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER

Each year, upwards of one trillion gallons of water are wasted due to leaks in homes across the United States. That's equal to the water in 1.5 million Olympic-size swimming pools. On average, individual homes lose more than 11,000 gallons a year from dripping faucets, running toilets, garden hoses and other common household leaks.

To raise awareness about how a common

leak can lead to serious — and costly — water loss, the U.S. EPA, the voluntary WaterSense program and many partners, including Virginia American Water, are teaming up for the fifth annual Fix a Leak Week, March 18-24.

### COMMENTARY

As a homeowner, regular checks for leaks help conserve water, arguably the world's most valuable resource — and also save money on water bills. Leaks as small as an eighth of an inch can waste up to 3,500 gallons of water a day. We encourage customers to regularly check toi-



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lets, faucets, garden hoses and pipes for leaks. To assist our customers with at-home leak repairs and prevention, Virginia American Water has produced a downloadable leak detection kit on the American

Water website ([amwater.com/customer-service/detecting-leaks.html](http://amwater.com/customer-service/detecting-leaks.html)). Just as it's important for homeowners to look for leaks, we, as your water utility in Alexandria, continuously check water

mains, valves and pipes for potential leaks or breaks. Many leaks appear to be related to temperature changes and other factors such as soil movement, vibrations and water pressure changes. Our leak detection involves system surveys and continuous acoustic monitoring of water mains by trained technicians with specialized equipment.

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# PEOPLE



Janet Barnett, King of Krewe of Barkus Kerry Donley and Rose Boyd



Mardi Growl emcees ABC7/WJLA-TV Alison Starling and Alexandria Town Crier Benjamin Fiore-Walker



Lisa and Ken Mountcastle



Neil and Cari Graves

# Party Animals

Mardi Growl raises funds for AWLA.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Supporters of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria celebrated their own version of Mardi Gras with the third annual “Mardi Growl” bash March 8 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

“This is an incredible evening,” said former City Manager Vola Lawson, for whom the AWLA shelter building is named. “People are having so much fun. Each year it keeps getting better.”

Dubbed “MGIII,” the event attracted more than 350 supporters, many donning festive masks and feather boas, and raised funds for the AWLA.

Catered by Jody Manor and Bit-

tersweet Café, music for the evening was provided by N’awlins-style jazz band Blu Neffu, who kept the crowd on its feet.

Alexandria resident and ABC7 news anchor Alison Starling was emcee for the evening and Megan Webb was formally introduced as the new executive director for the AWLA.

“I am thrilled to be here,” said Webb, who arrived only hours earlier after driving from Oakland, Calif. to begin her new job. “Alexandria is a very special place and I am excited to work with so many people who are dedicated to caring for the animals of the community.”

For more information on the AWLA, visit [www.alexandriaanimals.org](http://www.alexandriaanimals.org).



Grace Reisling, Karen Johnson, Cecelia Stephens and Diane Vidoni

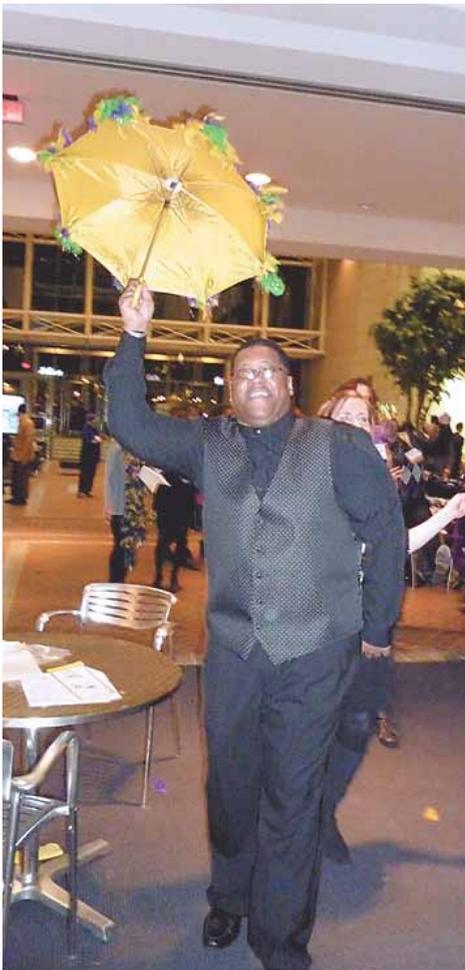


Michael Kenny, Carolyn Burdette and Matt McMurray



Stilt walker Mark Lohr leads the crowd in a line dance at the Mardi Growl fundraiser March 8 at the U.S. Patent and Trade Office.

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Blu Neffu's lead singer leads a conga line through the crowd.

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Melissa Feld, King of Krewe of Barkus Kerry Donley, former City Manager Vola Lawson, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, John Bordner, Janet Barnett and Megan Webb, the new executive director of the AWLA.



Shari Bolouri and Adron Krekeler

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AWLA board chair Charlotte Hall and Adron Krekeler

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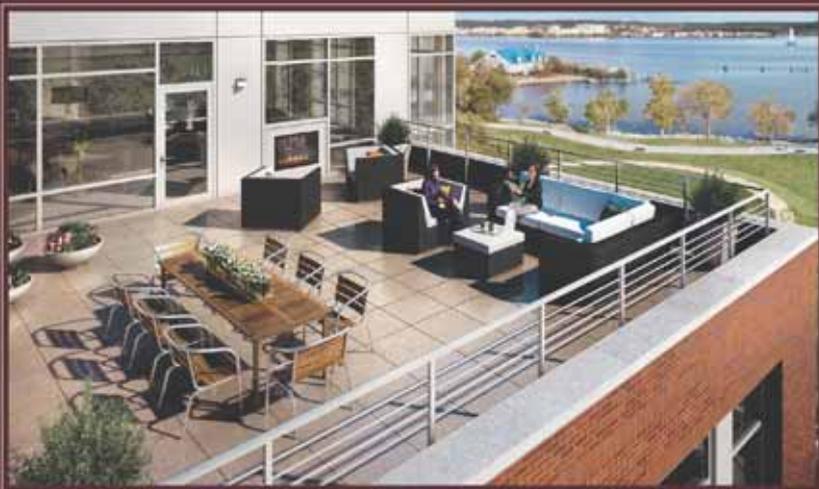
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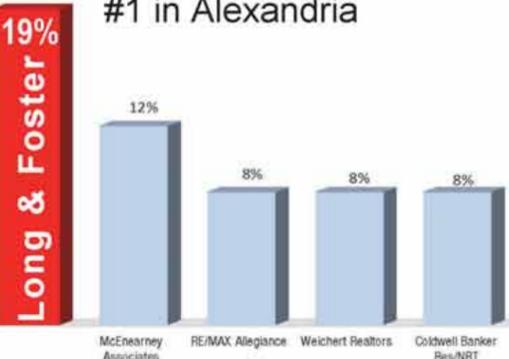
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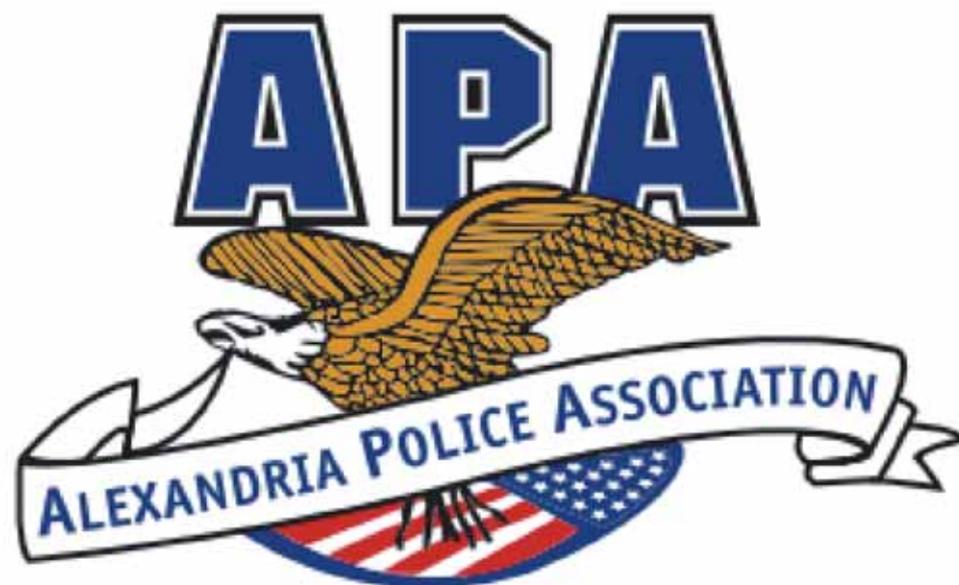


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# THANK YOU!

**On February 27, 2013 Alexandria Police Officer Peter Laboy, a Motorcycle Unit Officer, was shot by a suspect and seriously injured. Since that tragic day, the citizens of Alexandria, the business community and those from neighboring cities and counties, along with some from other states and cities, have come together to show their support for the Laboy Family and other Alexandria Police Officers, who like Peter put their lives on the line each time they pin on their badges.**

**The Alexandria Police Association's Board of Directors and its members would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their past, current and continued prayers, support and donations. We are grateful and blessed to have your support. We pledge to continue serving you with courage, integrity and professionalism.**

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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

## ONGOING

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, March 24. Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., will showcase work by three new artists: Tim Hyde, Soomin Ham and Fred Zafran. Each artist will showcase the world around us. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Monday, March 25. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Come see the art of Kathleen Stafford at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Free. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-746-4356.

## 50th Annual Needlework

**Exhibition.** Through Sunday, March 31. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Monday. At the Historic Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway. \$10/adults; \$5/students through grade 12; free/children 5 and under. Visit <http://woodlawn1805.org/50th-annual-needlework-exhibition/> or call 703-780-4000.

**No Admission.** Through Sunday, March 31. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 1-3 p.m. Sunday. No admission charge at the Lee-Fendall House Museum throughout March. Located at 614 Oronoco St. Visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org) or call 703-548-1789.

**Theater Performance.** Through Sunday, March 31. "Ladies Swing the Blues," a world premiere by Thomas W. Jones II and William Knowles at Metrostage, 1201 N. Royal St. Explore the jazz folklore, mythologies and backstage stories of the '40s and '50s with four legendary jazz divas as they gather to commemorate the passing of jazz legend Charlie Parker. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25). For tickets call 800-494-8497 or visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org). Groups/Info 703-548-9044. Fully accessible, free parking.

**Art Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. "State of Emergency," Sabyna Sterrett's

exhibition of woven repurposed plastic bags and products, will be featured in The Art League Gallery, at 105 N. Union St. Through April 1. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**Art Exhibit.** See "Process: Photography" at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Features established and emerging talent displaying a wide variety of picture taking devices ranging from large print to electron microscopy. Over 15 types of equipment are represented. Through April 7. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**Spring Classes.** Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or 703-201-1250.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Tuesday, April 23. Open Friday-Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday 1-9 p.m. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of the juried show "Sculptural Elements." Located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street. Free Admission. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com) or call 703-548-0935.

**Tavern Toddlers.** Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mondays through the end of April. Designed for walkers through 36 months and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Art Exhibit.** Through May 11. Local artist Nicholas Aman attempts to express the compelling nature of the Pacific coast through his solo exhibition, "Pacific Pulse," at Alexandria's Artspace 109 Gallery, 109 N. Fairfax St. The gallery hours are: Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays noon-5 p.m.

**Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition.** At The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington Street. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. See how Robert E. Lee's hometown was transformed literally overnight from a prosperous commercial port into a supply,

hospital, and transportation center for the Union Army, and find out why Alexandria became a destination for African Americans seeking freedom. Explore the experiences of Alexandrians and others who lived here during this tumultuous time, through their own words, as well as in period photographs and collections items. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or call 703-746-4994.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 21

**An Evening with Rickie Lee Jones.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

**Art Focus Group.** 7:30-9 p.m. Puppets in the classroom — creating characters to tell stories. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250.

**Presentation.** 6:30 p.m. at the Art League Gallery, located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Representatives from the Alice Ferguson Foundation will discuss their initiative, in conjunction to the exhibit "State of Emergency." Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**Model Railroad Club.** 10 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The club presents "The Story of the New York Central Railroad - History of the 20th Century Limited." Free. 703-765-4573.

**Lecture.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. "Preserving Alexandria's African American Heritage: The Development of Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial" is the topic. Free. For further information, contact Kimberly Nathaniel at 703-746-1770.

**Book and Art Sale.** 1-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse art, children's books, puzzles, cds and more. Proceeds benefit church activities.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories,

## Trunk Show at Vintage Mirage

Elinor Coleman's Vintage Mirage will present Selma Karaca and her Spring 2013 line of Hand Made Clothes for a One Day Trunk Show, Saturday, March 23, 12 noon to 6 p.m. An established Turkish designer currently based in New York City, Karaca's signature style includes dresses, tunics, skirts, and vests. Vintage Mirage, 117 South Columbus Street, Alexandria. 703-535-8200 or [www.vintagemirage.com](http://www.vintagemirage.com).

activities and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Matinee Series.** 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch "The Avengers". Free. 703-746-1704.

**Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Paws to Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1702 x5.

**Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Call 703-746-1743 for title.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 22

**Performance.** Phil Perry performs at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

**Book and Art Sale.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse art, children's books, puzzles, cds and more. Proceeds benefit church activities.

## MARCH 22 THROUGH APRIL 28

**Art Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. "Spotlight," an exhibition of acrylic paintings on canvas by Lukman Ahmad, will be on display in the Margaret W. and

Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 N. Beaugard St. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

## SATURDAY/MARCH 23

**An Evening with Tom Rush.** \$39.50. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Vinyasa Yoga Session.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Instructor Isabella Gutfreund will give an intermediate skill level class. \$15. Register by March 18 at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

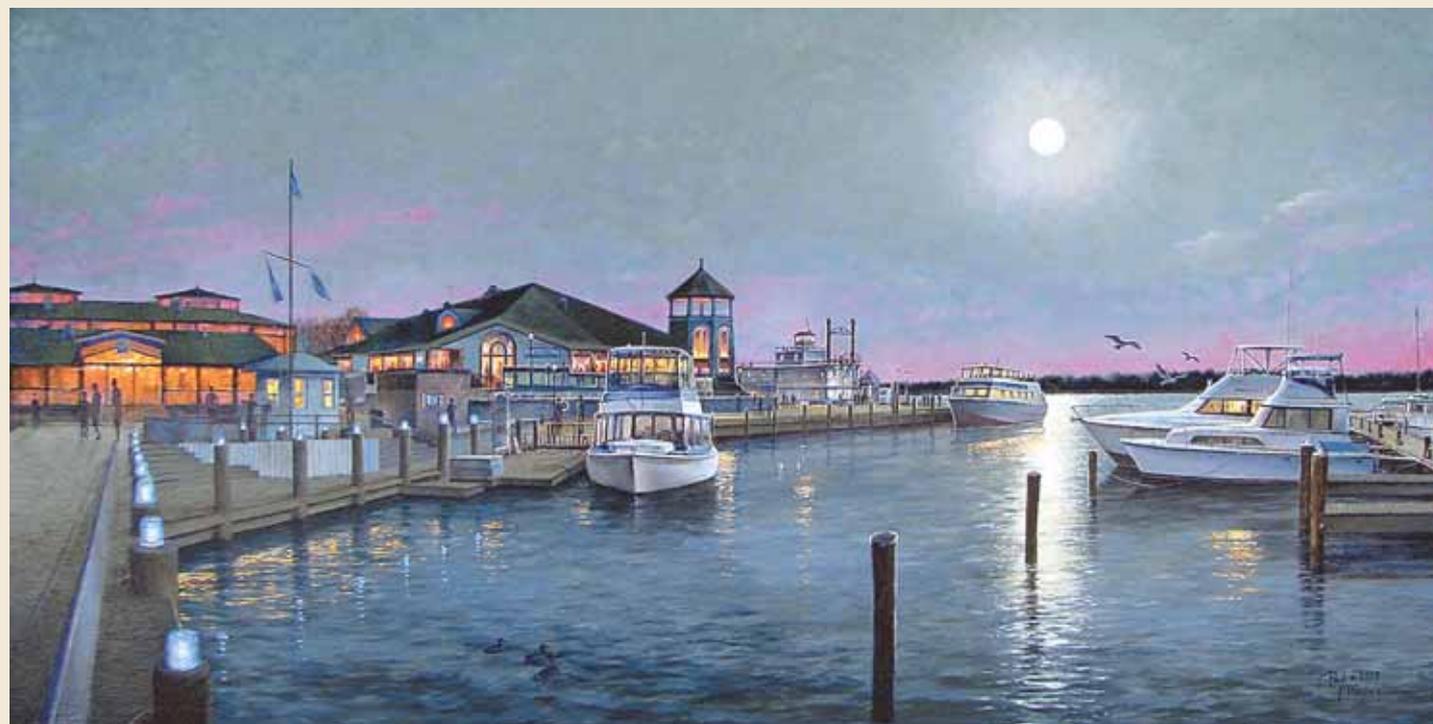
**Trunk Show.** Noon-6 p.m. at Vintage Mirage, 117 S. Columbus St. Features Selma Karaca and her Spring 2013 line of hand-made clothes. Free. Visit [www.vintagemirage.com](http://www.vintagemirage.com) or 703-535-8200.

**Dance Performance.** 8 p.m. Jane Franklin Dance presents Three degrees of JFD at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, Melton Rehearsal Hall, 641 D St. Tickets are \$25 at the door; \$20 in advance. Visit [www.janefranklin.com](http://www.janefranklin.com) or call 703-933-1111.

**Dance Performance.** 8 p.m. at Duke Ellington Theatre, 3500 R St., N.W., Washington, D.C. The Metropolitan Fine Arts Center Youth Tap Ensemble will perform at the 5th Annual DC Tap Festival All Star Concert. Visit [www.dctapfestival.com](http://www.dctapfestival.com) for tickets.

**Madison Inaugural Banquet.** 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. \$150 banquet and reception. Black tie or 1813 attire. Visit [visitalexandrava.com](http://visitalexandrava.com) to register

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"Alexandria - The Waterfront by Moonlight"

## Paul McGehee Original at Old Town Gallery

Paul McGehee announces the completion of his newest painting "Alexandria - The Waterfront by Moonlight," a dramatic night scene of the view from the dock in Old Town Alexandria. Followers of the "Paul McGehee Art" Facebook page have already seen a sneak preview over the past few months as a "work in progress." The original oil is available for purchase and is now on display at Old Town Gallery, 109 N. Fairfax St.

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and information.

**Book and Art Sale.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse art, children's books, puzzles, cds and more. Proceeds benefit church activities. Everything is half price in the church and \$5 a bag in the mansion.

**Program.** 10 a.m. in the Helen Wilson Community Room of the Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Learn about the historic Belvale house on Telegraph Road. Free.

**Saturday Stories.** 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 24

**Music.** Madeleine Peyroux performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

**Ladies 18th-Century Tea.** 3 p.m. or 3:15 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Sip the museum's special blend and eat period-inspired delicacies. \$35/person. Reservations required. 703-746-4242.

**Film Fest.** In honor of Women's History Month watch "Julie & Julia" at 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or 703-746-1702.

**Concert.** 3 p.m. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. Featuring the world premiere of James Kazik's Symphony, among other works. In addition, World renowned piano virtuoso Thomas Pandolfi will perform Edward MacDowell's D Minor Piano Concerto. \$20 General Admission tickets, ages 18 and under attend free. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org).

**Civil War Sunday.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. See an original May 26, 1861 edition of the "New-York Tribune" detailing Col. Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama, and other exhibits. Free. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or 703-746-4399.

## MONDAY/MARCH 25

**Music Performance.** Travis Tritt performs at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55/person. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

**Little One-Ders.** 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 26

**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Game Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

## MARCH 26 THROUGH MAY 5

**Art Exhibit.** See Multiple Exposures Gallery "Dual Show" by Eric Johnson and Susan Meyers. Located in the



## Spring Classes

Registration is now open for spring classes beginning April 1. Art at the Center is located at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-201-1250 or visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org).

Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) or 703-683-2205.

Titans." Free. Visit [www.stelmoscffeeepub.com](http://www.stelmoscffeeepub.com) for more.

**Saturday Stories.** 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 27

**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Spanish Story Time.** 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All abilities and all levels can join in for stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Lego Family Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. The whole family can enjoy an evening of creative play. Free. 703-746-1702.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 28

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Blockbuster Thursday.** 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Call for title. Free. 703-746-1702.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 29

**Music Performance.** 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band will perform music for soprano and clarinet. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 30

**Cleve Francis.** 7:30 p.m. \$32.50. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Easter Egg Hunt.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave. All ages can hunt for eggs. RSVP by March 28. 703-291-0190.

**Opening Reception.** 2-4 p.m. see Multiple Exposures Gallery "Dual Show" by Eric Johnson and Susan Meyers. Located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) or 703-683-2205.

**Book Signing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Great Harvest Alexandria, 1711 Centre Plaza. Rachel Brame and Roderic Brame will sign copies of their book "Mighty Titans." Free. Visit [www.alexandria-greatharvest.com](http://www.alexandria-greatharvest.com) for more.

**Book Signing.** 3-5 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. Rachel Brame and Roderic Brame will sign copies of their book "Mighty

## TUESDAY/APRIL 2

**Chasing the Bloom in Southern Appalachia.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Become an armchair tourist through mountains of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Don Hyatt will lead us on a tour of his favorite native azaleas, rhododendrons, and wildflowers as they come into flower in the wild. \$15. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173.

**Event.** 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Maureen Lauran will discuss the medieval pilgrimage known as "The Way," The Camino de Santiago, and shares stories and photos from her trek. Free. Visit [www.morrisonhouse.com](http://www.morrisonhouse.com) or 703-838-8000.

**Author Event.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Bill Schweigart will discuss his book "Slipping the Cable." Free. 703-746-1702.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 3

**Music.** Carolina Chocolate Drops performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$25. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 4

**Comedy Performance.** Jon Lovitz, Tim Meadows and Chris Kattan will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$69.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

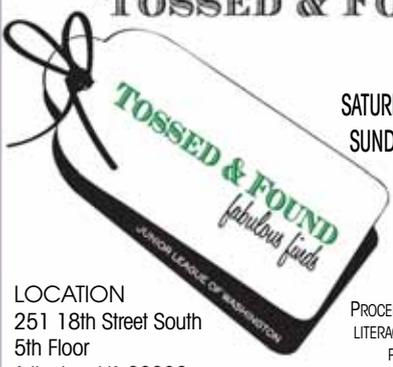
**Dumbarton Oaks Estate and Park.** 9:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Meet at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to Dumbarton Oaks historic estate in Georgetown. Tour the historic house and gardens, have lunch at a local park, and spend the afternoon exploring Dumbarton Oaks Park, the work of landscape designer Beatrix Farrand. \$95. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 5

**Opening Reception.** 7-10 p.m. "Turn

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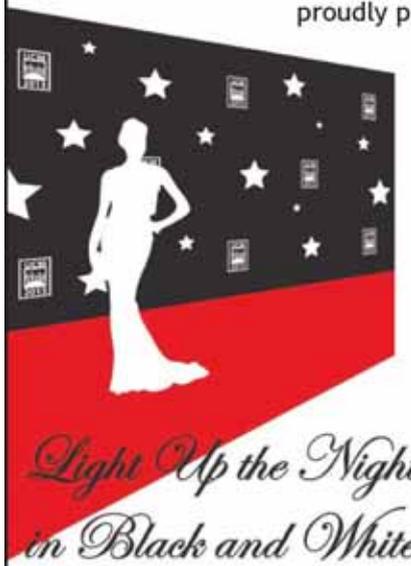
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# ENTERTAINMENT

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on Your Masters” at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The artists pay homage to, praise, critique or dish the artists who have influenced them. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**APRIL 5-28**

**Art Exhibit.** “Turn on Your Masters” at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The artists pay homage to, praise, critique or dish the artists who have influenced them. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**APRIL 5-6**

**Rachelle Ferrell.** \$59.50. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**SATURDAY/APRIL 6**

**World Magic Gala Show.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. Features four magicians from around the world. Visit [magi-whirl.org/gala](http://magi-whirl.org/gala) for tickets. Proceeds benefit the International Brotherhood of Magicians and Bishop Ireton High School’s Theater.

**Opening Reception.** 4-6 p.m. at the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Meet artist Lukman Ahmad. Featuring Kurdish Sitar and Saz music by Jani Dylan and Azad Yalcin. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/](http://www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/)

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“Remains of a Jetty,” by Craig J. Sterling, 16 x 16”, Pigment print on paper, Zero 2000 pinhole camera (camera obscura), 2011

## Process: Photography

The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Society presents Process: Photography, through April 7. Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m., many of the artists will participate in an Artists’ Show & Tell where they will bring the camera used to shoot the image in the show and talk about their processes. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

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**Garden Markets.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Local growers have shrubs, native plants and wildflowers, ornamental grasses and unusual perennials and annuals. Call 703-642-5173.

**Workshop: Ikebana Flower Arranging.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the rich symbolism and fundamentals of Ikebana flower arranging and take home an arrangement of your own. \$35. Register by March 28. Call 703-642-5173.

**Tasting Party: Umami Means 'Delicious.'** 10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Explore the savory taste of umami, its history, health benefits, and the taste research science behind it. Sample umami-rich foods and learn how to use its attributes to enhance your cooking. \$27/person. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173 to register.

**Annual Rum Punch Challenge.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Try six different creations while bidding on silent auction items. \$50/person. Proceeds benefit the education and preservation programs of the museum. Go to [visitalexandriava.com](http://visitalexandriava.com) to register and information.

**Craft Workshop.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Adults can learn how to make soaps in an ice tray. Free. 703-746-1702.

## APRIL 6 THROUGH APRIL 30

**Art Exhibit.** See works by Bud Hensgen, 14 paintings reflecting the impressions he found in Palestine at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Free. 703-998-6260.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 7

**Artists' Show & Tell.** 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meet some of the creators of the "Process: Photography." Many of the artists will bring the equipment they used and talk about the processes they used to create their art. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**Reception.** 1-:30 p.m. "Artistic Duo IV" will be on exhibit at Green Spring Horticultural Center Gallery, 4603 Green Spring Road. Works by watercolor artist Carolyn Grossé and photographer Stephen Gawarecki are featured in a joint show. Paintings range from realistic to abstract; photographs include his window series and moody landscapes. Free. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or 703-642-5173.

**Concert.** 4 p.m. New Dominion Chorale will perform Thomas Beveridge's "Yizkor Requiem," along with several works by Felix Mendelssohn at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 North Beauregard Street. \$30/adults; \$25/seniors; \$5/children and students. Tickets are available through [www.newdominion.org/](http://www.newdominion.org/).

**Film Fest.** In honor of Women's History Month watch "Frida" at 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or 703-746-1702.

**Performance.** New Dominion Chorale will perform at 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center. "Yizkor Requiem" by Thomas Beveridge will be performed. \$30/adult; \$25/senior; \$5/student, child. Visit [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org) for more.

## APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 28

**Art Exhibit.** See "Trash Talk" at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105



### Light of an Ink Dark Moon by Frederic Zafrá New Members Exhibit

Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center announces an exhibit of works by Tim Hyde, Soomin Ham, and Fred Zafran. Multiple Exposures Gallery is a cooperative of 15 photographers located at the Torpedo Factory in Old Town, Alexandria. The gallery is one of the oldest photography cooperatives in the region. The exhibit, running through March 24, offers three distinctive bodies of work, each reflecting a different approach to seeing, understanding and interpreting the world around us.

- Fred Zafran presents a new portfolio of street photography.
- Soomin Ham presents a series of works from her ongoing projects "Unseen" and "Sound of Butterfly."
- Tim Hyde offers a new selection of images from his series, "Country."

At the Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Arts Center (3rd Floor), 105 North Union St.

N. Union St. The exhibit focuses on everyday common objects that are reclaimed, recycled and transformed into art. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target) for more.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 11

**Art Focus Group.** 7:30-9 p.m. Building Observation skills through drawing — explore connections between drawing and building and ways to encourage observation skills through drawing. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250

**Opening Reception.** 6-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Juror talk with Maren Hassinger. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target) for more.

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 11-14

**Kathleen Madigan "Gone Madigan."** \$59.50. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 12

**Basic Gardening: Edibles Mix-it-Up.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Discover the basics of mixing edibles into your ornamental landscape and enjoy the beauty and benefit of fresh vegetables outside your door. \$10. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 13

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**Homes for Native Bees.** 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn more about our busy native pollinators and how you can help them by creating native bee homes for your yard. \$12. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173 to register.

**Java Jolt.** 10 a.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. William Connery "Mosby's Raids in Civil War Northern Virginia." Light refreshments will be served. Free, but reservations required, 703-746-4399.

**BEL13VE Gala.** 6 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria. Features cocktails, auctions, dinner and a guest appearance by Three for a Song. Benefits Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services. For tickets visit [www.goodhousing.org](http://www.goodhousing.org) or 703-768-9404.

**Pet First Aid Course.** 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at PetSage, Inc., 2391 S. Dove St. Prepare for wound care, acute health challenges and more. \$45. Register online at [www.petsage.com](http://www.petsage.com) or 703-299-5044.

**Opening Reception.** 5-7 p.m. see works by Bud Hensgen, 14 paintings reflecting the impressions he found in Palestine at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Free. 703-998-6260.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 14

**Pop-up Sewing Class.** 9 a.m. or noon at Del Ray Artisans. Children age 11 up to adult can make an environment friendly bag. \$20/member; \$25/non member. Register at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/sewing](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/sewing).

## MONDAY/APRIL 15

**Performance.** Brian Culbertson performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

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## PEOPLE



The 2013 Salute to Women award winners were honored March 18 at the Carlyle Westin Hotel. They include (front, from left): Monica Reid, Nina Tisara, Robin Wallin, Becky Davies and Faye Gunn. In back, Commission for Women chair Liz Johnson joins Erika Kleiner, Monica Jones and Pat Miller. Not pictured are Karyn Moran, Brooke Curran and Elizabeth Todd.



Commission chair Liz Johnson, Commission Executive Director Lisa Baker and Deputy City Manager Debra Collins.

# Salute to Women 2013

11 honored for outstanding achievements.

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Commission for Women held its 33rd annual Salute to Women Awards March 18 in a ceremony that honored 11 individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

"It is because of the Commission for Women that Alexandria is consistently named as one of the best cities for women," said Nina Tisara as she accepted

the Donna Bergheim Cultural Affairs award. "And it is because of my family that I am here tonight for they have always been the stars that I navigated by."

Held at the Carlyle Westin Hotel, this year's awardees included Erika Kleiner (Women's Health and Safety Advocate award), Faye Gunn and Becky Davies (Making a Difference award), Brooke Curran and Monika Jones (Rising Star award), Karyn Moran (Youth Community Services award), Elizabeth Todd (Leadership in Business award), Monica Reid (Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy award), Robin Wallin (Vola Lawson award) and Pat Miller (Susan Lowell Butler Lifetime Achievement award).

Former City Manager Vola Lawson presented the award that bears her name to Wallin, who echoed the sentiments of many of the recipients.

"This is such an honor," Wallin said. "It's amazing to receive an award for doing something that brings me so much joy."

For more information on the Commission for Women, call 571-882-1368 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov](http://www.alexandriava.gov).



Marian Van Landingham visits with Council woman Del Pepper.

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JEANNE THEISMANN/  
GAZETTE PACKET



Diane Campbell-Ball, Jenny Wade, Susan Ross-O'Brien and Susan Kellom were honored for more than 10 years each of service on the Commission for Women.



McLain Moran, 13, accepts the Youth Community Services award on behalf of her mother Karyn as her father Brian Moran looks on.



The Rev. Dr. Faye Gunn of Alfred Street Baptist Church accepts the Making a Difference award.



Susan Ross-O'Brien shows off a pin she received for her 10 years of service to the Commission.



Lifetime Achievement award winner Pat Miller, second from left in back, celebrates with friends from her Del Ray neighborhood. Clockwise next to Miller are Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Elise Reeder, Pam Fitzgerald, Gayle Reuter, Carol Bailey, Ryan Bailey and Sue Kovalsky.

## RECREATION



Charles Houston 12u Boy's Team #1 and #2



MacArthur 10u Boy's Team



Patrick Henry 10 Girls Team

### Youth Basketball League Championships

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities held the Youth Basketball League Championship Games on Saturday, March 9 at T.C. Williams High School. This season the league consisted of over 1,065 participants on 115 teams in 10 divisions. The results of the games are below:

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Patrick Henry – 14  
Charles Barrett – 4  
Patrick Henry: Coach LarMar Walton, Kiernan Almand, Salimatou Bah, Carolyn Corallo, Elayna Duprey, Caroline Friedrichs, Dania Mohamed, Kayla Prescott, Caroline Schie, Gracie Steedman, Rachel Ward  
Charles Barrett: Coach Eric Chader, Coach Dan Wilmot, Eva Balistreri, Caitlin Bucceri, Ava Chader, Olivia Duvall, Emory Hayes, Cassandra Lustig, Isabel Metzler, Gabriella Moore, Maeve Waller, Taylor Wilmot, Caroline Winakur

#### 12 & UNDER GIRLS DIVISION:

MacArthur #1 – 18  
George Mason – 9  
MacArthur #1: Coach Chris Giblin, Coach Pete Loughlin, Grace Ballard, Emma Bradley, Hanna Deringer, Mary Ives Giblin, Ellie Loughlin, Elise Massie, Elizabeth McGinn, Kennon Moon, Leila Rasmussen, Mattie Schmidt  
George Mason: Coach Mike Discenza, Coach Ben Bates, Caroline Bates, Marin Cahill, Mikaela Discenza, Reese Hardman, Sophie Johnson, Morrisey Kernan, Ava Lovain, Eleanor Nuechterlein, Annaliese Ponzi, Lilian Price, Emma Repke, Hannah Stone

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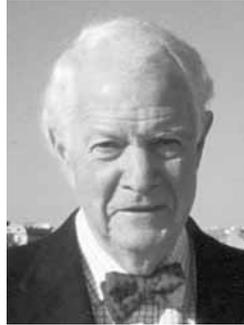
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## 21 Announcements



**William Rowan, III**  
June 19, 1929 - March 10, 2013

Bill died peacefully after enduring Alzheimers for many years.  
A native of Charlottesville Virginia, he was the son of William  
Rowan of Raphine, Virginia and Laura Earhart Rowan of Char-  
lottesville, Virginia. Raised in Baltimore he returned to attend  
the University (Class of '51). While there he was President of  
the Jefferson Literary Society, member of Delta Phi fraternity  
and received his degree in Foreign Affairs. Following school he  
joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Japan.

Returning home he began a life long career as a Merchant. He  
began his retail life at Stephen Sheppard and then opened his  
own store, William Rowan III Clothing Store, in the original Bar-  
racks Road shopping Center. Moving to Northern Virginia in  
1968 he was Regional Manager for Brentano's and then be-  
came the Director of the Smithsonian Institution Museum  
Shops. His true love was interacting with people, telling and  
sharing stories. He opened the Gilpin House Bookstore in Old  
Town Alexandria. For many years Gilpin House was a focal  
point for all that lived in and around the area. It was a place  
you could count on for good conversation, a great gift to buy,  
a good book to read and a regular stop on your daily routine. Bill  
retired to Charlottesville to his family home, Tuckahoe Farm,  
where he enjoyed many years riding his tractor and enjoying  
Albemarle County.

Bill's life has been charmed by the many people he met, places  
that he saw and the family he raised. His experiences in Japan  
gave him a great interest in oriental culture, its history and the  
leaders that made it. He was a member of the Japanese Amer-  
ican Society and the Committee on Foreign Relations.

His travels included Mexico, the Orient and many trips to Eu-  
rope.

Bill is survived by the love of his life, Jo, to whom he was mar-  
ried for 36 years. We should all be as lucky to have a bond  
such as theirs. His children include Shannon Newton, Lisa Mil-  
bank, William Rowan, Peter Rowan and Rick Fingeret. Bill and  
Jo have 11 wonderful grandchildren who will share their mem-  
ories of him for many years to come.

There will be a private ceremony to place his ashes on "The  
Bluff" at Tuckahoe Farm overlooking the Rivanna River and  
our beloved Blue Ridge. On Monday, March 18th at 11:30, a  
memorial service will be held for friends and family at Westmin-  
ster Presbyterian Church, 190 Rugby Rd with a reception to  
follow.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the  
Alzheimers program at The Fralin University of Virginia Art  
Museum or the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

## 21 Announcements

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
SOLICITING INTEREST IN FORMING  
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cific property that is either currently or was formerly owned by  
DoD, and where DoD oversees the restoration process. RABs  
enable people interested in the cleanup to exchange informa-  
tion with regulators, the installation, and the community.

Environmental restoration program efforts at Fort Belvoir in-  
clude investigation and remediation of Military Munitions Re-  
sponse Sites, Solid Waste Management Units, petroleum re-  
mediation, and various other past releases of contamination to  
the environment.

Community members interested in establishing and serving on  
a RAB are asked to contact Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, Director-  
ate of Public Works, Chief, Environmental and Natural Resour-  
ces Division, at [imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil](mailto:imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil),  
703-806-3193, or 9430 Jackson Loop, Building 1442,  
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**RICHARD G. GILLIES, CWO3 (RET.)**

Funeral services for Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.), "Pastor Rich", age 63, of Lindale, Texas and Springfield, Virginia and formerly of Paris, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Charlie Wood officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Lindale City Cemetery with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Directors in Lindale, Texas. Richard went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 17, 2013. He was born in Paris, Texas on January 1, 1950 to the late Vernon Gaylord and Dorothea Frances (Swanson) Gillies. Richard served his country for 31 years in the United States Coast Guard where he received 41 medals including the Presidential Accommodation Medal. Rich, as he was known to many, joined the Unisys Corporation in the Spring of 2003 as their Director of Federal Government Continuity Planning. There he quickly established himself as both a respected leader and subject matter expert in creating complex plans for entire Federal Government Agencies to keep functioning after devastating events like 9/11 and worse. This work took Rich to some of the most heavily fortified government sites in the world where his work was recognized as some of the most innovative ever seen. Rich diligently worked behind the scenes protecting agencies that included DOD, DHS, USCG, DOJ, DOT, CBP and HHS to name a few. Richard was ordained as a pastor on September 12, 2004 at the Mt. Calvary Community Church in Springfield, Virginia and then became known as Pastor Rich. Richard shared the word with his family, friends and all he encountered. As quoted from his own bible, "Stand up and do something for God! Say what must be said! Get in the game! Time is short!" Richard had many talents which included his unique painting skills, his amazing writings, which included poetry, and his master chef skills. "Paca" as his grandchildren lovingly called him, will be dearly missed but his spirit lives in each and every one of us who loved and knew him.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of almost 20 years, Barbara Ann (Glover) Gillies of Lindale, Texas; 2 sons & daughter-in-law, Sean Gillies of Lindale, Texas and Dustin & Shelly Van Cleave of Sherman, Texas; 2 daughters & sons-in-law, Holly & Tim Garland of Lindale, Texas and Melanie and Stacy Hatcher of Paris, Texas; sister & brother-in-law, Sharon & Marcus Roden of Paris, Texas; 9 grandchildren, Gavin Garland, Christian Garland, Alexis Garland, Logan Fountain, Ryan Hatcher, Blaine Hatcher, Dillon Van Cleave, Ava Van Cleave and Garrett Van Cleave; nieces, Robin K. Daugherty and husband, Jeff of Lindale, Texas and Heather S. Parris and husband, Corey of Mt. Juliet, TN; and great niece, Regan Breanne Daugherty and fiancée, Airman 1st Class Richard Hutchinson, both of Lindale, Texas. Serving as pallbearers will be Doug Potts, Joe Douglas, Chris Siebensieu, Dick Barnett, Steve Hluchan, Terry Lee Ryan, Craig Edwards and Mike Kropp.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale.

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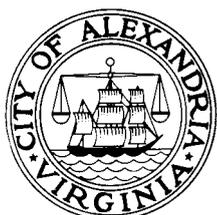
# LETTERS

## Legal Notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

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### TAKE NOTICE

The Alexandria City Council will hold its Retreat on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Transportation and Environmental Services and Recreation Department Main Facilities Building at 2900 Business Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia.

For further information, you may call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 703-746-4550.

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to ride into court — win or lose — as knights in shining armor protecting their historic waterfront and its beleaguered habitants from their avaricious government.

**Dino Drudi**  
Alexandria

## Going Above And Beyond

To the Editor:

Sincere appreciation to Dr. Vyfhuis known as Dr. "V" at Paws, Purrs & Exotics in Old Town. Dr. V and his staff provided excellent care to our precious Maine Coon kitty when Hurricane Sandy hit the area. We were out of town and our kitty was sick, had to be left at the clinic.

The staff called us on vacation to advise us our kitty was safe and someone was taking her home during the storm so she would not be alone in the vet clinic. Very caring staff. They all take time to talk to you about your pets needs and understand that your pet is a part of your family. Dr. V calls you at night if your pet is sick and even makes house calls. Wonderful doctor!

Dr. V, & Dr. Perkins and the entire staff go above and beyond to communicate with their clients and provide superior care to pets. Thank you for going above and beyond to help our precious kitty.

**Mary Kapellas**  
Alexandria

## Passive Parks, Creative People

To the Editor:

This past Sunday, a beautiful sunny day, I walked the length of the river from Founders Park to Canal Place. People were everywhere and smiling broadly. But what was most exceptional was how creative people were on the blank canvas of green grass along the waterfront.

The creative uses of these wide-open, public commons was just amazing. Groups of men and boys playing soccer, with their bikes nearby ... whole families picnicking on blankets ... a group of six high schoolers drawing and painting the boathouse ... others stretched out sunning ... strollers on the lawn and gravel pathway (with and without dogs) ... children excitedly pointing at the gulls and ducks. And they carved up and created this universe all by themselves.

Like a nature reserve, except better — we humans can creatively adapt to share the commons as no other species can. And while many planned parks

strongly direct activity using "recreational" devices, it appears that in Old Town it is the open commons that spark our imaginations. There was no sense of competition for equipment. Instead, mostly people shared and made places they needed to freely breathe in an urban environment that mostly closes off the sky, river, and landscape. In contrast, we can all play in our passive parks with boundaries that stretch between clouds and a river. And trees for cool shade.

We deliberately make these kinds of "wild" places for animals to thrive. We need to make sure they are there for people to flourish, as well. A picnic on soft cool and green grass beats one on hot concrete any day. Painting a long, unobstructed view of the boathouse, gulls resting in the river, the wide Potomac waters is an option we should cherish and maintain. The many creative uses of our passive parks on the river inspired a joyous band of humans, and we were all smiling at one another!

**Kathryn Papp**  
Alexandria

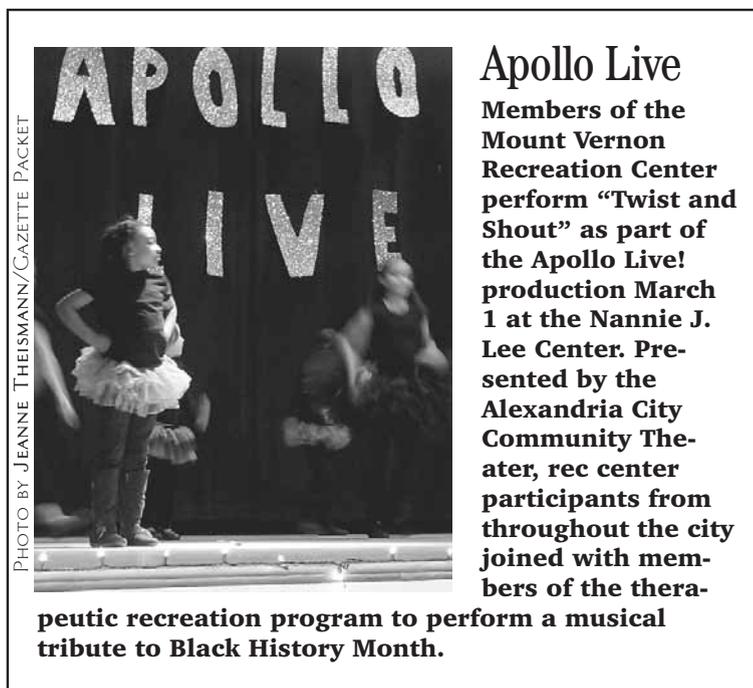
## Who Knows Best?

To the Editor:

Although the City Council voted 6-1 to rezone the Alexandria waterfront last Saturday, and although I was disappointed that four years of constructive planning were coming to an end, I was impressed by the intellectual clarity of the council members. It was clear that they understood the concerns of residents and the importance of creating a waterfront that will complement one of the most important historic districts in the nation.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Chapman noted just how romantic a venue the waterfront is, or could be, if it weren't for those old warehouses that gobble up so much landscape. Ms. Pepper took the opportunity to say that she had pushed for fewer "boutique hotels" and that former Mayor Beatley would just have loved this plan. Mr. Smedberg, who never misses the opportunity to say he likes glass not bricks — Ms. Pepper's historic building material of choice — said he could not imagine a more beautiful waterfront plan. Mr. Lovain, who lives in Del Ray, said he loves the waterfront as much as anyone and doesn't want it destroyed, either.

The highpoint of the hearing occurred when Mayor Euille told everyone how he had received an anonymous email from someone who told him to remember that leaders must make tough decisions



**Apollo Live**  
Members of the Mount Vernon Recreation Center perform "Twist and Shout" as part of the Apollo Live! production March 1 at the Nannie J. Lee Center. Presented by the Alexandria City Community Theater, rec center participants from throughout the city joined with members of the therapeutic recreation program to perform a musical tribute to Black History Month.

that many will not like, and that is OK. There will be other opportunities for citizens concerned about development to show up and speak again he said.

Only Vice Mayor Ms. Silberberg struck a discordant note in the chamber when she offered that the council might want to allow only one hotel, and here's the real zinger: she said we should hold on to the 1992 zoning, which a prior council had adopted to halt overdevelopment on the waterfront. The mayor called the idea out of order, no one seconded her motion for discussion, and that was essentially the end of any further opposition.

It was a fine day all and all at City Hall. Citizens can rest assured that its elected leaders know what's best for the city, even when its citizens don't.

**Andrew Macdonald**  
Alexandria

## Patron Saint Of Animals

To the Editor:

I was delighted to learn that the newly elected pope chose for himself the name of St. Francis of Assisi, generally known as patron saint of the animals. Indeed, Catholic and Anglican churches hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of Oct. 4.

On one of his nature walks, Francis reportedly preached to the birds and is often portrayed with a bird in his hand. On another occasion, Francis concluded a pact with a ferocious wolf that was terrorizing local townsfolk, whereby the wolf would quit preying on the town's sheep in exchange for being fed regularly. He even persuaded local dogs to stop harassing the wolf. He freed a rabbit from a trap, returned caught fish to their stream, and fed half-frozen bees in winter-time.

I hope that Pope Francis will inspire Catholics and all persons of

goodwill to show non-human animals the respect and compassion they so richly deserve, particularly when it comes to subsidizing their abuse and slaughter for food at the checkout counter. Joining the Meatless Mondays trend may be a good start.

**Ali Gatlin**  
Alexandria

## Pet Horses Or Eat Them?

To the Editor:

[Recently,] food safety officials in United Kingdom, France, and Sweden found traces of horse meat in ground beef sold across Europe. Massive recalls and lawsuits are ensuing.

Can it happen here? Horse slaughter for human consumption was banned in the U.S. between 2007 and 2011. But now, a New Mexico slaughterhouse is getting approved by U.S. authorities to slaughter horses for human consumption.

I marvel at our hypocrisy of rejecting the notion of horse or dog meat on our dinner plates, while condemning cows, pigs, and chickens to the same fate. Obviously, we have established special relationships with horses and dogs as our companions, protectors, and sports protagonists, rather than as food. But where is the ethical and logical distinction, given that all these animals are endowed by individuality, sentience, and an ability to experience the same feelings of joy, affection, sadness, and fear that we do?

Fortunately, our health food industry has spared us from having to choose which animals to pet and which ones to eat. Their delicious soy and grain-based meat alternatives are available in every supermarket.

**Ashton Gunter**  
Alexandria



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Members of the 2013 T.C. Williams Crew team gather in the Dee Campbell Boathouse before the start of morning practice on March 16. The team's first scrimmage is this Saturday in Georgetown against Washington-Lee.



With the lights of Washington visible in the background, Members of the 2013 T.C. Williams crew team carry a racing shell down to the water before the start of morning practice on March 16. The team's first scrimmage is this Saturday in Georgetown against Washington-Lee.

## T.C. Williams Crew Wraps up Fourth Week of Practice

Largest TC team in a decade has first scrimmage this Saturday in Georgetown against W-L.

The men and women of the 2013 T.C. Williams crew team wrapped up their fourth week of practice this past Saturday, a day that saw the Titan rowers take to the waters of the Potomac River just before dawn as they continue their preparation for the coming season and their first scrimmage this weekend against longtime rival Washington-Lee.

More than 160 student athletes have signed up for T.C. crew this spring, making the 2013 team the largest in at least 10 years. Practices have been taking place after school on weekday afternoons from 4-

6:30 p.m., and on Saturday mornings from 7-9:30 a.m. Practices generally consist of the team going out on the Potomac to get in as much on-the-water rowing time as possible, followed by strength and conditioning exercises in the upstairs weight room of the Dee Campbell Boathouse.

The 2013 T.C. crew boasts 12 returning seniors from last year's team, including: Cesar Arteaga, Emily Breeding, Brian Comey, Mark Comey, Alexandra Lemke, Nadia Magallon, Caroline Olsson, Chris Porter, Gabby Salcedo, David Salmons, Ethan Vanatta, and Madison Weitekamp.

Weitekamp was selected honorable mention All-Met by the Washington Post last season.

This weekend's scrimmage against Washington-Lee will be held on Saturday morning, March 23, at the Potomac Boat Club, which is located just past the Key Bridge in Georgetown. The spring 2013 rowing season officially gets underway one week later when the Titans travel to Middletown, Del., for the Noxontown Regatta at St. Andrews School on March 30.

Other races of note this spring include: the Charlie Butt Regatta in Georgetown on April 27; The Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship at Sandy Run Regional Park

on May 11; the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia on May 17-18; the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Championship in Camden, N.J., on May 24-25, and the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Association Championship in St. Catherines, Ontario on May 31-June 2.

For the complete regatta schedule, visit [www.tcwcrew.org](http://www.tcwcrew.org). The T.C. Williams crew team is guided by Boys' Head Coach Pete Stramese and Girls' Head Coach Mercedes Kiss.

The spring 2013 crew season marks the 66th year of public school rowing in the City of Alexandria.

## TC Boys' Soccer Beats South Lakes

Titans off to 2-0 start, have not allowed a single goal.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team's work in practice and Eryk Williamson's recognition of goalie placement helped the sophomore deliver a game-winning goal for the Titans.

Locked in a scoreless tie on March 14, South Lakes was called for a foul near the box early in the second half, giving TC a free kick. Sophomores Williamson and Kevin Ortez set up near the ball. Williamson would take the kick.

"We've been working on it lately and I just saw the keeper too far to the right," he said, "so I just bent it around the wall and it went in."

Williamson found the net in the 44th minute, giving the Titans a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Momodu Jalloh added a goal in the 48th minute and the Titans defeated the Seahawks 2-0 at South Lakes High School.

"When you get into [a free kick] right around the box," TC head coach Martin Nickley said, "I feel it's a shot situation and that's what you should do is put the ball in the net."

TC improved to 2-0 for the season, including a 1-0 win over Chantilly in the season opener on March 12.

"I think if we just work a little harder," Williamson said, "games wouldn't be this stressful."

TC did not allow a goal in its first two games. Nickley said the Titans' back-to-back shutouts have been a combination of strong play from sophomore goalkeeper Edgar Martinez and the team's defenders.

"I felt like we were doing a good job of closing them down on their shots," Nickley



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams sophomore Eryk Williamson scored a goal against South Lakes on March 14.

said after the South Lakes game. "... The keeper did a great job and I think our defenders really were stepping to the ball well."

TC will travel to face Mount Vernon at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21. The Titans will host Falls Church at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2.

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## RECREATION

### Youth Basketball League Championships

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#### 14 & UNDER GIRLS DIVISION:

George Mason #1 - 15  
George Mason #2 - 13  
George Mason #1: Coach Mike Discenza, Coach Brad Edwards, Katie Boehm, Grayson Brightbill, Kendall Discenza, Paige Dow, Anne Edwards, Elizabeth Healy, Kaily Kocot, Gabrielle Maddox, Julia Rocheleau, Anna Wolz  
George Mason #2: Coach Sarah Constant, Coach Ann Keough, Claire Constant, Isabella Diz, Gabrielle Gibson, Paige Medley, Michaela Mendonca, Isabelle Moran, Isabella Ponzi, Logan Robinson, Emily Ryan, Neha Dewakar

#### 10 & UNDER BOYS NATIONAL DIVISION:

MacArthur #1 - 20  
MacArthur #2 - 10  
MacArthur #1: Coach Pete Loughlin, Coach Chris Giblin, Robert Biesada, Caulley Deringer, Quinn Dougherty, Matthew Giblin, Jack Hadley, Nathaniel Johnson, John Loughlin, Michael Murphy, Ryan Osinski, Tim Sloan, Tate Whitmer  
MacArthur #2: Coach Sean Milliken, Coach Lee Burbage, William Adams, Kyle Burbage, Elijah Ellis, Treshaun Glenn, Trevaun Glenn, William Keough, Jack Milliken, Kornell Slade, Holden Swindell, Maxwell Zummo

#### 10 & UNDER BOYS AMERICAN DIVISION:

Patrick Henry - 43

MacArthur - 15

Patrick Henry: Coach Garry Swann, Coach Mike Henderson, Joseph Barksdale, Michael Henderson Jr., Devin Sanchez, Gionn Swann, Michael Smallwood, Andreas Muten, Michael Katsock, Joshua Cato

MacArthur: Coach Jon Hyman, Coach Robert Robinson, Weldon Corbin, Damontae Gray, Russell Hyman, Antonio Ignacio, Hayden Magaha, Jackson Magaha, William Matia, Brian Moran, Davis Robinson, Clay Waller

#### 12 & UNDER BOYS NATIONAL DIVISION:

William Ramsay - 36  
Maury - 8  
William Ramsay: Coach Cortney Craft, Coach Ed Day, Diego Gonzalez, Mauricio Darcourt, Marlow Franklin, Prince Milliner, Ian Sanchez, Joseph Tarawally, Wache Taylor, Chris Wells, Jaylen Gray, Miles Craft, Jayon Miles, Roger Barrancos

Maury: Coach Jessica Forms, Coach Kevin Heideman, Nicholas Bower, Declan Cleaver, Emmett Cocke, Townson Cocke, Kai Hakim, Gabriel Hendi, Jacon Kluger, Evan Paez

#### 12 & UNDER BOYS AMERICAN DIVISION:

Charles Houston #1 - 51  
Charles Houston #2 - 29  
Charles Houston #1: Coach Traverse Gray, Coach Bill Campbell, Decarlos Carter, Donovan Eason, Kejuan Ferguson, Jaquan Johnson-Terry, Ricardo Lewis, Kendall Oguamena,

Markell Smith-Daniels, Dimitry Ware, Kai Cole, James Coleman, Craig Mason  
Charles Houston #2: Coach Reggie Diggins, Coach Willie Jones, Tobias Kargbo, Tavares Witherspoon, Kameron Scott-Gardner, Donovan Copeland, Nicholas Winkel, Donta Mays, Fitzhugh Godwin, Jaden Thrash, Clarence Roberts, Geonna Thorne, Dominique McKiver

#### 14 & UNDER BOYS DIVISION:

Hawks - 50  
Nets - 49  
Hawks: Coach Patrick Volz, Coach Dave Mutscheller, Thomas Calhoun, Cameron Graves, Hakeem Koroma, Kevin Munson, Joseph Mutscheller, Kevin Newell, Jack Sabatini, Matt Sloan, David Volz  
Nets: Coach Moses Alford, John Murphy, Khalil Williams, Charles Greer, Delonta Eason, Mike Holley, Elyosias Woldeselase, Mustafa Beidas, Lamont Williams

#### 17 & UNDER BOYS DIVISION:

Magic - 62  
Bulls - 44  
Magic: Coach Sean Pickett, Scott Duncan, CJ Grennisen, Garry Griffin, Malik Styron, Tyler Rowland, Markel Sturgis, Mohamed Kebe  
Bulls: Coach Moses Alford, Harrison Murphy, Felman Bokure, Brook Girma, Yohanes Belayneh, Abur Chio, Yonathan Eyob, Ira Quint, Tyler Ratliff, Yohanes Gojela

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For more information about the SFA and its 6th Annual Car Raffle this year, please visit [www.AlexScholarshipFund.org](http://www.AlexScholarshipFund.org) or call 703-824-6730 to purchase tickets.

# The Sound of Music

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

From the powerful sounds of a high school band to the soothing melodies sung in a kindergarten music classroom, local music educators are using the month of March to raise awareness of the benefits of learning music.

In fact, the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) designates March as Music In Our Schools Month, and local music educators echo the significance of the annual celebration.

“The reason Music in our Schools Month is so important is because it heightens awareness ... that school music programs help provide important and healthy musical alternatives to the sometimes disturbing messages that children inadvertently hear in the ... music they may encounter in popular culture,” said Brian C. Wuttke, Ph.D., director of music education at George Mason University in Fairfax.

Even if formal music lessons are not an option, local musicians and music educators say that parents can encourage and inspire their children’s musicality with simple activities at home. “Research suggests that parental involvement in a child’s music activities can not only pique a child’s



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**Local musicians and music educators say parents can encourage and inspire children’s musicality.**

interest in music, but it can positively impact motivation and achievement in music,” Wuttke said.

So how can parents support a child’s musical talent or interest? “I think playing music with your kids would be the number one way to enhance their musicality,” said Elizabeth Lasko of the National Association for Music Education. “Of course, a parent may not play an instrument, but there is always singing.”

Lasko encourages parents to allow children to experiment with instruments. “As kids, we used to sing with our grandmother’s player piano,” she said. “Singing with recorded music is another option. Learning songs from different eras and genres can open up new worlds to kids.”

## Enhancing your child’s music education during Music in our Schools Month and beyond.

According to Lasko, inexpensive percussion instruments like shakers or tambourines can help children develop rhythm while having fun.

“Music education is as important as math and science because it is all related,” said Kevin Strother, Ph.D., Music Department head, The Heights School in Potomac, Md. “Without the arts, education is incomplete and the student is not whole. Without music education, math and science are not seen in a complete picture. How else do you teach a student to think and create? With the arts, music and other forms, we can teach our students to think, create and imagine.”

Shannon Melideo, Ph.D., chair of the Education Department at Marymount University in Arlington, says exposure to music should be a priority. “[It] is critically important,” she said. “Sure, you want them to listen to ‘your music’ as a parent, but listen to as much diverse music as possible and talk about it informally.”

Lasko agrees and encourages parents to look for local performances that are designed for young audiences. “Lots of children love to attend musical performances

that are geared toward their own age, especially if there is fun interaction between the performers and the audience,” she said. “Many communities offer inexpensive performances. Some [are offered] at schools. Seeing kids their own age or slightly older perform music can be very inspiring for children.”

Parents don’t even have to leave home to find musical inspiration. “For young children, simple, everyday household items can be used to make a functional musical instrument that the child can decorate and compose a song on,” said Wuttke.

He added that parents should encourage their children to participate in school music programs. “Praise the student for their efforts,” he said. “Ask the student to sing or play a song on an instrument they are working on in school for family members.”

**“Research suggests that parental involvement in a child’s music activities ... positively impact motivation and achievement in music.”**

— Brian C. Wuttke, Ph.D.,  
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## For Those Who Serve

**Members of American Legion Post 24 celebrated the organization's 94th birthday March 15 by presenting Legion membership cards to Johnnie Carr and Permus Hall, World War II veterans residing at the Envoy assisted living facility in Alexandria. Representing Post 24 were Carolyn Carol, Henry Dorton, Warden Foley, Bill Aramony, Erik Campbell and Jim Glassman. Also pictured are 17th District Vice Commander Cordell Credit and Springfield Post 176 First Vice Commander Maudie Price. For more information on American Legion Post 24 visit [www.valegionpost24.org](http://www.valegionpost24.org).**

# How To Keep Children Safe

The Center for Alexandria's Children in partnership with the Department of Community and Human Services, the Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, will mark National Child Abuse Prevention month by launching a three-prong approach to ensuring the safety of Alexandria's children, providing families with SafeAssured Child Identification Kits; training for parents utilizing the nationally acclaimed Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children child abuse prevention program; and, developmental playgroups for children ages 0 – 5 throughout April.

City professionals will provide families with SafeAssured Child Identification kits from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on three Saturdays in April, including April 6 at Cora Kelley Recreation Center, April 13 at William Ramsey Recreation Center and on April 27 at Charles Houston Recreation Center. SafeAssured kits provide families with information needed by law enforcement and the media to immediately broadcast information unique to a missing child. Parents receive a completed, ready-to-use ID kit for their child, which contains a privacy-protected mini-CD that stores personal identification information essential to locating a missing child. Families also receive a photo data card and a Parents' Guidebook with prevention tips, written in conjunction with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. These events are open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.safeassured-id.com/>.

The Center for Alexandria's Children will also offer Darkness to Light's (D2L) Stewards of Children,



**City agencies are offering a variety of programs in April to help residents safeguard their children.**

which trains parents and caregivers in the ways to better prevent, recognize and respond to child sexual abuse. The Center, located at 1900 N. Beauregard St., Suite 200 in Alexandria, will host two free training sessions from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 19 and on Tuesday, April 30. The center will provide on-site childcare for trainees as well as pizza for the kids. Reservations are limited. To register, go to: [cacstewardsofchildrentraining.eventbrite.com](http://cacstewardsofchildrentraining.eventbrite.com).

The center will expand its developmental playgroup program to include a playgroup a day through the month of April. Playgroups focus on the importance of learning through play and the key role parents play in their child's development. Developmental playgroups aim to improve school-readiness by providing a social environment for children ages 0-5 with developmental appropriate activities. No pre-registration or enrollment is necessary.

For a listing of playgroups scheduled for April, visit the Center's website at [www.centerfor](http://www.centerfor)

## Correction

In "Leadership Cost," (Gazette Packet, March 14), an incorrect annual salary for George Washington 1 Principal Gerald Mann was listed. His salary is \$132,000.

## OBITUARY

### Robert Ray, III

Robert Ray, III recently died. He was born in Bath County, Virginia in 1922, and studied at the University of Virginia.

During WWII, he served with the Army Map Service translating Chinese maps.

In 1946, he started Cavalier Antiques in Georgetown and in 1962 moved his business to 400 Prince Street in Old Town, Alexandria. He took great pleasure in learning about, owning and dealing in fine

Oriental porcelains, ancient artifacts and 18th century American furniture. He continued buying and trading antiques into his late 80's.

He was married 21 years to Elizabeth Waters Ray from 1946 to her death in 1967. He is survived by his son Robert Ray, IV who still runs Cavalier Antiques, his daughter-in-law Mary C. Ray, a licensed clinical social worker, and his granddaughter Catherine E. Ray, a senior at George Mason University.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### City Budget Proposal To Impact Transit

The Board of Directors of the Alexandria Transit Company will hold a public hearing in the Sister Cities Conference Room 1101, City Hall, on March 28, at 5:30 p.m. on proposed fare and service changes.

The City Council adoption of the fiscal year 2014 budget on May 6, could impact the level of fare and service changes anticipated to take effect July 2013:

- ❖ A 10¢ increase in the base fare to \$1.60. A \$5 increase in the cost of the monthly DASH Pass to \$40.

- ❖ King Street Trolley – Service frequency will be reduced from every 15 minutes to every 20 minutes year round.

- ❖ AT1 – Peak period extension between Van Dorn and Eisenhower Metrorail Stations will be discontinued. Saturday extension between Eisenhower Avenue and King Street Metrorail Stations, via Carlyle, will be discontinued.

- ❖ AT2 – Saturday service frequency will be reduced from every 45 minutes to every 60 minutes.

The Alexandria Transit Company's board of directors is proposing the following service improvements based on funding identified in the City Manager's proposed fiscal year 2014 Transportation Improvement Program:

- ❖ AT8 – Weekday peak period service frequency increased to every 10 minutes between Landmark Mall and the King Street Metrorail Station. Weekday midday service frequencies expanded to provide 30-minute frequencies along the entire route.

- ❖ AT9 – New weekday cross-town route connecting Mark Center, Southern Towers, NVCC, Bradlee Shopping Center, Parkfairfax, Shirlington Transit Center, Arlandria, Glebe Road, and Potomac Yard.

- ❖ AT10 – Weekday service to end approximately an hour later and Saturday service to start approximately an hour earlier and end an hour later.

For more information, see the DASH website at [www.dashbus.com](http://www.dashbus.com).

### 'Fix a Leak Week'

Virginia American Water has partnered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote the fifth annual Fix a Leak Week, which runs from March 18-24. The national awareness campaign, part of the EPA's WaterSense program, is designed to raise awareness about small leaks and other water waste that may be occurring within homes.

To assist customers with at-home leak repairs and prevention, Virginia American Water has produced a helpful guide for detecting common, and some not-so-common, indoor and outdoor water leaks. Leak detection kits (which include a non-toxic leak detection tablet for your toilet

tank) are available by calling the American Water Customer Service Center at 1-800-678-6301 or by clicking here for a downloadable pdf version.

Virginia American Water also offers the following tips to help save water lost by leaks:

- ❖ Regularly check your toilet, faucets, and pipes for leaks.

- ❖ Reduce faucet leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replace them, or if necessary, replace the faucet with a WaterSense-labeled model.

- ❖ Leaky toilets are most often the result of a worn toilet flapper. Replacing the rubber flapper is a quick fix that could save a home up to 200 gallons of water a day.

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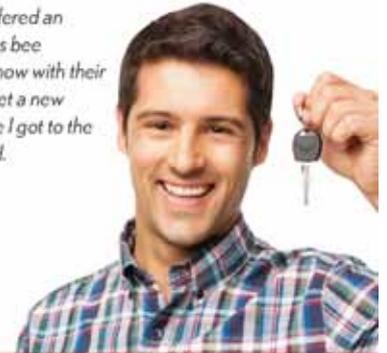
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