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Joe Youcha, director of Alexandria Seaport Foundation's Building to Teach Program, works on tuning a cigar box guitar.

Making Learning Fun

The students chattered and compared paint colors as they strolled along the path at the Winkler Preserve on Friday, May 10, to launch hand-crafted model sail boats and play the cigar box guitars they had made over the past semester in their class through a joint effort by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation and Alexandria's schools.

"Learning this way works because students are able to see the usefulness of what they're doing first-hand," said Joe Youcha, director of Alexandria Seaport Foundation's Building to Teach Program.

Emmet Rosenfeld, coordinator of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program for Alexandria City Public Schools said, "This educational approach combines learning in the classroom with the real world. It is an authentic experience for the students and results in better engagement, an understanding that knowledge is connected, and requires the commitment and persistence necessary to see a job through to fruition."

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A group of Mount Vernon Community School students visiting the Winkler Preserve are cooled down with a mist of water as the temperature rose to the high 80's on Friday morning.



Emmet Rosenfeld, coordinator of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, paddles a canoe through the pond to rescue leaky boats.



Hector Reyes and Oscar Martinez wait with new Alexandria Seaport Foundation executive director Mari Lou Livingood for the signal to prepare their boats for the launch.

Uncertainty Haunts Groundbreaking

Questions linger about Jefferson-Houston as officials prepare ceremonial shovels.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

City leaders and school officials are about to break out the ceremonial shovels and turn the earth at Jefferson-Houston School, the long-troubled facility near the King Street Metro station. Test scores at the school have been so bad for so long that state leaders are about to take over the operation even as city taxpayers are about to fork over \$45 million to demolish the 1970 building and construct a massive new structure in its place. That's led some neighbors in the Parker Gray

community to wonder why such a grand scale is needed and why school leaders don't focus on improving performance first.

"I will be uneasy donning that stupid hat and smiling for the cameras as we put the shovels in the ground," said School Board member Bill Campbell, who lives near the school. "I don't think that we are where we need to be yet in terms of the surety of what this building needs to look like from a design perspective and what its use is going to be."

Although the school currently has an enrollment of fewer than

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Space Available

Alexandria's office vacancy rate spikes to historic high; officials blame BRAC.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The crush of rush hour traffic at Mark Center is not the only headache caused by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. The 2005 decision to move out of dense urban spaces into more secure environments has created a glut of empty offices in Alexandria. According to the most recent financial report, Alexandria now has a 16.2 percent office vacancy rate — the highest figure since the city began track-

ing data.

"Many of the expiration dates for the leases just started hitting last year, and that's why we are just now starting to see this spike," said Stephanie Landrum, senior vice president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. "All that space is coming onto the market, and it's starting to be reported vacant."

From Park Center to Summit Center to the Victory Center, Alexandria is flush with vacant offices that were once home to em-

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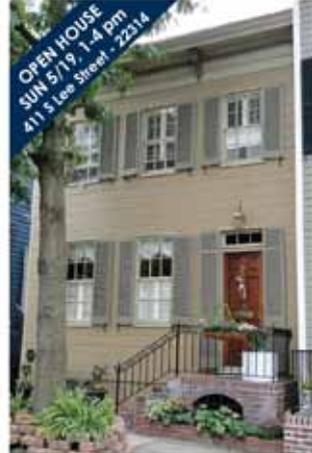
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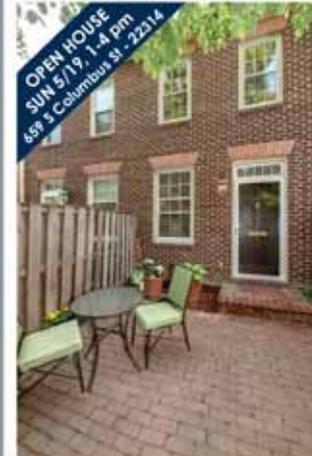
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It's official. The Alexandria City Council is against expanding operations at a hazardous materials facility on the West End of the city near the Van Dorn Metro station and just a few hundred feet from Tucker Elementary School. Elected officials unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday night to formally oppose a permit to more than double the daily limit of liquid ethanol that is transferred from railcars to tanker trucks at a facility owned by Norfolk Southern.

"It's near rail track, Metro track, residences, a school. I mean I just can't believe that they see this as an ideal site to have that kind of sustained operation," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**. "And I don't understand, given all that we went through a couple of years ago, that they would be so politically tone deaf to not approach the city."

Back in 2008, Norfolk Southern began offloading the class 3 hazardous substance from railcars to tanker trucks, a process known as "transloading." City officials tried to issue a "haul route permit" limiting how many trucks could use city streets, but that effort was struck down in court because railroads enjoy immunity from local regulation. Now council members are hoping that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will deny Norfolk Southern's permit application on the basis of air quality — a dubious argument, but one that city officials are willing to fight.

"This is a relatively minor set of emissions, and so it is an uphill battle for us," said City Manager **Rashad Young**. "They do not take into account issues of noise or proximity to schools or residential areas."

City officials are hoping the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will schedule a public hearing in Alexandria so residents who live near the facility can air their concerns.

Delinquent Reports

What has the Sister Cities Commission been up to lately? Are the members of the Commission for the Arts working hard? What about the Commission for Women? These three groups are among the 34 city boards and commissions that have not submitted annual reports to the City Council.

"We need to know what they are doing," said Councilman Tim Lovain. "This is about accountability."

Since 2008, the City Council has required that annual reports be submitted with annual attendance reports of the council-appointed boards and commissions. The reports are supposed to summarize activities of the group over the course of the previous year, describe recruitment activities and outline plans for leadership turnover.

"We take this seriously," said Councilman Paul Smedberg. "And we are looking forward to hearing what they have to say."

One group, the Building Code Board of Appeals, did not meet. So there was nothing to report. Some of the groups submit reports that could be considered annual reports, such as the extensive budget overview submitted by the Budget and Fiscal Advisory Commission. Most of the groups, however, are just failing to meet their requirement. City officials say they will remind all the delinquent groups that council members remain ready, willing and eager to receive their annual reports.

"It's very difficult," acknowledged Rose Boyd, executive secretary for boards and commissions. "Hopefully I will prevail."

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This week, City Council members took action to formally increase the tax on cigarettes — part of the budget approved earlier this month for fiscal year 2014. Instead of hitting up smokers for 80 cents a pack, each box of Marlboros will add \$1 tax that goes directly to the Alexandria city government. Budget officials estimate that will raise an additional \$600,000 a year — unless smokers decide to quit rather than paying the tax. The new tax will become effective July 1.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



The 130,000-square-foot facility is designed to attain LEED silver status for environmental sustainability.

Uncertainty Haunts Groundbreaking

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400, the 130,000-square-foot facility approved by City Council last year can accommodate 800 — more than twice the number of students than are currently enrolled at the school. School leaders say the extra capacity will give the division some space to accommodate the crunch at other schools, many of which are already pushing the limits. But parents and neighborhood residents question the size and scale of the new building, especially at a time when performance has fallen so low.

"A lot of energy is being focused on the building and not as much is being focused on figuring out what the core problems are and addressing them," said Daniel Schuman, who lives across the street from the school. "Nobody wants to send their kid to a school that's at the bottom of the bottom in the state, and no new school building is going to make a difference in that kind of problem."

THE SCHOOL has been in a tailspin since 1999, when the Alexandria School Board adopted a redistricting plan that created a racial imbalance at the school. In one year, the school went from having 50 percent of its students eligible for free and reduced lunch to 77 percent. Since that time, the school's enrollment had plummeted from 486 in 2000 to 361 students today — and that's after adding sixth, sev-

enth and eighth grade classes to the school.

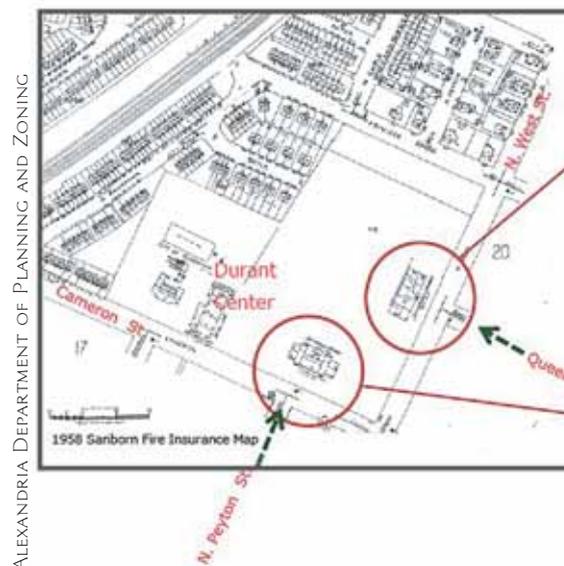
"I think it's ridiculous," said Bea Porter, whose grandson is in the third grade at Jefferson-Houston. "That building is going to be too large for the amount of kids that are going to be here."

Since Morton Sherman was appointed superintendent in 2008, test scores at Jefferson-Houston have fallen even lower. In the last three years, English performance for students with disabilities has slipped from 60 percent to 46 percent. In that same period, Math performance for black students has plummeted from 77 percent to 29 percent. Test scores have been so low for such a long that Jefferson-Houston is the only school in Northern Virginia that qualifies for state takeover under Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell's Educational Opportunity Initiative.

"In the period since we've been discussing a new building, we've seen the steepest declines," said Leslie Zupan, president of the Old Town West Civic Association. "The building is not the cause of the academic problems."

PERHAPS THE BIGGEST unanswered question is what will happen to the school next year, when a new board of appointed leaders will take control of the school under the Educational Opportunity Initiative. The legislation signed by the governor gives

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Jefferson School, Constructed c. 1922



Jefferson Annex, former all-White Alexandria High School
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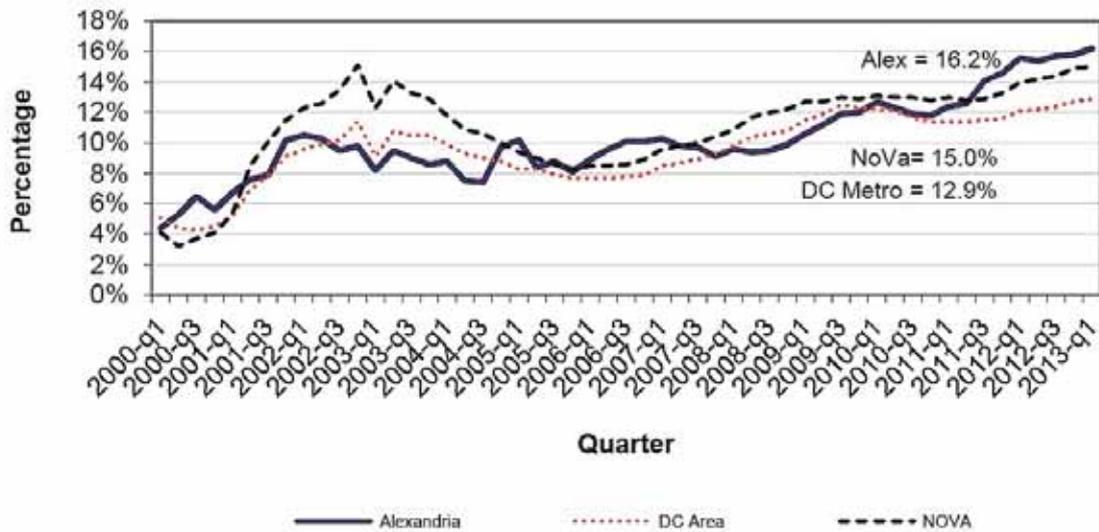


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Office Vacancy Rate Spikes

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employees of the Department of Defense. For the city, that's a twin headache. Not only do city residents have to deal with the traffic problems created by adding 6,000 new employees to the Washington Headquarters Service at Mark Center, but they also have to face the economic reality of having a historic office vacancy rate — a lack of revenue for City Hall.

"Even though we just raised the tax rate, it's still low in comparison to other jurisdictions," said Alexandria Chamber of Commerce president John Long.

"We don't have the commercial add-on tax that they have in other jurisdictions, and that's the kind of thing that businesses look at when they are considering where they want to move their organizations."

ALEXANDRIA IS NOT alone in dealing with a wealth of unused office space. Other localities in Northern Virginia have also been hit by BRAC, some harder than Alexandria. Arlington County's office vacancy rate is 17 percent. That's 6.8 million square feet of vacant office space in the county. Crystal City

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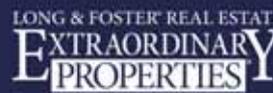
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Opposition Heats Up over City's Plans for Founders Park

City officials to ask council to amend current restrictions.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The proposed amendment to allow special events in Founders Park took center stage at the May 10 annual meeting of the Founders Park Community Association.

"I can't believe the city is proposing this," said one attendee who asked to remain anonymous. "There should be more respect for Ellen Pickering, Chuck Hamel and Patricia Golubin for saving this land. The park would not exist at all if it weren't for their efforts back in the '70s."

Held at the Old Dominion Boat Club, more than 85 people showed up to hear an update on the waterfront from Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities representative Jack Browand and Waterfront Operations director Eugene Loew.

Following a brief update on the status of park maintenance, Browand presented the city's plans to seek City Council approval to amend the current policy that restricts special events in Founders Park.

"We will be making a presentation to City Council to request that the current policy prohibiting special events in Founders Park be changed," Browand said.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Founders Park Community Association member Howard Bergman voices his opposition to the city's proposal to allow special events of less than 500 to be held in the south end of Founders Park. Looking on are city representatives Eugene Loew and Jack Browand.

Browand detailed the proposed changes, which would allow special events of less than 500 people to be held in Founders Park in an area from approximately Quay Street to the southern end of the park. Restrictions would include barring the preparation and cooking of food onsite and tents exceeding 200 square feet. Additionally, no amusement park equipment or inflatables would be allowed.

"These events would fall into the category of 'awareness activities,'" Browand said.

Area residents Howard Bergman and Jim Walker spoke out in opposition to the proposed changes while Ruth McKenty and FPCA president Dave Schubert supported the city's request.

"The city has done a lot to support the park and we appreciate the efforts to explain their position," Schubert said. "But FPCA will formally take the position of the majority of its members."

While no official results have been released, the majority of attendees at the sometimes heated meeting clearly opposed the city's plans to allow special events in Founders Park.

"This is a historic community," said another resident, who also praised noted environmentalist Pickering's efforts to prevent Founders Park from being developed into high rise residential buildings. "The city should have more respect for its citizens."

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THROUGH MAY 18

Diaper Drive. Local volunteers, in conjunction with Northern Virginia Family Service, announce Diaper Drive 2013: Help Keep a Baby Dry intended to raise 10,000 diapers to assist local needy families. The drive runs through May 18. Financial donations are also accepted through the drive's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DiaperDrive2013. Public Diaper Drop Locations include: **Occasionally Cake** - 207 King St. and 8859 Richmond Highway; **Fort Hunt Safeway** - 7900 Fort Hunt Road; **St. Aidan's Episcopal Church** - 8531 Riverside Road; and **Heritage Presbyterian Church** - 8503 Fort Hunt Road.

THURSDAY/MAY 16

Art/History Waterfront Implementation Committee. 7 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Lance Mallamo, lance.mallamo@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-4702.

FRIDAY/MAY 17

Tourism Marketing Forum. 8:30-10 a.m. at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. Get details on how to benefit from small-business initiatives. Free.

CPR Classes. Approved by the American Heart Association at Global Health College, 25 S. Quaker Lane, for anyone who wants to be CPR certified or needs to renew CPR certification. Cost is \$75. Register at 703-212-7410 or mmyers@global.edu.

SATURDAY/MAY 18

Mental Health Legislation Discussion. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Delegate Rob Krupicka will discuss new programs and more. Childcare available. To reserve a childcare spot e-mail danielle.marshall@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-3523.

Alexandria City Council Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St.



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Super Son

Miles Laboy, 15, shows off his Superman dog tags in honor of his father, Alexandria police officer Peter Laboy. Miles accompanied his parents, Suzanne and Peter, to a fundraiser and silent auction benefit for the Laboy family at the Old Dominion Boat Club May 11.



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Cinco De Mayo Fundraiser

The Sons of the American Legion raised \$2,000 for the Campagna Center through a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser and silent auction held May 4 at Post 24 in Old Town. Local sponsors included Alexandria Cupcake, Union Street Public House, Murphy's Irish Pub, Society Fair, Ramparts, The Fish Market, Old Town Theater, Gadsby's Tavern, TJ Stones, Hank's Oyster Bar, Hops Restaurant, Chevy's, Shoppers Food and Mobile Signz. Campagna Center CEO Tammy Mann, second from right, was presented a check on May 10 by SAL members Russ Crager, Walter Clarke, Douglas Coleman and Sons of the American Legion Commander Frank Tobin.

BUSINESS MATTERS
Donley's New Gig

Former Alexandria Mayor **Kerry Donley** is looking for a new gig. Ever since United Bankshares announced that it had entered into an agreement to acquire all the outstanding stock of Virginia Bancorp back in January, the writing has been on the wall.

"I'll be here until the merger is complete, and then I'll probably be moving on," said Donley. "I've talked to some other banks and a couple of other possibilities, but it's still four or five months off and so it'll be a dance for a while."

Virginia Commerce first hired Donley, a longtime Crestar employee, back in 1998 when he was still mayor. In 2005, he took a hiatus from banking and politics to serve as the athletic director for T.C. Williams High School. Then, in 2009, he returned to Virginia Commerce Bank and announced his intention to return to politics — first considering a run for the House of Delegates before launching a campaign for Alexandria City Council. In May 2009, he won more votes than any other candidate — earning him the title of vice mayor, a position he held before being first elected mayor in 1995.

Last year, he did not seek reelection. Now, he's leaving the bank he's called home for more than a decade.

"It's not ethical for me to commit to another employer while I'm employed here, so I'll be hanging out here until the merger, which is probably in October," said Donley. "And then I'll have something lined up shortly after."

Books Without Bookstores

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

Alexandria is currently in an age of wisdom, according to a recent Amazon.com list that ranks the city as the most well-read city in American. But it's possible that Alexandria is also in an age of foolishness.

Yes, it's true that the city has a popular children's bookstore and a major chain retailer. It also has a handful of used bookstores. But Alexandria has lacked a general interest independent bookseller since Olsson's closed in 2008. Then Books-A-Million closed in 2011. Now America's most literate city is bereft of a place to buy books — creating an opportunity for anyone brave enough to consider striking out and creating a new business. Business leaders say several entrepreneurs have considered the idea of opening a bookstore in Alexandria, one outfit was looking at opening a store at the northwest corner of Cameron Street and North Royal Street for a while. But that fell through. That leaves a giant untapped market — if there's still a market for hard-copy books, a question that remains unanswered for the time being.

"Nobody's been through our doors lately," said **Stephanie Landrum**, vice president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. "If there's anybody out there who wants to open an independent bookstore, we will get them in to the Small Business Development Center and we will help them with their business plan and we will help them find a good storefront."

Balancing the Burden

Everybody knows that entrepreneurs hate taxes. That's why the Alexandria City Council's recent decision to add four cents to the tax rate — a historic increase unparalleled modern history — has caused some uneasiness in the business community.

"Our members are taking a deep breath," said **John Long**, president of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. "We have to really start looking at ways to increase commercial real estate."

Residential property taxes are the city's biggest source of income, constituting 32 percent of the money that comes into the coffers at City Hall. Commercial property taxes, on the other hand, represent about 26 percent of the city's revenues. That's an imbalance that has plagued the city for years, and candidates for City Council have promised to work toward creating a better balance. But the disparity has only grown worse over the course of the last decade — despite all the talk on the campaign trail. Now city leaders must figure out how to balance the books next year, when federal and state revenues are forecast to shrink yet again.

"I always try to look to what I do at home," said Long. "If I don't have enough now for my spending, I try to bring in some additional income. And the additional income for the city, we believe, is additional commercial opportunities."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



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Associates of Keller Williams Realty in Old Town: Patricia Harris, Dominique Zarow, Christina Wood, Nicole McCullar, Berry Freeman, Shane McCullar, Brenda Stone, Samantha Wood, Teri Welch, Lori Connelly-DeFranco, Renee Gallagher, Michael Yalove, Mareen Freeman, Marcia Crumbaugh, Logan Hall, Tre Tucker, Rick Phillips, Sandra Gehring, Dan Crumbaugh, Carey Gooch, Patricia Daigle, Kerry Ann McFarlane, Nicole Hamilton, Joe Moreno, Jake Bemisderfer and Rick Tancreto pose for a photo with the children attending the ALIVE! Child Development Center.

Giving Where They Live

Associates of the Old Town Alexandria Keller Williams Realty participated in the fifth annual RED Day on Thursday, May 9. RED Day (Renew, Energize and Donate) was created to unite Keller Williams Realty offices and associates in an international day of service.

As part of the RED Day effort, Keller Williams Realty Old Town, Alexandria chose to work with ALIVE, INC to improve its Child Development Center at 2723 King St. in Alexandria.

ALIVE!'s Child Development Center, a full-day preschool program serving children of low-income working parents, is one of the 8 percent of preschool programs nationwide to have earned NAEYC (National Association for

Education of Young Children) accreditation.

On Thursday, more than 30 volunteers spent more than eight hours and many thousands of dollars to: replace all of the cots for nap time, replaced eight window air conditioners, replaced all of the light bulbs and globes, installed carpet in all three classrooms and two offices, installed cove base molding throughout, painted the ceilings in all three classrooms, painted the railings and stairs, purchased and installed three white cabinets (one per classroom), installed three pre-made bulletin boards outside of the classrooms, installed a custom bulletin board wall between two classrooms, replaced the two bathroom floors, installed three child size toilets, lowered and moved two of the sinks to be child height and added a second sink to both bathrooms,



Catherine Jouet paints the staircase at the entrance to the preschool.

painted all of the radiators and two doors.

For more information about RED Day, visit www.kw.com/redday

For more information about ALIVE, INC, visit www.alive-inc.org



Mareen Freeman adds a coat of primer to a door in the hallway.



Renee Gallagher and Joe Moreno assemble new bookcases for the three classrooms.

LIVING LEGEND

Joe Guiffre: Retired But Still Connected

Responsibility means taking active role in the community.

BY ALEXANDRIANEWS.ORG STAFF

For more than six decades Joe Guiffre has been involved in the business, civic and religious life of his community. That's why he is a 2013 Living Legend of Alexandria.

Guiffre still calls Alexandria home but he chooses to spend winters in Florida. "I'm not nearly as involved in activities in Alexandria as I used to be," Guiffre said, speaking by telephone from there. "I'm nearly 80, so I am slowing down. Right now I am sitting with my back to the Gulf of Mexico and sun shining over my shoulder. I am enjoying spending time with my wife, having family visit in Florida and just taking it easy."

Everyone who knows him acknowledges that Guiffre's relaxation is well-deserved. "If you live and work in a community, it is your responsibility to take an active role in the life of that community," he said. "I did as much as I could for many years and I sacrificed a lot of family time. I regret that to some extent, and now I'm enjoying the time I have with my wife, my children and my grandchildren. I'm still involved, and Alexandria is still home."

"I will be back, though. Bishop Loverde has approved the formation of a new foundation for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and I have agreed to chair that foundation. A major feature is that it serves as an 'umbrella' for donor-advised funds," Guiffre said.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on June 18, 1933, Guiffre moved to the Washington area in 1946. During high school and college he worked in the family business, the Guiffre Distributing Company, which was located on North Henry Street in Alexandria.

"Like every small, family-owned business, I started at the bottom for very little pay and worked my way up," Guiffre said. "I cleaned offices and bathrooms and unloaded box cars. My father wanted me to have a very clear understanding of every aspect of the company before I assumed any supervisory role and I did."

GUIFFRE EARNED a bachelor's degree in English from Georgetown University. In 1954 he married Ann McWilliams of Alexandria. They have four children: Teresa, Julie, Michael and Susan. In 1957 Guiffre accepted a full-time job with his family's

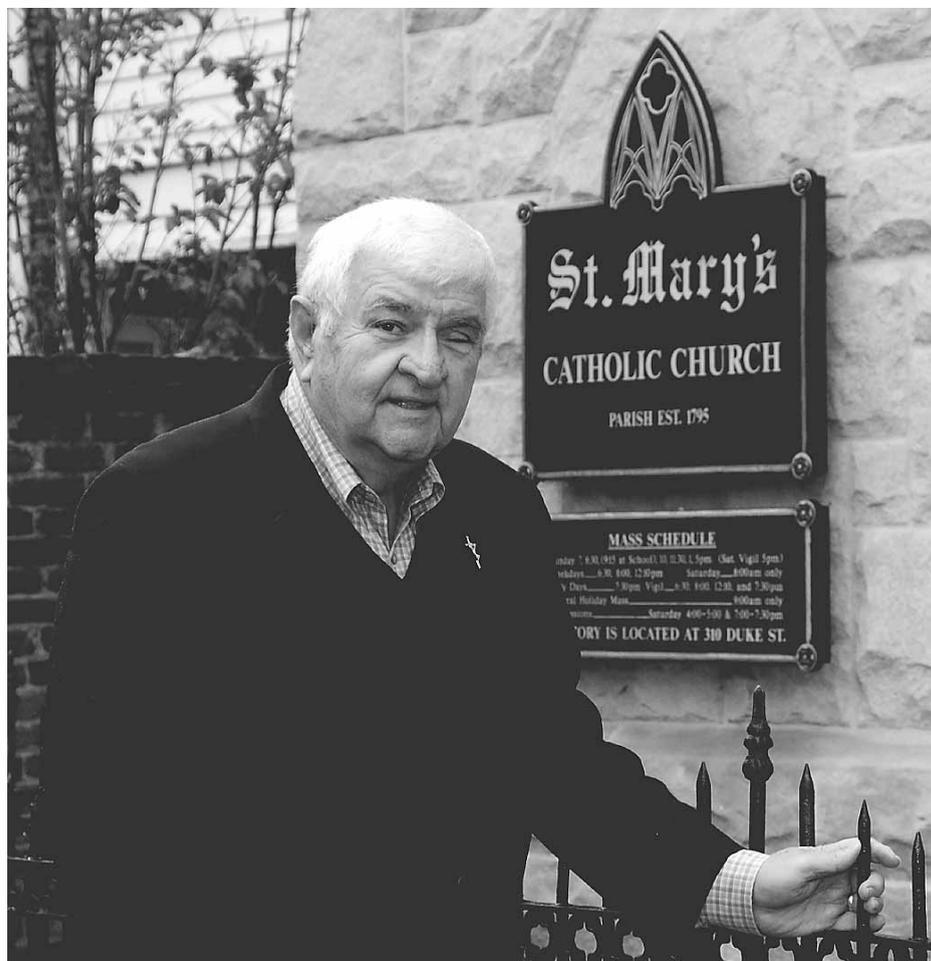


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"I am most proud and edified by the work I have done with St. Mary's Church in Old Town...." said Joe Guiffre.

company. He became president and general manager of that business just six years later in 1963.

"My father died very young and there was no one else to run the business," Guiffre said.

The Guiffres lived in Falls Church until 1965. "One day my wife and I were talking about how nice it would be to live in Alexandria near where I worked," Guiffre said. "There wasn't much traffic between Alexandria and Falls Church at that time. But when we moved to our house on Russell Road I was four minutes from my office. That was even better."

Over the years Guiffre has served as an appointed member of several state and local boards and commissions. Governors Mills Godwin and John Dalton appointed him to the Virginia Solid Waste Commission. Gov. Charles Robb appointed him as Northern Virginia's representative to the Virginia Department of Highways Commission. The Alexandria City Council appointed him to serve on the Alexandria Economic Development Authority. The City Council also asked Guiffre to lead two ad hoc ef-

forts: Operation Bailout was a flood relief program that collected and stored furniture and other household items for distribution to flood victims in Del Ray and Arlandria. Zero Litter collected anything that households wanted to discard, refrigerators to trash. The city now collects those kinds of things twice a year. A third activity he chaired, Alexandrians for a Better Community, was conceived at an Alexandria Chamber of Commerce meeting. The chamber was responding to President Reagan's suggestion that basic needs were best met at the local level. The resulting study demonstrated that Alexandria, through local charities and city efforts, met the basic needs for food, shelter and clothing for the poor.

GUIFFRE ALSO SERVED as chair on the boards of many nonprofit organizations in-

cluding the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Club, Optimist Club of Alexandria Foundation and as a board member of Alexandria Center for Employment, a sheltered workshop to help those with disabilities find employment. He chaired the local American Cancer Society's "buckboard" fundraising effort and was involved with other efforts. He is past president of the Virginia Beer Wholesaler's Association and served Alexandria well by bringing the National Beer Wholesaler's Association there. "This made my commute easy when I served on their board, Guiffre said.

"I am most proud and edified by the work I have done with St. Mary's Church in Old Town where I have served as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and in many other capacities. I have supported St. Mary's School and Bishop Ireton High School because I believe strongly in Catholic education," Guiffre said.

He has received many personal and professional awards: the Jaycees Alexandrian of the Year in 1975, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce George Washington Leadership Medal, the United Indians of America Outstanding Citizen Award for his efforts to restore Jim Thorpe's gold medals, two beautification awards from the City of Alexandria, the Boys Club Medal for Service; the Generations of Giving Award from ACT for Alexandria, the St. Mary's Grammar School Distinguished Alumni Award, the Brent Society recognition for Catholic Schools Activities and Alexandria Optimist of the Year.

Guiffre retired from Guiffre Distributing Company in 1993. His son, Michael, is now the president of the company and Guiffre remained chairman of the board of directors until last year. His daughter Julie, who lives in Old Town, heads up a Bible study group of 150 women at St. Mary's Church called "Walking With Purpose."

"I am proud of all of my children, particularly the way they are raising their own children," Guiffre said. "Two of my children, Teresa and Susan, have adopted two children each in addition to having their own. There is no greater gift we can give than to adopt a child who was born into difficult circumstances and give that child the love and opportunities he or she might not have had otherwise."

Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; Club Managers Association of America; Goodwin House, Inc.; McLaughlin Ryder Investments; Renner & Company, CPA, P.C.; the Rotary Club of Alexandria; and SunTrust Bank.

This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com or contact Legends@AlexandriaLegends.com.

Old Town Farmers' Market Welcomes SNAP/EBT Beneficiaries

The City of Alexandria's Old Town Farmers' Market is participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps. As a result, SNAP customers will be able to use their electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and other eligible food products at the market.

For every \$5 in new SNAP benefits used, the community receives almost double that amount in economic activity. Low-income households participating in SNAP have access to more food nutrients, like proteins, and an array of essen-

tial vitamins and minerals in their home food supply. This initiative also helps increase the customer base at the market, creating an additional source of revenue for the Market vendors.

Implementing the SNAP program at the Old Town Farmers' Market was made possible with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and through partnership with the Alexandria Childhood Obesity Action Network.

The Old Town Farmer's Market is located on King Street between N. Royal and N. Fairfax Streets, and is open on Saturdays year round from 7 a.m. to noon.

OPINION

Vote in Spite of Election Fatigue

Primary voting, absentee voting, Republican convention.

Absentee voting, including “in-person” absentee voting, is already underway for the June 11 primary, a statewide Democratic party primary for lieutenant governor and attorney general, plus one delegate race in Northern Virginia.

Voters in the Democratic primary will choose between Ralph S. Northam and Aneesh Chopra for lieutenant governor; and between Mark R. Herring and Justin E. Fairfax for attorney general.

Because voters do not register by party in Virginia, any voter can vote in the Democratic primary, but cannot vote in a Democratic and Republican primary on the same day.

The Republican party will nominate their candidates for statewide office in a convention to be held on May 17-18 in Richmond. Delegates to the convention were elected by locality in March and April.

Each locality is entitled to one Republican convention delegate vote per 250 Republican votes for governor and president at their last election, so that Fairfax County is entitled to 1,392 delegate votes; Arlington County is entitled to 215 delegate votes; Alexandria City is entitled to 133 delegate votes; the City of Fairfax is entitled to 32 Delegate Votes; Falls Church City is entitled to 14 delegate votes. Localities choose up to five times the number of delegates as votes, plus an equal number of alternates.

EDITORIAL

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 11.

Absentee voting allows qualified voters to participate in upcoming elections even though they may not be able to go to the polls on Election Day. Absentee voting in person began on April 26.

Most people in Northern Virginia qualify to vote absentee under this provision, although there are many others:

“Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls

are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)”

In Alexandria, regular hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100, Alexandria. Extended hours for in-person absentee voting are Tuesday, May 28, and Wednesday, May 29, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 4 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can also vote absentee by mail. The deadline to request a mailed ballot is June 4, by 5 p.m.

Absentee ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day June 11.

Here are some good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>,

Virginia Public Access Project, <http://www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state>,

Alexandria Board of Elections, <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections>.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More Density Means Higher Taxes

To the Editor:

I am not surprised by our City Council decision to increase taxes. Given a choice to spend or not to spend, they revert to form. After all,

each and every one is a good Democrat, which means their natural inclination is to spend and tax. Their varying reasons for taking ever more money from the public is also genuine.

They really do want to improve; to provide and to enable residents to have a safer community replete with public services galore, not

to mention more schools to accommodate the burgeoning growth of new students.

But there is an exception. It, in turn, creates a dichotomy. The exception is our City Council tactic to use density to mitigate the tax burden they impose on existing city residents. Their notion, best I can make it out, is by cramming more people, structures and automobiles into Alexandria, there will be more taxpayers; ergo, more tax revenue. And herein lay the dichotomy.

As density occurs in small ways and large, reducing the quality of life for current residents thanks to congested roads, schools, public facilities, neighborhoods, etc, taxes do not go down; they go up. More density may create more revenue but nowhere near enough to pay for the costly services and facilities, especially schools, required to placate new residents.

Our City Council's pursuit of density in all its forms is driving up your taxes. More people, cars, structures crammed into the finite space called Alexandria is triggering a catch-up need for more costly public services. These additional costs are passed on to current residents who have to pay more taxes for an ever-diminishing quality of life.

My solution: Apart from term limits, get rid of the Jim Crow era at-large election format. Instead, enfranchise neighborhoods to elect someone residing in their community to an expanded City Council. The process today of giving the most popular members of one political party the city purse strings is not good governance even if they do mean well.

Jim Roberts
Alexandria

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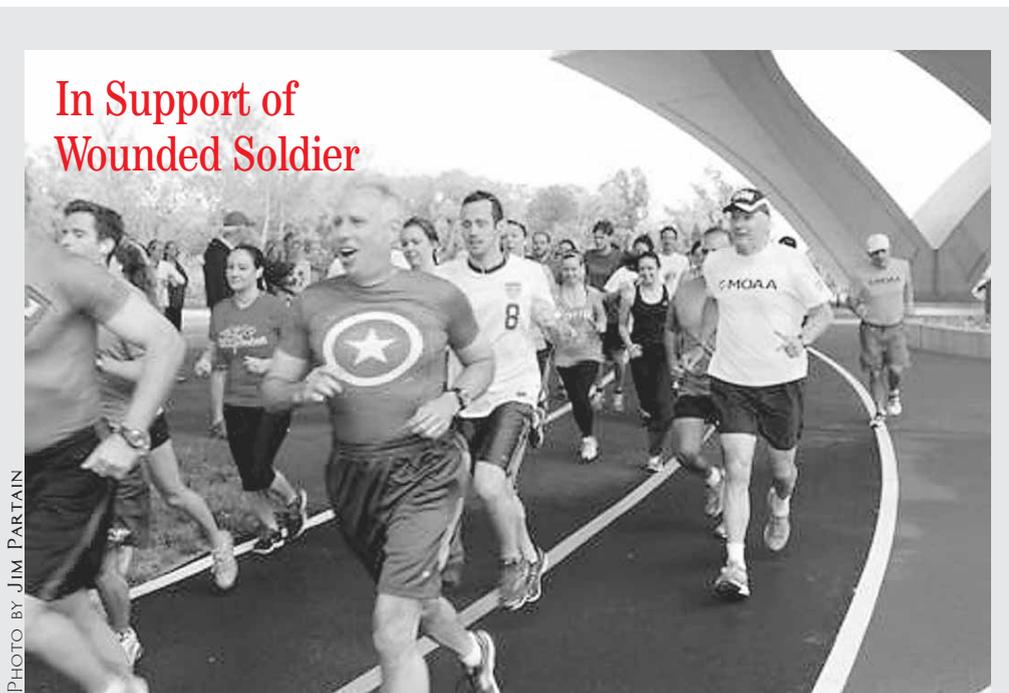


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In Support of Wounded Soldier

Runners start off at the Military Officers Association of America Wounded Warrior 5K Walk/Run on May 11 to raise funds to assist U.S. Army Reserve SPC Jay Briseno and his family. Briseno was wounded while serving in Iraq, suffering full paralysis and blindness. His injuries are so severe they require his family to provide full time care. Azalea Charities, Helping a Hero and the Quality of Life Foundation have joined forces to help provide a specialized home for Briseno and his family, but funds are required to purchase and install the equipment needed to improve his quality of life.

LETTERS

Kindness On Bike Trail

To the Editor:

In this fast-paced world it is easy to become cynical and concerned with what has been dubbed as the "me" generation. However, this notion was dispelled one early morning, when a buddy and I went on a 25-mile bike ride on the W&OD, Custis and Mount Vernon Bike Trail. It was surprising how many young and older riders use the trail, many commuting to work.

Near Rosslyn, I unexpectedly had a flat tire. We were 9 miles out, without an air pump or an inner tube to fix the flat. We were left in a lurch as to what to do. Within 15 minutes, individually, three bikers (guys as well gals) stopped on the trail to offer help. Knowing how difficult it is to pump up a tire with a hand pump, one of the bikers returned home to get a larger pump. Within a short time we fixed the tire and were able to complete our bike ride.

We were grateful and it was reassuring that in this busy, pressure-driven environment total strangers — the next generation, were

willing to take time to get us back on the trail. It was a totally unexpected act of kindness — a wonderful way to start the day.

Dave Cavanaugh

Supportive Commissioners

To the Editor:

The Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center (NVJDC) is a 70-bed secure juvenile detention facility located in Alexandria serving Alexandria, Falls Church and Arlington. The Sheltercare Program is a 14-bed, juvenile residential program which is also under oversight of the commission.

As executive director since 2002, I would like to particularly acknowledge Dorathea Peters and Lillian Brooks, the two members appointed by Alexandria, to the Juvenile Detention Commission for Northern Virginia (JDCNV). They are volunteers receiving no stipend for their time on the five-member commission.

Budgets: After Ms. Peters and Ms. Brooks' arrival, they authorized me to locate a sustainable source of revenue for the NVJDC and Sheltercare. I contacted the

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—Margaret Mead



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A Vital Part of the Rich History of Alexandria

BY GWEN DAY-FULLER

After living in the Boston area for many years, I returned to Alexandria about six years ago. Having an opportunity to witness the tremendous growth of the city has been a phenomenal experience. I have walked down streets I frequented, as a child of color, with a sense of nostalgia that is sometimes overwhelming. I can still hear some of the old voices of my youth speaking as I pass homes that are so familiar and yet so foreign. I still remember some of the catchy rhymes my father said and sang as we walked on the Hill to visit relatives and friends. I can still feel my hand in my mother's hand as we walked along enjoying the sights of the route chosen for the evening. We so often walked from North Alfred or North Fayette to "The South side."

I look back upon my youth in Alexandria with pride and an understanding of the many gifts I received as a resident. Our first home was a two-bedroom apartment in the 300 block of North Alfred Street and it was in this insular neighborhood that I first learned what it meant to be a good neighbor and an understanding friend. As a child we had many of the vital conveniences we needed within walking distance. These con-

veniences included Ms. Blue's Drugstore, Ms. Bracey's Florist, Dr. Ladrey's Office, Dr. West's Office, Attorney Brown's Office, a grocery store, Meade Church, Ebenezer Church, Ms. Dorothea Campbell's home and beauty salon, the American Legion, a movie theater and I could walk to St. Joseph's to church and school. Dr. Durant, Dr. Taylor, Attorney Tucker and Third Baptist Church also played important roles. I also attended Girl Scouts at the Hopkins House with Ms. Ruth Wright and Ms. Francis Burke who mentored us and provided positive role models for African American girls in the community. For the longest time, though degraded by segregation, I thought this was all I needed to have a happy life and in some ways it was. This struggling community survived in spite of moratoriums, unfair laws, and financial red lining.

I guess you could say that I lived in what is known as the Parker Gray area when I grew up. We lived on Alfred Street until I was about 12 and then we built a new house on North Fayette St. I attended St. Joseph's School and St. Mary's Academy and continued to grow as the result of each experience. My parents, the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the Josephite Priests taught me about God and provided a strong foundation. They insisted upon hard work, the

development of character, acceptable behavior and an understanding of respect for my elders. All of this happened in the 16th census tract. As a young girl, I never thought of public housing in a derogatory sense because we knew and respected people who lived there. People who lived there then and now simply wanted a place they could afford to live and raise their families. Times have changed but this basic need for affordable and livable housing is still a basic need for all citizens.

I have not lived on Alfred St. or Fayette St. for many years but the experiences gained on both blocks will live within my heart wherever I go. You see, the Parker Gray area is not just a construct of the mind. It is as real and as vibrant in the minds of many as it was years ago. This is true for those who lived there then and for those who live there today. It is still home. It is home with all of its flaws, imperfect people in an imperfect world, and everything else we hear about it.

When I visit Alfred St., I am that little girl with the pigtails riding my first bike. When I visit Fayette St., I can still remember the tears that flowed from my mother's eyes when she opened the door of our new home. I can still see the friendly faces that told me that I and all the little children who came

through there were special. I can still hear the phone ringing telling my parents that I should not have been in someone's yard climbing their tree. I can feel the excitement I felt when I walked to Johnson Pool on opening day. These were the people who sheltered me from the cruel realities that were no further away than King Street. Parker Gray is not a construct of the mind. It is real!

It is with these experiences as a backdrop that my heart swells as we approach another anniversary of Brown v. The Board of Education. It seems that the Carver School/American Legion Post 124 building will be saved and remain an important part of the history of the Parker Gray area. Mr. William Cromley, with encouragement from certain constituents from the community, will be the catalyst for positive change in Alexandria. A landmark of significance for all Alexandrians will be preserved and continue to exemplify the important role African Americans were forced to play during turbulent times. The Carver School provided educational access and the American Legion Building served as a refuge for soldiers of color returning from World War II. When the building is complete, all Alexandrians will have a reason to celebrate.

Forum To Address Mental Health Issues for Youth

BY ROB KRUPICKA
DELEGATE (D-45)

We read about the tragic results of untreated mental illness everyday. The mass shootings at Newtown, Tucson, Aurora and Virginia Tech were all perpetuated by students or young people with reported mental health issues.

The effects of mental illness are not always so high profile — most people with mental illness are non-violent — but for the 1 in 17 Americans living with a serious mental illness the consequences are significant.

Our youth are particularly hard hit. Mental illness frequently strikes when people are young with 50 percent the cases of mental illness starting by the time an individual

is 14 and three quarters by the age of 24. The consequences can be devastating. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death for people ages 10-24. More than 90 percent of those who commit suicide have a diagnosable mental disorder.

The U.S. Surgeon General estimates that close to 10 percent of students will suffer from some form of mental illness that will impact their ability to function at home and in school. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, untreated mental illness can lead to unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarcerations and suicide. Approximately 50 percent of students with mental health issues drop out of school. Seventy percent of the youth in a juvenile detention facility have some form of mental illness. Unfortunately, despite the obvious need, nationally, less than 50 percent of youth with mental health issues receive treatment in a given year.

It doesn't have to be this way. Early intervention is an important step. Seventy to 90 percent of people with mental illness see significant improvement with treatment. With better information and services, we can make a difference. Few of us will go through life without being faced with the challenges and stigma of family or friends experiencing mental illness. Our natural response is often to hide these issues or hope they can be fixed through willpower or discipline. But if we truly want to reduce the crimes associated with mental illness, the family traumas and more, we have to

Details

Mental Health Forum on Children and Youth, Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Saturday, May 18
11:30 a.m. Meet and greet. Light snacks provided.
12-2 p.m. Forum and panel discussions
Childcare is available for ages 4 and up. For childcare reservations, call 703-746-3523 or email donielle.marshall@alexandriava.gov.

COMMENTARY face these issues out in the open.

Mental illness can be treated, but only if it is not ignored.

This month, I'm hosting a forum on youth mental health issues. Experts around the country, Del. Scott Surovell and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, will join us. In the last legislative session I worked to expand Mental Health First Aid and to increase awareness of mental health issues. At this forum, we'll talk about what is happening in legislation at the state and national level. We'll hear from our schools and Community Services Board. We'll talk about your priorities for future legislation and policy changes. There will also be time for questions and comments.

In addition to the terrible impacts on our friends and family, our country spends approximately \$100 billion each year as a result of untreated mental illness. Our community, our state and our country need to face these issues head-on. By sharing information and working together as a community we can help students and families tackle mental illness and go on to live happy, productive lives. I look forward to your help and input into this important work.



Upcoming Alumni Baseball Game

The T.C. Williams Baseball Boosters will host the Second Annual T.C. Williams Alumni Baseball Game on June 1 at 2 pm. The game, which will be preceded by a home run derby competition, will be played at historic Eugene Simpson Field located at 420 East Monroe Ave. in Alexandria. All former players from T.C. Williams, Hammond, G.W. and Parker Gray High Schools are invited to play in the game and reconnect with old friends. A buffet dinner complements of the T.C. Williams Baseball Boosters will be served at the field immediately following the game. The cost to players and spectators is \$20 and includes the postgame buffet and t-shirts for the players. For more information, or to register to play, reserve tickets to watch or to serve as a sponsor for this year's event contact Jeff Beck at jbeck55@msn.com.



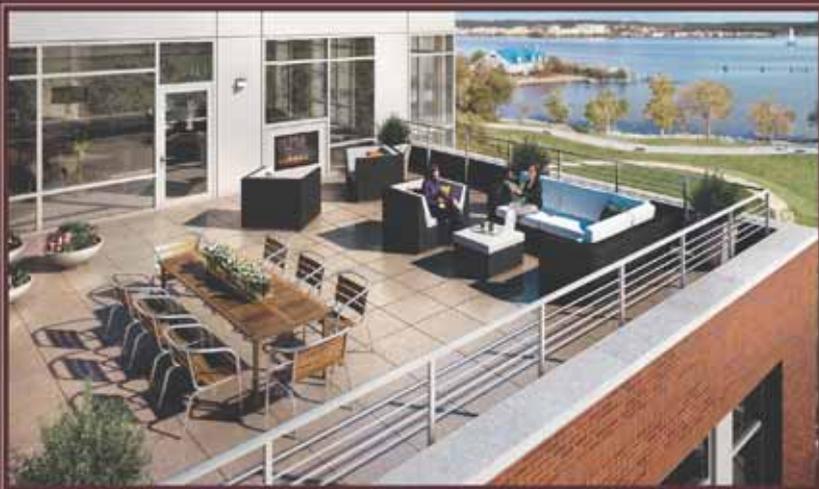
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 11

Office of Refugee Resettlement-Division of Children Services (ORR/DCS), a program that holds undocumented juveniles while in the States. Sheltercare was in danger of closing due to funding issues. With Chair Peters advocating in Alexandria to get additional funding and ORR/DCS revenue, Sheltercare is now operating in the black. We have been informed that we are one agency funded by Alexandria that is decreasing its financial request. This shows recognition of the importance of financial responsibilities in managing government services.

Shift Schedule: Ms. Peters and Ms. Brooks endorsed staff recommendations for a 12.5 hour work shift for our direct care employees, allowing them to work fewer days per month, more time with their family, reduced their commuting time and costs, and improved staff morale. We reduced overtime dramatically, which made a major impact in our funding requirements.

Salary Scale/Compensation Study: Ms. Peters and Ms. Brooks requested a compensation study and implemented our salary scale. Our Sheltercare employees were finally compensated to be in line with other facilities after not re-



PHOTO BY GERI BALDWIN

Out for a Walk Ducks take a walk along the waterfront on a cool, late afternoon.

ceiving a merit or cost of living increase in many years due to the funding shortfall from Alexandria.

Facility Culture: Ms. Peters and Ms. Brooks spent prolonged hours with me, my administrative team and all staff at the facility to learn and understand the needs necessary to support the practical changes to make the environment more productive and professional. The two commission members insisted on measures to improve the employee policy and procedure manual, personnel manual and clarified the grievance procedure.

The biggest change to the facility culture that these two commission members fostered was the values of openness, honesty, tolerance, fairness, trust and responsibility in social, moral and business matters and transparency and accountability in decision-making. Ms. Peters and Ms. Brooks demanded that we reinstate an em-

ployee representative for the facility so the staff would have a voice at the JDCNV monthly meetings.

Sheltercare: Ms. Peters and Ms. Brooks were strong advocates for keeping the educational program at Sheltercare and accomplished what neither Sheltercare director, Sue Lumpkin, nor I could do. Recently, they initiated and negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding that was approved by the Alexandria City Public School Board.

I would like to thank Chair Dorathea Peters and Lillian Brooks for their strong leadership and support through these changes in my recent years as executive director.

Krystal R. Kimrey,
Executive Director
Northern Virginia Juvenile
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7716 Ridgecrest \$850,000

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7120 Park Terrace Drive \$899,000

• Elevated Corner Lot on almost One Half Acre • First Offering of this Customized Floor Plan • Expansive, Open Kitchen w/adjacent Family Room • Glass Sunroom/Breakfast Room at Rear Elevation • Large Formal Living and Dining Rooms • Light-filled Recreation Room w/Raised Hearth Fireplace • Four Spacious Bedrooms - Three Full Baths • Brick & Block Construction - Full Masonry Fireplaces • Beautiful In-ground Pool - Manicured Grounds **Dir: GW Pkwy South, R on Tulane, L on Park Terrace Drive to 7120 on right.**



1206 Belle Vista Drive \$989,000

• Stately, All-Brick, Columned Colonial • Elevated and well-manicured lot w/ Fenced Rear • Spacious Center Hall Entry Foyer • Elegant Formal Living and Dining Rooms • Generous Family Room with Hearth Fireplace features Beamed Cathedral Ceiling • Remodeled, Eat-in Granite Kitchen • Expanded Master Suite with Large New Bath • Four Large Bedrooms • Hardwoods Throughout **Dir: GW Pkwy South, R on Morningside Ln, R on Park Terrace, L onto Belle Vista Drive**



7116 Burtonwood Drive \$889,000

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1914 Leo Lane \$595,000

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6154 Braleigh Lane \$499,000

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Cuddy Eyre of Maggie Jane's and Kelly Collis of City Shop Girl and 94.7 Fresh FM enjoy the Old Town Boutique District Spring Style media event April 29 at the Old Town Theater.

Some Like It Haute

Old Town Theater hosts Boutique District Spring Style event.



Lan Le, left, with a friend at the Pink & Brown Spring Style display at the Old Town Theater.

The Old Town Boutique District held a Spring Style party April 29 at the Old Town Theater to introduce media representatives from throughout the region to the retail offerings available in the historic district of Alexandria.

Among the participating Old Town Boutique District member stores were The Shoe Hive, Hysteria, Pink & Brown, Gossypia, Bishop Boutique, Coco Blanca, Lou Lou, Potomac Bead Company and Olio Tasting Room.

The evening included informal modeling, live music and Mexican cuisine provided by Bittersweet Café. See oldtownboutiquedistrict.com

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Whitney Stringer of Pamela's Punch with Tara Zimmick-Calico of the Torpedo Factory Art Center.



Kelly Ferenc of Bishop Boutique at the Old Town Boutique District Spring Style event.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Miracles Continue in Mattie's Memory

A day of fun in honor of a brave boy raises money to help other families in the fight.

BY AMBER HEALY
GAZETTE PACKET

When Vicki Sardi-Brown sees a butterfly, she knows her son is near.

Mattie, her 7-year-old son with husband Peter Brown, bravely faced an uphill battle with multifocal osteosarcoma, a rare and aggressive type of bone cancer, for 14 months, much of that time spent at Georgetown University Hospital. His rooms were filled with bins of craft supplies and toys, his walls were decorated in bright colors, his parents never left his side and his nurses quickly fell in love with the warm brown eyes and bright, wide grin.

While Mattie was still undergoing treatment, his parents, their friends and his Team Mattie supporters gathered for the first of what would become the Mattie Miracle Walk at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, in Alexandria, to show Mattie how much he was loved and thought of. The walk continues, with proceeds from registration and raffle tickets going to a variety of programs, including the funding of a snack cart at Georgetown hospital for other families enduring cancer treatment, the funding of a "child life" specialist for those same families, and a monthly luncheon for nurses in the hospital to share their stories in a comforting and supportive environment.

"Mattie was a character," Sardi-Brown said. "No matter how much education I had, he always threw me for a loop."

The photos she's posted on her blog, <http://mattiebear.blogspot.com>, which she started on the day of Mattie's diagnosis and continues to update daily, show a little boy

"It's her love for Mattie that propels her."

— Tricia Grusholt

who loved nature and was inquisitive from an early age.

WHILE HE WAS HOSPITALIZED, Mattie created a whole series of shapes and buildings out of cardboard boxes, collected for him by nurses and others at Georgetown, and loved playing with Legos every chance he could.

And he was loyal, Sardi-Brown said. "When he was in preschool, he had a close group of a few friends," much in the same way that people retain a handful of good friends as they grow up, she said. "In some ways, he was an old soul. He reacted to people in a mature way. Those kids still come to the walk."

Ann Henshaw, a friend of the Browns' since her daughter went to preschool with Mattie at St. Stephen's, has become one of the longtime volunteers and coordinators

of the walk and other events. Her husband is an orthopedic oncologist and was able to talk with the family about his diagnosis from an early stage, which provided the family with some comfort.

She immediately set up Mattie's Helpers and went about working to ensure that the Brown's house was taken care of while they were in the hospital, that the cat was fed and the plants watered, and that anything Mattie wanted was provided.

"He wanted to ride a bike, but he didn't know how," she recalled. Within a few hours, a bike and up to a dozen sets of training wheels were collected at her house. Another time, they rounded up Scooby-Doo videos, because he wanted to watch some cartoons.

"If you give a mom a tangible 'to-do,' they're there," she said.

Another time, they arranged for a visit from the Reptiles Alive! company, and Mattie took special delight in making sure Henshaw came in contact with creepy crawlies she despised.

Henshaw remembered the first walk as a bright, sunny day, and Mattie was very excited to be out of the hospital and surrounded by people who loved him. "He had a ball."

Lately, she's been collecting items for the dozen or so baskets to be raffled off during this year's walk, picking up odds and ends and going to stores with Sardi-Brown to find last minute things to make the baskets col-

orful and fun. Each item has a butterfly on the outside, which Sardi-Brown writes on her blog has become a symbol of her son's presence with her.

The Browns have decided to take the lessons they learned during Mattie's hospitalization to improve the stay for other families in similar situations.

With the money they've raised from the walk and other donations, the Browns have helped pay for an additional child life specialist at Georgetown.

"We help families cope with their hospitalization and help kids understand why they are in the hospital," said Linda Kim,

the child life coordinator and a certified child life specialist at Georgetown who has known the Brown family since Mattie got sick. "We teach kids and parents coping skills and use distraction during procedures

or other painful things. We also plan milestone celebrations and events for hospitalized kids and pretty much support anything fun for patients."

CHILDREN DON'T JUST NEED medical treatment when they're in the hospital, but their emotional, psychological and social needs have to be tended too as well, and it's an area that's under-appreciated in many cases, Sardi-Brown said. Prior to help from the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation,



Hundreds of people come out for the Mattie Miracle Walk, which helps raise money to support nurses and families at Georgetown University Hospital's pediatric oncology unit, in memory of Mattie Brown. This year's walk is Sunday, May 19.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BROWN FAMILY

Vicki Sardi-Brown, Mattie and Peter Brown in happier times, before Mattie's diagnosis with multifocal osteosarcoma in July 2008, shortly after his sixth birthday.



CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Diaper Drive. Through Saturday, May 18, local volunteers, in conjunction with Northern Virginia Family Service, announced Diaper Drive 2013: Help Keep a Baby Dry intended to raise 10,000 diapers to assist local needy families. Diaper Drop Locations include Occasionally Cake, 207 King St. Drop off at Occasionally Cake and enter to win a Mommy and Me cupcake decorating class. Visit www.occasionallycake.com.

Art Exhibit. See "Ode to Hundertwasser" at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. See works from local artists inspired by paintings by Austrian painter Hundertwasser. Through May 19. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit. Helen Dilley Barsalou has a show of 39 watercolor and collage paintings at Goodwin House, 4800 Fillmore Ave. It is open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. until May 21.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, May 26, Thursday, Friday and Sunday noon-4 p.m.; Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See works by Mary Margaret Pipkin. Free. Visit www.mmpipkin.com.

Walking Tour. Saturdays in May, 9 a.m., take a three-hour walking tour of Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Meets at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St., and ends at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$25/person; \$20/volunteers and friends group members of the four sites. Tickets at www.historicalalexandria.org or 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY/MAY 17

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. see "Artworks for Good" at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Music Performance. 8-10 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. Randy "Windtalker" Motz will perform, with proceeds from the performance benefiting Futures for Children. Visit stelmoscoffee.com.

Casino Night Fundraiser. 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Enjoy dancing, games and more. \$35/advance; \$40/door.

Adult Auditions. 5-8:30 p.m. at Washington Revels Office, 531 Dale Drive, Silver Spring. Audition for the Christmas Revels. Visit www.revelsdc.org/auditions-adults-2013.html for information on the process and application.

Bike To Work Day Pit Stop. From 6:30-8:30 a.m. stop by John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle Square, and enjoy breakfast items, beverages, prizes. Register and information at www.thecarlylecommunity.com and be eligible for prizes and t-shirts.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. or 11 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear The Nighthawks with Linwood Taylor. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Dance Recital. Enjoy a dance recital by Dana Tai Soon Burgess & Company at 7:30 p.m. at Pendleton Hall, Episcopal High School, 3900 W Braddock Road. Free. 703-933-4135.

MAY 17 THROUGH JUNE 1

Art Exhibit. "Artworks for Good" at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 17-18

Relay for Life. The T.C. Williams National Honor Society and Athletic Department are bringing to Alexandria the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Several teams of T.C. Williams students and staff members will participate in the fundraising event, which will take place from 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, to 7 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, at the George Washington Middle School Campus, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. The field will be covered in tents, sleeping bags and other camping supplies while at least one team member is on the track, walking, at all times. Registration costs \$10 per person. Visit http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=53233 and sign up as a team member or sponsor.

SATURDAY/MAY 18

Civil War 150th Concert. 7 p.m. featuring the Federal City Brass Band. Honor Armed Forces Day at an evening performance of songs from the Civil War era in the Fort Ward Park amphitheatre. The Federal City Brass Band recreates the sound and appearance of a regular U.S. Army regimental brass band of the 1860s. Visit <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar>.

Charity Day. Old Town Boutique District is holding its 3rd annual Old Town Boutique District's Boutiques Give Back Charity Day during retail store hours. Visit www.oldtownboutique-district.com for more.

Book Signing. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Olio Tasting Room, 1223 King St. Chef Jenn Crovato will sign copies of "Olive Oil, Sea Salt & Pepper."

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Concert. 8 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall. The finale of the 2012-2013 ASO season. \$5/youth; tickets start at \$10 for students and \$40 for adults. Visit alexsym.org.

Handmade Storybooks. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children can hear a story and then create a book to take home. Free. Call 703-746-1702 to register.

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

Scrapbooking Workshop. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn introductory techniques. Receive a journal and basic supplies. Call 703-746-1728 to register.

Tae Kwon Do Demonstration. 3:30 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. All ages can watch a demonstration and get questions answered. Free. 703-746-1704.

Signature Tea and Tour. 1 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Enjoy a tour of the church led by the Pohick Church Docent Guild and then a full English tea and history program. \$40/adult; \$25/child. Seating is limited, reservations due by May 10. 703-372-1296.

Adult Auditions. 9:30 a.m.-noon at Washington Revels Office, 531 Dale Drive, Silver Spring. Audition for the Christmas Revels. Visit www.revelsdc.org/auditions-adults-2013.html for information on the process and application.

Comedy Performance. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Andy Woodhull performs Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

SUNDAY/MAY 19

Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m. see artwork by Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Danny Conant at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Music. 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Focus Music presents Don White. \$18/general; \$15/advance. Buy tickets at www.focusmusic.org or 703-380-3151.

Dreamtime Puppet Show. 2 p.m. at Beatley

Library, 5005 Duke St. Enjoy a show with lots of audience interaction. All ages. Free. 703-746-1702.

Performance Art. 3:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Artist Tina McPherson will lead the group in making a performance art piece. Free. 703-746-1702.

Stories and Music in the Garden. 4-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Folk stories and songs in the walled garden. Food will be sold. Families with children are encouraged to bring a blanket. Proceeds will benefit the church's natural playground project.

Dance and Orchestra Performance. 6:30 p.m. at National Gallery of Art, East Building Atrium, Fourth Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Arlington's Bowen McCauley Dance company performs with Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Free. Hear a tribute to Stravinsky's "Le Sacre du Printemps." Visit www.bmdc.org/upcoming for more.

Alexandria Family Fun Day and 5K. 8 a.m. at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Enjoy a 5k race/walk, children's run and more. Register day of the race. Visit Alexandria5k.com for more.

Fly, Float or Watch. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Bring any RC planes, helicopters, cars, or boats and drive or fly them around. Activities for children, concessions, prizes and more. www.westpotomacengineeringstore.com.

MONDAY/MAY 20

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Don Williams performs, with special guest Ashley Monroe. \$55. Visit <http://ashleymonroe.com/>.

German Story Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to age 5 can enjoy stories. Free. 703-746-1705.

Little One-Ders. 10:30 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.

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Baby Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to 11 months can hear stories and more. Sign up half-hour before it begins. Free. 703-746-1705.

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.

Wise Light Lunch Hour. Noon at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Learn tips and tricks for getting off the sugar cravings. Free. 703-746-1705.

Animal Shelter Visit. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Grades K-5 can learn about animals, their habits, care and training. Animals usually come along for a visit. 703-746-1705.

Read, Sing & Play Baby. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Biography Book Club. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1743.

Poetry Group. 7 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Discuss poems and poetry in an informal setting. Free. 703-746-1705.

TUESDAY/MAY 21

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Peter Tork performs. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can

enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

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

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

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.

Craft Night. 7 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. All skill levels can bring their own supplies and get help with their knitting, crochet or sewing project, or just come for the conversation. Free. 703-746-1703.

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

School Lunch Bunch Concert. 12:15-1:15 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. St. Rita's, St. Francis of Assisi and Linton Hall bands will perform. Free. 703-746-5592.

Swing Dancing. 9-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. King Teddy will perform music. \$10. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 22

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Listen to a lecture by Chief Historian of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park John Hennessy. Free. Open seating, ADA accessible, 140 people maximum. Visit www.Alexandria

History.org or call 703-746-4994.

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1703.

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

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Ages 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

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.

Nature Program. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children in grades K-5 can learn about various artifacts and animals. Free. 703-746-1705.

Celebrate Sherlock Holmes. 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch the latest movie based on Sherlock Holmes' works. Free. 703-746-1704.

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.

PBS Documentary Screening. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch a screening of POV documentaries. Free. 703-746-1702.

Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. DJ Dabe Murphy will provide music. \$6. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

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Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501

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Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. 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.

Little One-Ders. 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.

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.

World Short Story Discussion. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road Free. Call for title. 703-746-1704.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road.

Children age 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Italian Inspiration. 7-9 p.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Enjoy Italian dessert while gaining new insights and inspirations for working with children. \$25/person or \$20 for those who attended other meetings. RSVP to kathryn@artatthecenter.org. Visit www.artatthecenter.org for more.

Bow Wow Luau. 5-8 p.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. The dog-friendly event will include a costume contest for dogs and their companions, drinks, door prizes and more. Proceeds benefit the Animal

Welfare League of Alexandria. Free, but leis will be sold. Visit www.alexandriaanimals.org.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear Jazz Visions. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

FRIDAY/MAY 24

Fundraiser. Thirteen-year-old Pasquale Procaccino is hosting a fundraiser at Royal Restaurant, 734 N. St. Asaph St., for the outreach program Game On, which helps improve tennis courts and tennis instruction for underprivileged peers. 703-548-1616.

Performance. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Kier performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

SATURDAY/MAY 25

Tour. 1 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 109 S. Alfred St. Learn about three major fires, the techniques used to fight them and the five volunteer companies of the early city. \$6/adult; \$4/youth ages 10-17. Reservations required, 703-746-4994.

Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Stop by the Del Ray Artisans yard sale. Profits support Del Ray Artisans. Free. For information on volunteering, contact Lesley at Volunteers@TheDelRayArtisans.org. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/YardSale.

Bill Jenkins' World of Music. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Hear music and then try out the instruments. All ages. Free. 703-746-1704.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley

Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Free Meditation Workshop. 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn breathing technique and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

Story Walk. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 6-12 can take a walk and then draw what you see. Free. 703-746-1702.

Music. 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Washington Korean Chromanharp Choir will perform. Free. All ages. 703-746-1702.

Performance. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Kier performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Virginia Grand Military Band. 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. "Salute to Memorial Day Concert," with works by Sousa, Shostakovich and Fillmore. Adults \$15. - band directors, students and children free. Visit www.vgmb.com, email manager@vgmb.com or call 703-426-4777.

MONDAY/MAY 27

Annual Jazz Festival. 1-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St. Hear music by the United States Navy Band, Al Williams, Daniel Ori, Emy Tseng and more. Free. 703-746-5592.

Remembrance. 11 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Rec Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Join citizens of Alexandria and the "Friends of Rocky Versace" as they remember Alexandria's fallen military heroes at the Capt. Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. Ceremony includes reading 67 names on the Memorial, a wreath-laying, sounding of "Taps" and singing "God Bless America."

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Mattie Miracle

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children were only visited for up to 15 minutes per day, but the foundation's help has allowed the hospital to hire a second specialist.

The specialist "specifically works with oncology patients and with patients who are being sedated for procedures like MRI, CT scans and many others," Kim said. "We wouldn't have been able to expand our services without their generous donation."

The Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation also has contributed to symposia, one in Washington, D.C. and another in California, working toward the creation of national standards of psychosocial care for pediatric cancer patients. "There are standards of care for biological and medical treatment, but no standard treatment for social and psychological support," Sardi-Brown said. Some members of Congress have signed on to support the creation of national standards, and the foundation continues to strive toward this goal.

Additionally, the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation funds — and stocks — a snack cart that makes the rounds in the hospital three times per week, filled with goodies including candy bars, bottles of drinks and other snacks for patients and their families. Last Halloween, the foundation collected and donated 1,000 pounds of candy to the cart.

The idea for the cart blossomed out of the routine supply of food provided to the Browns during Mattie's treatment, said Tricia Grusholt, a pediatric oncology nurse at Georgetown who was with the Browns from the time Mattie arrived at the hospital until his death.

Grusholt, a nurse for more than 20 years, has become close with the Browns and has attended every one of the Mattie Miracle walks, with her own children, who think of Mattie, and his parents, as family.

The Browns were with Mattie continually, and their family and friends quickly worked out a schedule to provide them with breakfast, lunch and dinner every single day, something Grusholt said she'd never seen before.

THE NURSES COULDN'T HELP but love Mattie while he was in for treatment, but it's hard for them to separate their hearts from their pa-



Some of the funds raised by the Mattie Miracle Walk go to support this snack cart, which provides free treats to patients and families in the pediatric oncology unit of Georgetown University Hospital.

tients. It's a line that the Brown family crossed early, she said. Sardi-Brown understood this, and the foundation now helps fund a lunch each month to provide nurses with a place to share stories, express their frustration or just get a shoulder to lean on during tough times.

Grusholt doesn't shy away from heaping praise and gratitude on the Brown family, repeatedly referring to Sardi-Brown as "amazing," "selfless" and "awesome," and to Peter Brown as "wonderful."

Mattie sometimes was able to go home for a week or so, but when he had to return, his dad happily brought a cart filled with bins overflowing with arts and craft supplies, Legos and decorations for his room, to make Mattie's stay as easy as possible, she said. Together, Mattie and his dad built "every Lego set out there," enjoying their shared love of building things, Grusholt said.

There's a tremendous respect and admiration for Sardi-Brown from her friends and those who know her through the foundation.

"She's an inspiration to me," Grusholt said. "The strength and courage she gave that little boy was incredible at a time when she was frightened out of her mind It's her love for Mattie that propels her."

"It means so much, because they simply don't have to do any of the wonderful things they are doing," added Kim. "They lost a child at Georgetown and it must be so painful to step into the building for a meeting or to bring a donation, but they do in so many ways. It's nice for families to know they are receiving a lot of support from parents who know what they are currently going through."



ASO Celebrates Stravinsky

BY KIM ALLEN KLUGE
MUSIC DIRECTOR, ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Classical composer Pierre Boulez anointed Igor Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* (1913) as the genuine "birth certificate" of modernism. Many scholars have commented on Stravinsky's uncanny ability to embody the new sound of his century — and of the modern era. Often these

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comments are restricted to his influence on classical music. However, a broader view reveals an influence into far-reaching genres that Stravinsky could never have imagined. Composers from a breathtakingly wide range of styles have stated their indebtedness to *The Rite of Spring* and its composer.

The heavy metal rock group Metallica cited Stravinsky, alongside the English rock band, Black Sabbath, as a major influence. Frank Zappa claimed that he had listened to *The Rite of Spring* "more than any human being alive". Many jazz artists, including Charlie Parker, have looked to Stravinsky for inspiration. Film composers such as Danny Elfman and John Williams often cite this master as their muse. In our own backyard, Washington, D.C., gave birth to the influential punk band, Rites of Spring.

On May 18 at the Schlesinger Concert Hall, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will celebrate the enduring legacy and influence of Igor Stravinsky's most iconic composition, *The Rite of Spring*. We will do so in the context of another masterpiece from the Russian repertoire, *Scheherazade*, which was composed by Stravinsky's teacher, Rimsky-Korsakov. These two companion pieces by teacher and student are inextricably linked as they both embody the Russian tradition that Rimsky-Korsakov passed down to Stravinsky. *Rite of Spring* and *Scheherazade* were both choreographed and performed within the same period by Serge Diaghilev's groundbreaking dance company the Ballets Russes, and they share a uniquely Russian epic style built from a series of dramatic tableaux. Both pieces employ a distinctive melodic and formal structure derived from the Russian penchant for mosaic construction and ornamental motifs, and both are characterized by bold and colorful orchestration.

However, as much as these two Russian masterpieces have in common, the impact that they had, and continue to have, on musicians and audiences could not be more different.

Scheherazade is backward-looking as it represents the end of an era — an embodiment of nineteenth century Romanticism and Old World elegance. By contrast, Stravinsky's music looks boldly forward — it stands on the cusp of a dynamic new century.



Ever since the riotous premiere of *The Rite of Spring* one hundred years ago, the musical elements it helped unleash have mesmerized the world. This global seduction lies in what musicians call "the beat" or "the groove" — an unrelenting, at times even savage pulse which becomes the driving force of the music — its true heartbeat. This intoxicating beat, combined with an unabashedly visceral kind of music-making — often with implicit if not explicit sexual overtones — is derived from the music of our tribal roots. These elements tap into a deeply profound and primal human need. Though they have always been present in isolated world traditions, this driving pulsation and unapologetically visceral music-making were never a part of mainstream urban culture before *The Rite of Spring*. Today, these elements have not only become mainstream, but their influence and omnipresence continue to increase at an exponential rate to a growing number of cultures throughout the world via the internet. It is as if the world's appetite for "the beat" and primal music-making is insatiable.

The Rite of Spring was indeed prescient. It heralded a new era that left little room for the aristocratic sensibilities and ultra-elegance of the nineteenth century that was about to be shattered by two successive world wars. One hundred years after its notorious world premiere, audiences still celebrate this music's power. While listening to and conducting this astonishing symphonic score, I find it a thrilling shock to the nervous system. It heightens my sense of being alive and awakens uncomprehending awe. If you are truly open to the extraordinarily unique qualities in *The Rite of Spring*, you can still be transformed by its elemental power.

Here's to another one hundred years. See you at the concert.

2014 Young Composers Competition Opens

The 2014 Kluge Young Composers Competition, a new competition for composers 18 years or younger, was announced in celebration of Maestro Kim Allen Kluge's 25th anniversary year with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.

Established through the joint efforts of the ASO and the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria, the competition provides an opportunity for young composers to develop their talents. The winning composition, selected by Maestro Kluge,

will premiere at an ASO performance. The 2014 Kluge Young Composers Competition is open to any composer 18 years or younger who resides in the state of Virginia. Compositions should be five to seven minutes long and use standard orchestra instrumentation and normal doublings. Submissions must be received by Dec. 20, 2013. In addition to having their piece performed by the ASO, the winner will receive a \$1,500 cash prize. Visit alexsym.org/kluge-young-composers-competition.

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The Family Court of Alexandria, VA requests the presence of Mrs. Heydi Mercedes Barrios Gomez on June 21, 2013 at 10:00 am to discuss custody of their daughter.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to members of the NY nonprofit, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc., that the 2013 ASCO Annual Business Meeting will be held on June 3, 2013, 12:00-1:00 PM (Central Standard Time) at the Hyatt McCormick Place, Regency Ballroom, 2233 South Martin L. King Drive, Chicago, IL 60611. Members with questions can call 571-483-1316.

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OBITUARY

MARY SHUMAN HINZ died peacefully of natural causes on Tuesday, May 7 at Aarondale Retirement Community in Springfield, Virginia, surrounded by her five children. She was 84 years old, and had suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for some time. A resident of Alexandria for most of her life, she was born at the old Alexandria Hospital on February 18, 1929 and attended Maury Elementary School. She was the daughter of Marshall Matthew Shuman and Goldie Hammer Shuman. Her devotion to her sister, Betty Lee Shuman, who died in 2001, was unwavering and lifelong. She spent her high school years in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania and was a 1946 graduate of Jenkintown High School. Although she also lived for brief periods in Wilmington, North Carolina; Harrisonburg, Virginia, Fairbanks, Alaska and Staten Island, New York and finally in Colonial Beach, Virginia and Springfield, she always considered Alexandria her home. On her return to Alexandria in 1946, she went to work for the Alexandria Water Company. She was married in 1953 to Peter J. Hagan of Mt. Rainier, Maryland, who died in 2011. They raised five children in Alexandria: Peter Hagan of New York City; Marshall Hagan, Patrick Hagan and Christopher Hagan, all of Alexandria; and Mary Bet Dobson of Arlington. During that time she volunteered for the Mount Vernon Guard, the life and drum corps of which her children were members, and the St. Mary's School Mother's Club. She returned to work after her children were all in school, and was employed by the City of Alexandria. Her marriage ended in divorce. She subsequently married Uwe K. Hinz and they retired to Colonial Beach. Mr. Hinz died in 2009. In addition to her children, she is survived by grandchildren Trevor Dobson of New York City; Kirsten Dobson of Washington; Casey, Caitlin and Ciara Hagan of Alexandria; Fiona and Eileen Hagan of Alexandria; and James Arthur-Hagan of New York City; by her daughters-in-law Robin Weisman and Bridget Hagan of Alexandria; by her sons-in-law Kenneth Arthur of New York City and Andrew Dobson of Arlington; and by her three step-children, Tony, Sally and Jane Hinz. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 16, at 12:00 noon at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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OPINION

It's All About Knowing the Options for Long-Term Care

BY JANET BARNETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

While it may be something we don't want to think about, we will probably be faced with making long-term care decisions. What happens if I get sick, and I can't remain in my home? How can I stay in my home, and receive care? How will I pay for all of this? Knowing what the options are, how to make preparations, and putting things into place in advance can help. Last Thursday, Senior Services of Alexandria's Speaker Series focused on this important topic.

Panelists at the SSA event covered a wide range of long-term care services and support available here in Alexandria, as well as state-wide resources. David DeBiasi, AARP's associate state director, framed the

issue and spoke about the cost of care in Virginia. The audience heard from local service provider Adult Companion Care about in-home support, and also learned about the various options available for assisted living, continuing care and nursing home facilities. Kathy McNulty from Capital Care of Alexandria talked about when palliative or hospice care may be the right choice.

The audience left the event with a wealth of information, ready to move forward in a positive way.

As one of the workshop panelists, Tom West from Signature Estate & Investment Advisors, so candidly stated, "In situations when you have to make life-altering decisions, you don't want to rely on your emotions for decision-making. Knowledge and advanced planning can help make informed

decisions about the future for you or your loved one."

Presentations from the workshop and links to additional information are available at www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Next month Senior Services of Alexandria will be hosting a special event on June 12 that will focus on "Protecting Against Identity Theft and Fraudulent Schemes." BB&T Bank will lead the conversation about how seniors can protect themselves against this growing problem.

In addition, panelists from all seven of the 2012/2013 speaker series events will be on hand to answer any questions and share information if you missed our earlier events.

This free event will be held at the Charles Beatley Central Library from 9:30 – noon, and a light breakfast will be served. To reg-

ister go to SSA's website or call 703- 836 4414, ext. 10.

SSA would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Speaker Series. An average of 100 seniors attended each session with topics ranging from volunteer and employment opportunities to health and fitness to dealing with memory issues.

Kathleen Burgess, a local attorney, looking for resources to help care for her mother, told us that, "You will probably never know how much good SSA is doing with the superb delivery of information."

It is so rewarding to our board of directors and staff that we are achieving our goal of providing the latest information on topics that are relevant to all Alexandria seniors.

For information on upcoming programs and services provided, call 703-836-4414, ext. 10.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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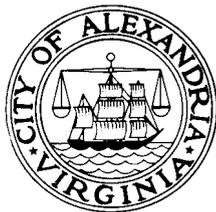
Preferential Treatment?

To the Editor:

As reported in the Alexandria

Gazette Packet (May 9) Mayor Euille and city officials expressed

Legal Notices



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-102 (LEVY AND RATE) of Article 1 (TAX ON SALE OF CIGARETTES) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance increases the City's cigarette tax rate from \$0.80 to \$1.00 per pack.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-11 (ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER ELECTION DISTRICT AND VOTING PLACE) by adding Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library as an additional absentee voting place for November elections.

The proposed ordinance adds the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library as an additional permanent absentee voting place for November elections. Currently, the City has only one permanent absentee voting place located at 132 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The current location serves as a permanent absentee voting place for all elections while the new location will as permanent absentee voting place for November elections only.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, by adding a new ARTICLE Z, Sections 2-4-210 through 211.

The proposed ordinance establishes a permanent Towing Advisory Board to advise the City with regard to the appropriate provisions of the towing ordinance and to have jurisdiction over towing companies and their owners and operators.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Article B (SEWAGE AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS), Chapter 6 (WATER & SEWER), of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the fee structure for connection to the sanitary sewer system and adds a credit for existing service.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute the attached 3-year license agreement to authorize The Waterfront LLC to utilize a portion of the City Marina Plaza right of way pursuant thereto and to take any other actions necessary to implement the agreement.

The proposed ordinance implements the concepts of using a portion of the City Marina Plaza right-of-way for outdoor dining that was recommended by the Planning Commission, May 7, 2013.

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major concerns about Norfolk Southern's proposed plan to increase their ethanol transloading and had not been notified about this proposed plan, our local elected officials quickly decided to vote on a resolution opposing Norfolk Southern's plan. Is this resolution really that important and necessary? There is no question from most Alexandria residents that Norfolk Southern's proposed plan to double their ethanol transloading might impact the environment for those residents who live nearby at Cameron Station and other residential properties. However, Norfolk Southern has been at this location for more than 20-plus years long before Cameron Station and other condos/schools were built in that neighborhood. Further, the Surface Transportation Act supercedes local law movement by rail and the city of Alexandria lost its lawsuit against Norfolk Southern about six years over the same issue.

The real question here is the principle that our elected officials have so quickly decided that they must vote on a resolution for one

NEIGHBORHOOD

Taylor Run

FRIENDS OF FORT WARD

Friends of Fort Ward will hold its annual meeting May 18 at the museum at 5:30 p.m.

Following the meeting there will be a reception and a concert by the Federal City Brass Band, playing music appropriate to the period and wearing their splendid uniforms which are also of the period.

TAYLOR RUN ELECTIONS

Taylor Run Civic Association elected officers at the annual meeting as follows: President: Jesi Carlson, an attorney who has lived in the Taylor run neighborhood for

neighborhood in Alexandria, i.e. Cameron Station and overlook the other neighborhoods in the West End that now have to live with the BRAC-133 at the Mark Center. Where was the outrage from our elected officials when BRAC moved into the Mark Center? Why didn't our Democratic mayor and all Democratic members of the council 5-plus years ago who all supported the BRAC site selection not stand up for us? It is no secret that Alexandria is a Democratic town run by the Democratic machine, but politics should not become part of this issue. Granted City Manager Rashad Young lives at Cameron Station along with the chair of the Alexandria Democratic Committee and even though BRAC-133 is a federal government issue, our local elected officials should be concerned about those of us who have been impacted by BRAC.

What about the health, welfare and safety of our community should any type of attack happen at BRAC, which faces I-395 N/S. Thanks to Don Buch, chair of the Cameron Station Civic Association

five years; Vice President: Lisa Beyer Scanlon, Braxton Place; Vice President of Membership: Britt Egusa of Melrose St.; Secretary: Mercer Fannon of West View Terrace, and Treasurer: Jay Kennedy of West View Terrace.

Those elected to the Executive Committee were Randy Cole, John Chapman of the Alexandria City Council, Michael Cook, Ken Posey, Elizabeth Johnson, Brian Sutter, Dan Conway, Sara Gillespie, Pete Rotkiss, Lauren Trabert and Thomas O'Shea.

FIFTY SHADES OF MUSIC

The Altar Guild of Grace Episcopal Church put on a beautiful

who was a member of the BRAC-133 Advisory Committee who often raised the question about a possible terrorist attack and the impact it might have on our residential community.

I know many residents in the West End who live in and around the BRAC site are concerned that not one member of the council spoke out when BRAC-133 moved into the Mark Center. And yes, there were many citizens who live in the West End, myself included, who supported Cameron Station residents when Norfolk Southern had problems several years ago. But for Mayor Euille and council to vote on a resolution opposing Norfolk Southern's recent proposed plan to increase ethanol at their location sends the message to the rest of the citizens in the West End and perhaps other neighborhoods in Alexandria that they don't care about us, are not concerned about our environmental issues along with our health, welfare and safety and that we don't count.

Annabelle Fisher

tea with a beautiful program. The music was as follows: Karen Kress, soprano, performed a Charles Ives song with Kyle Babin on piano. Margaret Will played the organ. Sarah Berner played the piano and sang. Erica McFarquhar sang. Kyle Babin also played the organ. A motet by Thomas Morley was sung by Lisa Ballantoni, Halina Banas-Jones, Sarah Berner, Margaret Will and Erica McFarquhar. The program ended with a really original presentation of Tea for Two by Vincent Youmans, played by Halina Banas-Jones on the accordion and Mike Jones on the spoons. — LOIS KELSO HUNT

Rebuilding Together Day

Volunteers rebuild homes for those in need.

More than 700 local volunteers took part in National Rebuilding Together Day April 27 to provide critical repairs and upgrades for low-income homeowners in Alexandria.

Volunteer teams performed repairs to fences, windows, bathrooms, doors, patios and cabinets at no charge to the homeowners in need, including elderly, disabled and military veterans and families.

"Helping these homeowners remain in their homes is important to strengthening our community and preserving affordable housing," said Katharine Dixon, executive director of Rebuilding Together Alexandria.

From May 19-26, Rebuilding Together Alexandria will help rebuild a playground at a preschool and is seeking volunteers for various shifts. The build will last for one week, with three shifts per day (8 a.m.-noon, noon-4 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.). All skill levels are needed. For more information, call 703-836-1021 or visit www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



CBRE volunteers make roof repairs and clear out an Alexandria client's backyard as part of National Rebuilding Together Day April 27.



A Rebuilding Together volunteer cuts ceramic tile to make repairs in a homeowner's bathroom.



WSGR volunteers repair a fence gate to increase a homeowner's security.

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City's Office Vacancy Rate Spikes to Historic High

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has one of the highest rates in the region — 22 percent with 2.5 million square feet of vacant office space.

"It's a regional challenge that hits Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland," said Landrum. "Crystal City is probably one of the least healthiest office markets because of BRAC."

Within the city limits, the numbers are not distributed equally. Carlyle has a 9 percent office vacancy rate, for example, while Old Town has a 13 percent office vacancy rate. Former Mayor Kerry Donley said the

trend is not likely to abate anytime soon, especially with the looming threat of sequester hanging over the financial health of the city. Donley said that means city officials need to work hard to secure major new employers such as the National Science Foundation, which is currently considering three potential sites in Alexandria.

"The increasing office vacancy rate makes the pursuit of those kinds of opportunities that much more important," said Donley. "If you land a major presence like that, it typically leads to other entities wanting to be nearby."

SINCE 2007, Alexandria's office vacancy rate has been below the Northern Virginia average and the Washington metropolitan average. Then, in 2011, that trend began to change. Alexandria's office vacancy rate shot above the regional average and the metropolitan average and has remained high ever since. Each new quarter brings yet another historic high as offices throughout the city remain vacant.

"I'd like to think that the glass is half full," said Long. "Having additional space available gives us the ability to make deals and offer discounts."

For city leaders, the challenge of vacant office space may also be an opportunity — if they can track down potential tenants who are willing to move their businesses to the city.

"The city has become tremendously more business friendly in the last five years," said Val Hawkins, president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. "The approval process and the permitting process has improved immensely, and we continue to get great comments from brokers and tenants about Alexandria compared to other jurisdictions."

Questions Linger on Size of Jefferson-Houston School

FROM PAGE 3
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. 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 themselves. And it's unclear when — or if — the school would be returned to Alexandria City Public Schools.

"A lot of us were very much against the bill because of a lack of clarity over when and how the school would be returned to local control," said state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30). "The Virginia Constitution says local school board will run the local educational system, but that's not what's happening here."

During the time that Jefferson-Houston

is under the dominion of the Educational Opportunity Initiative, it will no longer be a part of Alexandria City Public Schools. That means that the per-pupil allocation for the school will be sent to Richmond, where the new statewide school division will determine how the money is spent. For Alexandria, that poses an expensive problem — when the new \$45 million facility opens its doors, it may not be under the control of city leaders. And it's unclear when the keys would be handed over.

"I would say that Thomas Jefferson himself would be opposed to that," said Alexandria School Board Chairwoman Karen Graf in February. "That's bold, but he wrote a lot about education and he felt that place where education should be decided was at the local level."

JEFFERSON-HOUSTON is the first Alexandria school that serves grades Kinder-

garten through the eighth grade — a model that the superintendent wants to replicate at Cora Kelly Elementary School and Patrick Henry Elementary School as well as implement at a new school at a location yet to be determined. But some School Board members are beginning to question that course. Even though the groundbreaking for

Jefferson-Houston is about to take place, doubts are mounting that putting middle school students in the same building as Kindergarteners is the best course of action.

"Let me see some data," said School Board member Pat Hennig. "I have yet to see any study or report that says this leads to increased achievement."

PEOPLE NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos welcome.

Steve Strobridge, deputy director of government relations for the Military Officers Association of America was named one of the 100 most influential people in U.S. Defense in Defense News and Military Times' inaugural list of influential players from the worlds of politics, the military, business, government and academia. Strobridge, of Alexandria, was cited for his work in helping to shape legislation af-

fecting issues of importance for military personnel and their families.

Christine M. Candio, RN, FACHE, CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital, and senior vice president, Inova Health System, has been nominated as the 2013-2014 Chairwoman-Elect of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives. Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Candio has served as CEO of Inova Alexandria Hospital since February 2008.

Ireton Softball Beats SSSA in State Quarterfinals

Cardinals pitcher Rhodes earns victory against Saints.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes senior standout Alexis Sargent waited on deck for an opportunity to extend her high school career. With one on and two out in the top of the seventh inning, Bishop Ireton pitcher Susan Rhodes made sure the Saints slugger wouldn't get that chance.

Rhodes retired the Saints' No. 9 hitter via game-ending groundout and the Bishop Ireton Cardinals defeated St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 2-1 on Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the VISAA state softball tournament at Luckett Field.

Ireton scored two runs in the first inning and Rhodes made them hold up. The junior left-hander tossed a complete game, allowing one earned run and five hits while walking two and striking out four. Rhodes allowed just two hits during the final five innings.

"She got stronger as they went on and that's typically what she does," Ireton head coach Terri Pearson said. "She gets stronger [in] the sixth and seventh inning."

Pearson said the plan was to pitch carefully to Sargent, the Saints' primary offensive threat, by keeping the ball down. After walking Sargent in the first and third in-



Bishop Ireton pitcher Susan Rhodes earned the victory against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes on Tuesday during the VISAA state softball quarterfinals.

nings, Rhodes struck her out in the fifth.

Rhodes played second base her first two years on the varsity before moving to pitcher this season.

"It's a lot of pressure, it's a lot of leadership, too," she said. "I have to lead everyone on the field. I've gotten used to it because it's the end of the season now, but it's a big role."



St. Stephen's & St. Agnes standout Alexis Sargent played her final game for the Saints on Tuesday.

St. Stephen's had runners on second and third with one out in the top of the first, but Rhodes got out of the jam with a 1-3-2 double play. Ireton countered with two runs in the bottom of the first. The first run scored on an illegal pitch by Sargent and the second scored on a groundout by Clara Boggs.

The Saints' run came in the third inning,

when Sargent scored on a groundout by Addison DeLancey. Sargent, who was thrown out at home in the first inning during the 1-3-2 double play, scored with a head-first dive in the third.

"My foot-in didn't work the last time, so I told myself if I get this opportunity again, I'm going to do a slide-by and I'm going head first and I'm going to make it in there," Sargent said. "You know what? I made it in there."

Sargent's prep career came to a close with the loss. Along with being a feared hitter, Sargent amassed more than 1,000 strikeouts during her four years as a varsity pitcher. She will play for the University of Pennsylvania.

Ireton will travel to Petersburg to face perennial power Bishop O'Connell in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 16. O'Connell is led by University of Missouri-bound pitcher Tori Finucane and University of North Carolina-bound catcher Jillian Ferraro.

What does Pearson tell her players when it comes to facing O'Connell?

"[I] tell them to try to get the bat on the ball," she said, "because that girl is going to be pitching for Missouri next year so it would be really nice to watch her on TV next year knowing you got a hit off her."

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes ends the season with an 11-6 record.

"Every single one of our losses was by one run," Saints head coach Stephanie Koroma said.

"Those are tough. Knowing that [our] 11-6 final record could end up being 17-0 or anywhere in between there is tough."

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T.C. Williams Crew Continues Medal Haul

Two state titles for Titans at Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships.

The T.C. Williams crew team continued its medal haul this past Saturday at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships, a competition that featured 45 schools from across the Commonwealth and saw Titan rowers win two state championships, one silver medal, and one bronze medal on the day.

Leading the way for T.C. Williams was the boys' lightweight 8, who captured the state championship in 2012 and successfully defended their title this past weekend by winning their race with a time of 5:02.10, which was just over three seconds faster than the runner-up boat from Woodbridge.

Members of the lightweight 8 include coxswain Brian Comey and rowers Daniel Hinker, Calvin Heimberg, George Waskowicz, Toavina Ratolojanahary, Angelo Leitner-Wise, Alexander Psaltis-Ivanis, Perry Conner and Cesar Artega. The lights are



The T.C. Williams Girls Junior 4 (from left): Julet Roque-Rivero, Maria Betances-Koegle, Brianna Zuckerman, Taylor Sanders and Alexis Judd. The Junior 4 is guided by Coach Matt Given, shown at right.

guided by T.C. crew boys' head coach Pete Stramese, who has now won three state championships in the seven years he has served as boys' head coach at T.C.

Also capturing a state championship this past weekend was the T.C. Williams girls' junior 4. The junior 4 finished in second place in their heat, which was raced in warm and humid conditions just after noon. Just over two hours later, they were back on the water to compete in the final, which, in one of the hardest fought races of the day, saw the Titan girls' gut it out and cross



The T.C. Williams boys' lightweight 8 hoist the Brothers Cup after winning the state championship.

the finish line just over one second faster than Episcopal and three seconds faster than Norfolk Academy.

Members of the T.C. Williams girls' junior 4 include coxswain Brianna Zuckerman and rowers Maria Betances-Koegle, Taylor Sanders, Alexis Judd, and Julet Roque-Rivero. The junior 4 is guided by coach Matt Given.

In addition to the two state championships T.C. Williams won this past Saturday, the Titans also brought home a silver and a bronze medal, as well. The silver medal was won by the boys' junior 8, who finished in their final with a time of 4:56.56, just over four seconds behind the time set by the

winning boat from Woodson, and 10 seconds faster than the third-place boat from Thomas Jefferson. Members of the T.C. Williams boys' junior 8 include coxswain Spenser Gilliland and rowers Ben Blakeslee, Sam Zickar, Greg Montenegro, Carter Weitekamp, Nate Conrad, Connor Quatannens, Rodrigo Robles and Tyler Souza. The junior 8 is guided by Stramese.

The bronze medal was captured by the T.C. Williams boys' varsity four, who took third place in their race with a time of 5:23.89. Members of the varsity four include coxswain Mark Comey and rowers Chris Porter, Ethan Vannatta, Noah Stewart and Madison Weitekamp. The T.C. boys' varsity 4 is guided by assistant coach Peter Hearing.

In one other extremely close race that featured some of the top boats in the country and was decided by a razor thin margin, the T.C. Williams girls' first 8 — who won their morning heat with a time of 5:23.30 — missed winning the bronze by just .02 seconds in the final, which was won by defending national champion Madison.

For the complete schedule, visit www.tcwcrew.org or www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters.

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Teaching Healing Through Altruism Marymount students learn counseling technique by helping U.S. troops.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

A group of counseling students got to experience a therapeutic technique while also helping service men and women serving in Afghanistan.

Graduate students in the Pastoral Counseling program at Marymount University in Arlington assembled care packages for U.S. troops as part of a community service requirement. One of the project's goals was to teach the future therapists how altruism can have long-term mental health benefits.

"The research has shown that if a person goes outside of themselves to help others it can be a therapeutic experience, especially for those who have depression or other mental health challenges," said Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Counseling and founder of the Pastoral Counseling program. "We want students to experience what a client would experience."

Students are required to perform 30 hours of community service as part of their program. The class of 11 students formulated, planned and implemented the task. "I think everyone thought of the assignment as not just a project we had to complete, but a chance to actually, in some small way, let men and women in the military know that people here at home do appreciate their service and sacrifice," said Annandale resident Nina Angeles.

The students collected an array of items like games, magazines, books and DVDs. They gathered nearly enough items to fill their classroom and exceeded their



Marymount University counseling students Maya Georgieva, of Alexandria, and Sandi Boyles, of Centreville, pack a box for female soldiers.

professor's expectations. "I was expecting five or six boxes, but it became more than what the entire university could have put together," said Jackson-Cherry. "We had almost a roomful of supplies. The students solicited from their churches and from family members across the country."

Pastoral counseling students learn to incorporate spirituality into their work with clients.

They wrote personal letters to the troops and included information on stress relief practices like meditation and breathing exercises. "We could not help but feel for the brave men and women who ... face stress-

ful and sometimes traumatic situations away from home," said doctoral student Maya Georgieva of Alexandria. "... It was essential that we send notes of encouragement and support."

Jackson-Cherry said the most powerful learning experience came when she delivered the boxes to a VFW Post in Maryland: the feeling that comes from seeing the impact benevolence has on others.

"The place was packed for lunch, and I was planning to slip in the back door and drop off the boxes," she said. "There were veterans there from World War II and Vietnam ... they became teary-eyed as they



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Marymount University counseling student Peggy Maslanka writes a letter to U.S. troops as part of a community service project.

were telling me stories of how the acts of strangers had impacted them when they were serving overseas. It was quite touching. I wish the students could have been there to see how their acts of kindness touched so many more people than they would have thought of."

The students did get an opportunity to experience gratitude first-hand, however, when the military unit that received their supplies wrote a thank you note to the class. "The unit was overwhelmed by the generosity and the kindness of strangers, especially because they were away from their families," said Jackson-Cherry.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Francis C. Hammond 1 Middle School Principal **Benjamin G. Costa** announced his resignation to pursue other career goals. Former Alexandria City School Board Member and ACPS Principal **Blanche Maness** will become the acting principal at Hammond 1, effective immediately.

The **Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy Animal Crusaders** raised \$1,000 for the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter through a raffle and two bake/book sales held over the Presidents' Day weekend and George Washington's Birthday Parade. The money will help the humans at the shelter make life better for the animals who are waiting for their forever homes.

The following residents earned dean's list honors at Saint Joseph's University: **Heather J Olson** is majoring in elementary/special education; **Hannah C Lynn** is majoring in marketing; and **Margaret R Cover** is majoring in undeclared humanities.

T.C. Williams High School E-flat clarinet player **Alex Wolz** made the All-Virginia Concert Band. He will represent the school at the All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Event in Harrisonburg, April 4-6. **Garrett**

Youmans qualified as the alternate for the All-Virginia Concert Band.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Sarah H. Phippen** is a freshman majoring in economics, business in the Pamplin College of Business. **Colin B. Stamper** is a freshman majoring in university studies. **Rachel A. Gartlan** is a senior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Anna R. Cala** is a senior majoring in food science and technology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Samuel J. Ferrara** is a sophomore majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering. **Andrew K. Kicinski** is a junior majoring in mathematics in the College of Science. **Carmen C. Lodato** is a sophomore majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Whui Su Shim** is a junior majoring in materials science and engineering in the College of Engineering. **Sarah E. Tianti** is a senior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Renee C. Von Guggenberg** is a junior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science. **Shauna M. Erickson** is a sophomore majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business. **John D. McAlister** is a freshman majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Amy S. Ackerman** is a freshman majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Eileen Cheng** is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering. **Kelley A. Cumpston** is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business. **Catherine A. Doulis** is a freshman majoring in university studies. **Olivia N. Foroughi** is a sophomore majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Conor P. Goree** is a senior majoring in chemical engineering in the College of Engineering. **Marin A. Nolan** is a sophomore majoring in psychology in the College of Science. **Molly E. Vaughan** is a sophomore majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Elizabeth V. Schwartz** is a sophomore majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Brady S. Corum** is a freshman majoring in university studies. **Nicholas W. Galdos** is a freshman majoring in business in the Pamplin College of Business. **Edward B. Harmon** is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's

list for the fall 2012 semester: **Farhan M. Hasan** is a senior majoring in materials science and engineering in the College of Engineering. **Elliott T. Jernigan** is a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science. **Gonzalo S. Mallea** is a junior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business. **Kathleen A. O'Connor** is a senior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Michael C. Pourchot** is a freshman majoring in mathematics in the College of Science. **Zoe E. Riviere** is a freshman majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Teresa-Camthao D. Dang** is a junior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Sarajin Ali** is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering. **Alexander W. Cheng** is a junior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Kevin H. Corcoran** is a sophomore majoring in materials science and engineering in the College of Engineering. **Sarah E. Curzon** is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science. **Kathleen H. Driscoll** is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Anna M.**

Gehring is a sophomore majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Gabrielle N. Gonzalez** is a freshman majoring in environmental policy and planning in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Mark C. Micklem** is a freshman majoring in business in the Pamplin College of Business. **Ian S. Phillips** is a junior majoring in geography in the College of Natural Resources and Environment. **Alexander H. Simon** is a senior majoring in biological systems engineering in the College of Engineering. **Joseph F. Taylor** is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering. **Annmarie J. Wood** is a freshman majoring in interior design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Elizabeth A. Bahret** is a freshman majoring in psychology in the College of Science. **Lindsey M. Baumann** is a junior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Julianne D. Bigler** is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science. **Molly A. Bowdring** is a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science. **Reed H. Bryant** is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

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Samantha L. Cooper is a senior majoring in food science and technology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Christina L. Devine** is a senior majoring in engineering science and mechanics in the College of Engineering. **Kelsey M. Dressing** is a senior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Arthur H. Genuario** is a senior majoring in building construction in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Alexander C. Gheesling** is a junior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human

Sciences. **Philip A. Helm** is a junior majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering. **Casey P. Jenkins** is a junior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Dylan M. Keightley** is a freshman majoring in university studies. **Saskia R. Kroesen** is a sophomore majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Douglas P. Magill** is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science. **Corinne C. Mayer** is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science. **Kelly D. McFarland** is a junior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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Family Fun Day and 5K returns Sunday.

BY SANDRA MARTINEZ
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Join Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille for the 2nd Annual Family Fun Day and 5K on Sunday, May 19. Events include a timed 5K race with age group awards, a 1-mile kids' course, a Tot Trot for those under 5 (100 yards), and a 5K walk. Cash prizes for top three male/female (\$100, \$75, \$50) 5K finishers will be awarded.

There will also be ribbons for children, random prizes, food, vendors and activities. All participants will get free, hot-off-the-griddle pancakes after the run. Adult registrants will get a gender-specific T-shirt and children will receive shoelaces. Schedule:

- ❖ 7:45 a.m.: 100-yard Tot Trot (age 5 and under)
- ❖ 8 a.m.: 5K timed Race
- ❖ 8:45 a.m.: 5K Walk
- ❖ 8:45 a.m.: 1-Mile Kids' Course (with activities)

Online registration closed on May 15, but those interested can still register at Pacer's Running Store located at 1301 King St. in Alexandria from 4-8 p.m. Friday, May 17, and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

The community race is a collaboration between the Rotary Club of Alexandria and Brooke Curran of RunningBrooke, www.runningbrooke.com. This event is a fundraiser with all proceeds benefitting



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Last year's Family Fun Day and 5K.

programs that help at-risk kids lead better lives.

"Forty-four percent of Alexandria's kids are overweight so we are focusing on programs that help kids get out and moving," said Brooke.

"We want people to come out, get a work out in and realize they are doing it for a good cause," Curran added.

Last year, RunningBrooke wrote checks totaling \$75,000 to five Alexandria charities. This year, the organization is poised to give back more than \$100,000 from monies raised through various fundraisers and marathons in 2013. The Rotary Club of Alexandria has focused its interest on the welfare of the children of Alexandria.

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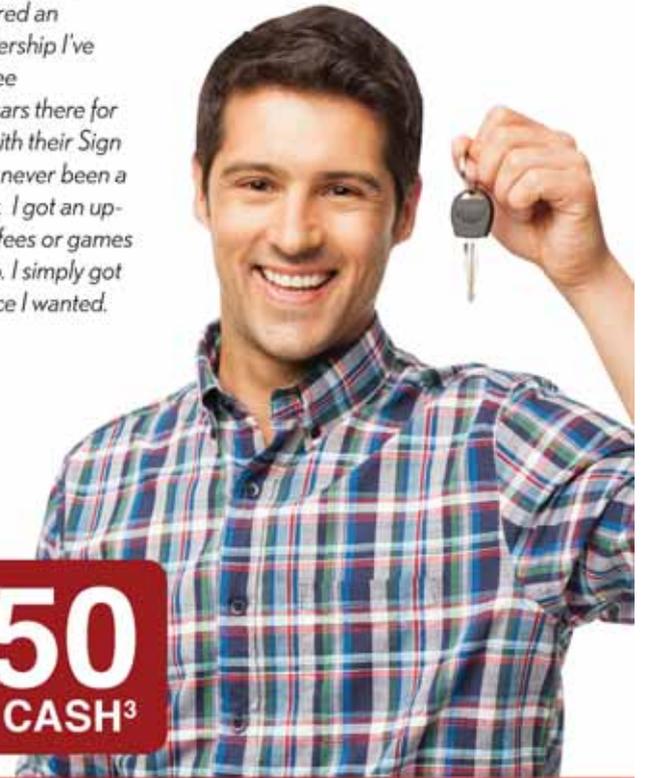
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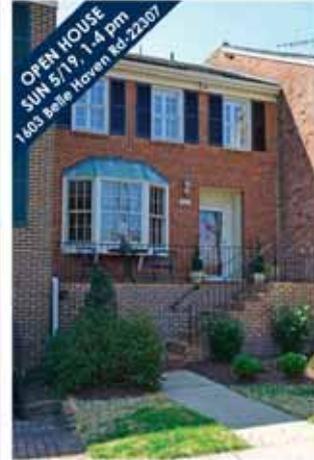
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