



Star Siblings

Jefferson-Houston students earn AFD certificate of appreciation.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Firefighters from Stations 208 and 209 paid a visit to Jefferson-Houston Elementary School June 12 to present a certificate of appreciation to a brother and sister for their composed handling of a 911 emergency call during a life-threatening situation.

Javonne Sydnor, 7, and Jordan Sydnor, 6, were home with

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PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Javonne Sydnor, 7, receives a certificate of appreciation from firefighter Nathan Krause during a class presentation at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School June 12. Javonne called 911 and helped AFD first responders treat his mother following a seizure.

Moot Court Virginia Supreme Court takes up the waterfront plan.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Opponents of the waterfront plan finally got their day in court last week — the Virginia Supreme Court. At issue was the way city officials rejected a protest petition in January 2012 that would have required opponents of the redevelopment proposal, which more than doubled density at three sites compared to what's there now. Opponents of the plan fully expected city officials to reject the proposal, but leaders at City Hall remained silent in the days leading up to the final public hearing. On Friday, they tried to appeal Planning Director Faroll Hamer's rejection of the protest petition.

There was only one problem. She hadn't made the determination. Yet.

Attorney Roy Shannon was at City Hall on the Fri-

day before the public hearing, eager to file the appeal of the rejection opponents feared was forthcoming. But city officials were not yet ready to make that determination. At least, not yet. Court documents show that a draft rejection was circulated at City Hall as early as Thursday. But Friday came and went without a determination. It wasn't until Saturday morning during the public hearing that city officials announced they were rejecting the protest petition because the City Council's vote was for a text amendment rather than a map amendment.

By that time, it was too late for opponents to file an appeal of the determination. That would have thrown a wrench into the plans of supporters because it would have created a delay for the waterfront

plan while the Board of Zoning Appeals considered the protest petition. But leaders at City Hall were not willing to accept an appeal. Apparently, city offi-

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“The real question before the court is: Can city officials make determinations outside business hours but demand that appeals be made during business hours, canceling the right to appeal?”

— Mike Thompkins, attorney for the Iron Ladies

Establishment Wins Democratic Primary

State senators beat out first-time candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Two first-time candidates had a hard time beating back the establishment this week, as two state senators won the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor and attorney general Tuesday night. State Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6) of Norfolk will be the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor to go against Republican candidate E.W. Jackson. And state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) of Loudoun County will be the Democratic candidate for attorney general against Republican state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26).

“The fact that they were already elected state officials in a low-turnout election gave them name recognition and gave them a base that served their interests,” said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). “If you had doubled the turnout, those assets would not have been as prominent.”

The turnout was very low, with only 140,000 voters participating. That gave an edge to the sitting state senators, both of whom had the backing of Senate Minority

Leader Dick Saslaw. Across Virginia, party insiders dominated the precincts. That made it difficult for the two first-time candidates to break through. Aneesh Chopra of Arlington, a former chief technology officer for President Barack Obama, was running for lieutenant governor. And Justin Fairfax of Fairfax County, a former federal prosecutor, was running for attorney general.

“We are going to have this monochromatic slate again and I'm really disgusted,” said Honorah Price, Democratic precinct captain of Park Lane in Arlington. “I don't really think it's so much a victory for the establishment as it is a victory for people who don't really understand what it takes to win in Virginia.”

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY offered a stark contrast to the Republican nominating contest, which was originally supposed to be decided in a statewide primary. Last year, Tea Party supporters of Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli seized control of the executive committee and changed the rules. Instead of selecting the state of candidates in an election,

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Election Returns

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor	Votes	Percent
Ralph Northam	76,463	54 percent
Aneesh Chopra	64,408	46 percent
Candidates for Attorney General	Votes	Percent
Mark Herring	71,037	52 percent
Justin Fairfax	66,547	48 percent



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Bike to the Future

Forget about registering handguns. If you want to make people in Alexandria mad, start talking about registering bicycles.

Such was the case earlier this year, when media outlets reported that the city government had a longstanding — but unenforced — requirement that all bicycle owners register their cycles at City Hall. The bike lobby came down hard on the city government, which began efforts to ditch the 1960s-era rules.

“The requirement in city code dates back to a much earlier time when bicycles were more rare,” said Deputy City Attorney **Chris Spera**. “They were more like cars than they are today. Having a bicycle was a big deal.”

This week, that effort finally came full circle as City Council members amended the bicycle ordinance. In addition to spiking the outdated registration requirement, council members also took action to make sure that the city code was in compliance with state law. City code said cyclists could not ride on sidewalks, but state law said the city could ban riding on sidewalk only if a sign was posted on each block. “This causes a problem for young or less confident cyclists on major arterials in the city, such as Duke Street or Beauregard Street,” wrote City Manager **Rashad Young** in a memo to council members.

The amendment adopted Tuesday night explains that bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, and that they shall give an audible signal before “overtaking and passing” a pedestrian. It also says cyclists on sidewalks will have “all the rights and duties” of a pedestrian, and that the new rules do not apply to police officers on bikes.

“We had a lack of conformity,” said City Councilman **Justin Wilson**. “So we had to straighten that out.”

Landing the Big Fish

City leaders in Alexandria have been trying to land the National Science Foundation for more than a year. Last week, the General Services Administration announced that it will be moving its headquarters to Alexandria in 2017. Part of the deal to land the big fish was a tax credit, which would offer the foundation a lower real estate tax rate. If approved by members of the Alexandria City Council, the discount would be a \$23 million value to the property owner over the initial 15-year lease.

“We’ve never done anything like this before,” said Alexandria Economic Development Partnership president **Val Hawkins**. “This was a special case, and it was done to help achieve a competitive rental rate.”

City planners project that the foundation will create more than 1,800 new jobs beyond its own workforce of 2,400 in addition to 800 temporary jobs to construct the new facility. City officials say the foundation will be a 4.5 percent increase in Alexandria’s overall workforce. “Having the NSF headquartered in Alexandria will strengthen our growing knowledge-based economy, and directly contribute to our professional workforce,” said Alexandria Mayor **Bill Euille**. “The NSF’s decision to locate its headquarters in Alexandria is a tremendous gain for our entire community.”

T.C. Teacher Resigns

A T.C. Williams High School teacher has resigned after the Alexandria Police Department launched an investigation into allegations that he had “inappropriate contact” with two students.

“Last Friday, two students reported rumors that one of our male teachers was having inappropriate relations with several of our female students,” wrote Principal **Suzanne Maxey** in a letter to parents this week. “I can assure you that the students involved and their parents have been contacted and we are providing them with appropriate support.”

The principal did not name the teacher, although she said he had resigned from his position. Superintendent **Morton Sherman** said that the school system is taking steps to protect and support students, including counseling services as needed.

“We want our families to know that the administration will not tolerate any misconduct or inappropriate behavior between staff and students and will do all possible to keep it out of our classrooms,” Sherman said. “Whenever there is any accusation of misconduct on the part of a teacher or any staff members, we fully cooperate with law enforcement authorities and encourage full investigation of the accusations.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



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Lines stretched across the parking lot as diners waited for a chance to sample all of the treats.

Evening Star Takes Top Honors

Competing at Taste of Del Ray.

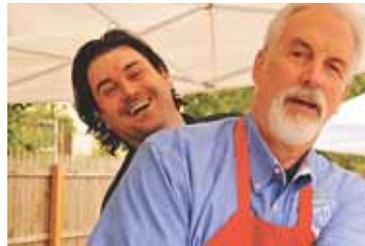
Chef Jim Jeffords of the Evening Star restaurant received top awards at the annual Taste of Del Ray on Sunday afternoon, June 9.

Jeffords’ creation was a tomato sorbet with orange zest and a basil and banyuls vinaigrette. The Happy Tart was runner-up with a chocolate crème puff with caramel and strawberry fraiser. Taqueria Poblano received the people’s choice award and third place for Baja Fish Taco.

Participants this year included: Artfully Chocolate, Del Ray Café, Swing Coffee, Cheestique, Del Ray Cakery, Del Ray Pizzeria, Evening Star, Pork Barrel BBQ, The Happy Tart, Rosemarino d’Italia and Tagueria Poblano. Alexandria Kiwanis also joined in the festivities with ice cold bottles of water.



Evening Star Chef Jim Jefford and Khongor Usukhbayer prepare dishes of tomato sorbet with orange zest and a basil and banyuls vinaigrette.



Bill Blackburn and Mike Anderson of Pork Barrel BBQ whip up chocolate milkshakes.



Taqueria Poblano chef Jeff Wallingford presents his 2013 People’s Choice Award creation, the Baja Fish Taco.



Rowen and Emma Cech of the Happy Tart.



Eric Nelson and Edward Hart offered scoops of Giffords Ice Cream with a variety of topping from Artfully Chocolate.



Aimmie Lagundino and Danielle Neal Turner help Rebecca Underly serving cake pops from the Del Ray Cakery.



Margaret and Sandrine Janowsky and Chef Tonello Sylvania of Del Ray Café.

Alexandria Country Day School Congratulates the Class of 2013!



Back Row L-R: Doug Baskin, Brendan Loveng, Nate Heyder, Oliver Shackley, Andrew Webb, Noah Friedman, Wesley Warder, Aktan Turdukulov

Middle Row L-R: Grace Farran, Erin Fleming, Margaret O'Connor, Sarah Wetherly, Caroline Lowder, Karson Lyon, Kerstin Shimkin

Front Row L-R: Temple Palacio, Claire Shea, Allie Wood, Abby Miller, Abby Stephenson, Caitlin Shea, Lauren Ashkenazi, Josey Dunbar, Ikea Grigsby

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

POLL

Participate in ACTION Alexandria's **Civic Engagement Principles online poll** to review the principles and answer a few short questions. To take the online poll, visit <http://actionalexandria.org/alexandrias-principles-civic-engagement>. For more information on "What's Next Alexandria," the City's Civic Engagement initiative, visit www.alexandriava.gov/whatsnext, contact Carrie Beach at 703-746-4666, or e-mail whatsnext@alexandriava.gov.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

Deadline. The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission is seeking nominations for the 2013 CIVIC Awards. Individuals can nominate an Alexandria resident, group, club, organization, or corporate neighbor. Nominees should be volunteers who have contributed their time, talent, or resources in an exemplary fashion and who reside or are located in the City. The volunteer contribution can involve activities such as removing invasive plants, coaching youth, or providing program support at City nature and recreation centers. Youth nominations are encouraged. A nomination package is available at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation or 703-746-4343.

Discussion. 7-8:45 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 905 Wythe St. Giordana De Altin Popiolek, a clinical psychologist with the Department of Community and

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2013 Contest Winners Announced

Thank you to all the students, teachers and partners who participated this year! Hundreds of area students in grades 6-8 competed to develop solutions to watershed issues. Classroom teams presented their proposals at the School Environmental Action Showcase on

April 24 at George Mason University in Fairfax. This program empowers students to imagine, develop and create solutions in their local watersheds, as they develop research, problemsolving, budgeting, community- involvement and presentation skills.

Nearly \$12,000 was awarded in cash prizes and school awards. Agrium is also providing \$10,000 to help implement student ideas.

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



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



Lanier Middle School students won top honors for their project to prevent erosion on the school grounds.

Alexandria/Arlington/Fairfax Finalists, Grades 6-8

Final Place	Award	Proposal Name	School
1	\$1,000	Loosening Erosion's Grip	Lanier Middle School
2	\$900	Frankenfish	H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program
3	\$800	Rain Gardens	Centreville Elementary School
4	\$700	Bean There Grown That	George Washington Middle School 2
5	\$600	Scare-Beasts Scare Geese	Kenmore Middle School
6	\$500	Rain Check	George Washington Middle School 2
7	\$450	Hill the Lights	George Washington Middle School 2
8	\$400	More White Oaks for a Greener Community	Kenmore Middle School
9	\$350	Rooftop Garden	Kenmore Middle School
10	\$300	Lincolnia Community Garden	Lincolnia Community Center

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Congratulates the Class of 2013

We salute the 111 members of the Class of 2013 who graduated Saturday, June 8. Here are just a few of their accomplishments, both as individuals and as a group.

Academics

- ◆ Accepted by more than 150 colleges and universities in 30 states, the District of Columbia and the United Kingdom, including Harvard, Princeton and Yale.
- ◆ Academic honors program offers and academic scholarships, including:
 - Two National Merit Scholarship Finalists
 - Eight National Merit Commended Scholars
 - 22 inducted into the Cum Laude Society
- ◆ More than one-third of the class was offered college scholarships or merit aid, including: selection as a U.S. Department of Education Presidential Scholar, Jefferson Scholar at the University of Virginia, William & Mary Scholar at The College of William & Mary, Bell Scholar at the University of Michigan, Meyerhoff Scholar at the University of Maryland - Baltimore County, and McNair Scholar at the University of South Carolina.
- ◆ 85% were enrolled in one or more of our 23 Advanced Placement courses.
- ◆ Selected to participate in such prestigious programs as the Presidential Classroom, Virginia Governor's Schools, the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University, the Student Climate & Conservation Congress, Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.

The Arts

- ◆ Won Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions in the National Scholastic Art Awards.
- ◆ Artwork placed in the top five at the Best of the Independent Schools Art Awards.
- ◆ Artwork chosen for display at the Durant Center in the Northern Virginia High School Student Clay Competition and Exhibition.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent in wind ensemble at the Virginia District X Festival.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent in orchestra at the Virginia District X Festival.
- ◆ Performed in the District X Honors Jazz Ensemble.
- ◆ Participated in District X Band.
- ◆ Received a Superior on a solo at District X Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- ◆ Performed in all drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, and at Multicultural Night.
- ◆ Performed all four years in the Pit Orchestra for the musical theater presentations.

Community Service

- ◆ Helped prepare more than 15,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table, collected more than 1,000 food items for the Salvation Army, delivered toys, collected shoes, donated hundreds of coats and mittens, and volunteered more than 50 hours tutoring and raising money for local people in need.
- ◆ Donated hundreds of pounds of food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center and spent hundreds of hours working at local food pantries and food distribution programs for low-income families and the homeless.
- ◆ Walked, jogged, and ran for breast cancer, developmentally disabled young adults, cystic fibrosis, brain cancer, child cancers, epilepsy research, and homelessness.
- ◆ Participated in international causes in Romania, Africa and Haiti.
- ◆ Sent over 500 cards and letters to wounded veterans and candy to the troops, supported efforts for our partner school in Haiti, and spent more than 1,000 hours with a wide variety of local organizations in support of senior citizens, preschool children, the hungry, the homeless, the environment, animal shelters, low-income and immigrant families, and others in need.

Athletics

- ◆ 32 playing their sports next year at some of the country's top colleges and universities.
- ◆ Earned All-American status in boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse.
- ◆ Recognized as Athletes of the Year in field hockey, football, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, softball, boys swimming, girls track, and wrestling by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club.
- ◆ Led the field hockey team to the ISL Tournament Championship.
- ◆ Led the boys lacrosse team to the IAC Championship and the VISAA State Championship.
- ◆ Led the girls lacrosse team to the ISL regular season and Tournament Championship, and the VISAA State Championship.
- ◆ Earned IAC titles in wrestling and the 4x400-relay and the 400-meter boys track & field events.
- ◆ Participated in VISAA State Tournaments and Championship meets in girls basketball, cross country, field hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys soccer, softball, swimming and diving, girls tennis, track and field, and wrestling.
- ◆ Set new school records in track and field, swimming, girls lacrosse, and softball.
- ◆ Many individual athletes were named to Academic All-American, All-American, All-State, Academic All-State, All-Met, and All-League teams for their performances throughout their Upper School athletic careers.



The members of the Class of 2013 have distinguished themselves in all areas of school life and in our community. We know they will use their talents to become respected citizens of the global community that awaits them. Best wishes and congratulations!

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ENTERED BY THE CLASS OF 2013

University of Alabama ◆ American University ◆ Birmingham-Southern College ◆ Boston University ◆ Brown University ◆ University of California - Los Angeles ◆ University of California - Santa Barbara ◆ Chapman University ◆ Clemson University ◆ Colgate University ◆ University of Colorado - Boulder ◆ Cornell University ◆ Dartmouth College ◆ Dean College ◆ University of Delaware ◆ Denison University ◆ University of Denver ◆ Drexel University ◆ Elizabethtown College ◆ Elon University ◆ Franklin & Marshall College ◆ Furman University ◆ George Mason University ◆ Georgetown University ◆ University of Georgia ◆ Georgia Southern University ◆ Harvard University ◆ High Point University ◆ Hobart & William Smith Colleges ◆ Hofstra University ◆ Howard University ◆ Humboldt State University ◆ James Madison University ◆ Lafayette College ◆ Loyola University - New Orleans ◆ Loyola University of Maryland ◆ University of Maryland - Baltimore County ◆ University of Maryland - College Park ◆ University of Mary Washington ◆ McDaniel College ◆ Mercer University ◆ University of Miami - Florida ◆ Miami University - Ohio ◆ University of Michigan ◆ University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill ◆ Northwestern University ◆ Old Dominion University ◆ University of Pennsylvania ◆ Princeton University ◆ Providence College ◆ Rhodes College ◆ Roanoke College ◆ Savannah College of Art & Design ◆ University of South Carolina ◆ Southern Methodist University ◆ Spelman College ◆ St. John's University - New York ◆ St. Vincent's College ◆ Sweet Briar College ◆ Syracuse University ◆ Texas A&M University ◆ Tufts University ◆ Tulane University ◆ United States Naval Academy ◆ University of Virginia ◆ Virginia Wesleyan College ◆ Wake Forest University ◆ Washington & Lee University ◆ College of William & Mary ◆ Wofford College ◆ Yale University

From Police Officer to Prosecutor

Bryan Porter prepares for Commonwealth's Attorney race.

BY KAREN L. BUNE
GAZETTE PACKET

Sitting in the audience with 600 peers and colleagues at the Spring 2013 Institute of the Virginia Commonwealth Attorney's Association, Alexandria Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter, 43, heard a description being read of the award-winner of the prestigious 2013 Von Schuch Award. Without forewarning, he suddenly

"He's high on the integrity chart. As a cop, he was extremely hard working, very smart, and cared about the law."

— Captain Shahram Fard

realized he was the chosen recipient of this prosecutorial distinction which is analogous to the "Who's Who" of the most respected prosecutors in Virginia. "It's very humbling to know you've been recognized by your peers," Porter said.

Porter, a former cop, served as a Metro Transit officer followed by his service with the Alexandria Police Department for a little over five years. When he was in college, his father encouraged him to go on a police ride-along with the APD. "I thought it was



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Bryan Porter (center) with his wife Karin and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.

awesome," Porter said, and following graduation from college, he pursued a job in the field.

Though he left APD for a short period of time to attend law school full time, he missed the department and returned to law enforcement. He worked his shifts and attended law school at George Mason University at night. Initially, his plan was to remain in the police department after finishing law school but Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel had an opening and wanted Porter on board if he passed the Bar exam. "It was a very difficult decision for me," Porter said.

Porter took the leap and joined the Commonwealth Attorney's Office as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. "I was in it long enough to know what it was about. I still miss it," he said of his days as a law enforcement officer.

"I still remember what it was like to be a police officer. I expect a lot from our police department. Policing is a very noble job. Officers need to be aware of and in tune with the law," Porter said.

Employed in the Commonwealth Attorney's Office for 12 years, he is one of the more senior professionals in the office. He handles all police cases, and he will handle the trial of the shooting of Alexandria Police Officer Peter Laboy. He handles all felony gun cases, felony narcotics, and violent crimes.

His experience as a police officer combined with his prosecutorial expertise has enabled him to understand people and situations: "I'm a pretty good judge of character. It can be easy to lose sight of the fact that every person is a human being. Most are people who made a mistake or error in judgment. I feel that I'm pretty good at

showing leniency where merited. Reaching a balance is the hardest part — when to go hard core or show someone a chance for leniency."

Porter is known in professional circles as a man of integrity and one who is passionate about whatever he pursues. He is recognized as a hard worker, dedicated, thorough, and one who always strives to excel. "He's high on the integrity chart. As a cop, he was extremely hard working, very smart, and cared about the law," said Captain Shahram Fard of the Alexandria Police Department, who worked with Porter on the evening shift and ran calls with him when he was on the department. Fard noted that Porter handled cases in a way that attracted the attention of other jurisdictions. "He will stay until the wee hours of the night and work on weekends. He always goes the extra mile and many more beyond that," Fard said.

Elliott Casey, a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Virginia, recalled observing Porter testify in court when he was a law clerk for the judges. According to Casey, Porter has three outstanding qualities. First, he has a very strong sense of justice. "Bryan is very invested in the community he is in. For him, it is very important for him to have the best result," Casey said. Second, he has excellent instincts. Casey explained that Porter is able to evaluate a case to get it right and can understand the people and how they think. Third, he is a brilliant communicator. "I've seen him make amazing closing

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A drunk driver caused heavy damage to four unoccupied cars on S. Payne St. on the night of June 5.



These cars parked on S. Payne St. suffered serious damages after being hit by a drunk driver.



This Mazda suffered heavy damages when struck by a drunk driver on S. Payne St.

By JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Collateral Damage **Several cars damaged by drunk driver.**

Four unoccupied vehicles suffered significant damage when they were struck by a drunk driver at the intersection of Payne and Wilkes streets in Old Town on the evening of June 5.

"She [the driver] was out of control,"

said one resident who asked to remain anonymous. "It's a miracle no one was seriously hurt."

At 10:37 p.m., a female driver was heading south on the 400 block of S. Payne Street when she lost control of her vehicle and struck several cars that were parked on the

east side of the street. A Mazda was hit with such force it was pushed up onto the curb, uprooted a tree and sent crashing into another vehicle.

"I think she was having a fight with her passenger," said the resident. "I can't imagine what either of them was thinking to let

her behind the wheel in her condition."

The driver was charged with DUI and taken to Inova Alexandria hospital where she received medical treatment.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

BULLETIN BOARD

FROM PAGE 5

Human Services who has worked with children and adolescents, will discuss the impact of violence on children, whether they see it on the news, in the neighborhood or in the home at a free community mental health event. Contact friendsofamhc@gmail.com.

Waterfront Commission - Marina Committee. 5 p.m. City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. Contact Jack Broward, jack.broward@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5504.

Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing. 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Peter Leiberg, 703-746-4666.

SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Alexandria City Council Public

Hearing. 9:30 a.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Jackie Henderson, 703-746-4550.

Ribbon Cutting. 8 a.m. Join Mayor William D. Euille and members of the City Council to celebrate the city's most recent open space acquisition at 5325 Polk Ave. with a ribbon cutting and official remarks at 8:30 a.m. A community sponsored walk and "spruce-up" of the site will follow.

MONDAY/JUNE 17

Alexandria Library Board. 4 p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Contact Rose

Dawson, 703-746-1701.
ACVA Board of Governors. 5 p.m. ACVA, 625 N Washington St. Contact Patricia Washington, 703-746-3302.

Social Services Advisory Board Meeting. 7 p.m. Human Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Tresniece Perry, tresniece.perry@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5668.

Commission on HIV/AIDS. 7 p.m. Alexandria Health Department, 4480 King St. Contact Nechelle Terrell, nechelle.terrell@vdh.virginia.gov, 703-746-4933.

George Washington Birthday Committee. 7 p.m. Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Cheryl Lawrence, 703-746-5419.

Public Records Advisory

Commission. 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1102, 301 King St. Contact Jackie Cohan, 703-746-4402.

Environmental Policy Commission. 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. Contact Khoa Tran, 703-746-4076.

TUESDAY/JUNE 18

Waterfront Commission. 7:30 a.m. City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. Contact Jack Broward, jack.broward@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5504.

Alexandria Commission for Women. 8 a.m. Human Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Lisa Baker, 703-746-5030.
Alexandria to Renew Enterprises

Board of Directors. 7:15 p.m. Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 1500 Eisenhower Ave. Contact Lorna Huff, 703-549-3381, ext. 2260.

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission. 6 p.m. Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Contact Lance Mallamo, 703-746-4554.

Commission for the Arts. 7 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Diane Ruggiero, diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5565.

Human Rights Commission 7 p.m. City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. Contact Jean Niebauer, 703-746-3140.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

WEBA Business at Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. How Retirement Plans Can Benefit You NOW and In Your Future. Speaker Lauren O'Brien, CPA Wealth Management Advisor, specializes in investment management, retirement planning, and multi-generation legacy planning.

Learn how to choose the best retirement plan. At the Comfort Inn & Suites, 5716 S. Van Dorn St, Alexandria. Members \$15.

Guests \$20. After June 16th, late registrations add \$5.

Draft Plan Review. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Discuss the improvement draft plan for Hensley Park. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/65170 or 703-746-5491.

Community Policy and Management Team. 3 p.m. Human Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Dawnell White, 703-746-5787.

Alexandria Archaeological Commission. 6:30 p.m. Holmes Run Park, Southeastern corner of Beaugard Street and Morgan Street. Contact Jennifer Barker, 703-746-4399.

Economic Opportunities Commission - Exec. Comm. 6:30 p.m. Human Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Ann Moore, 703-746-5915.

Economic Opportunities Commission. 7 p.m. Human Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Ann Moore, 703-746-5915.

Board of Architectural Review Old & Historic Alexandria District Hearing. 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Al Cox, 703-746-3833.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Commission for the Arts - Arts Forum Comm. 8:30 a.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Diane Ruggiero, diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5565.

Economic Development Partnership. 5:30 p.m. AEDP Offices, 625 N Washington St. For more information, contact Stephanie Landrum, 703-739-3820 x102.

Public Health Advisory Commission. 5:30 p.m. Alexandria Health Department, 4480 King St. Contact Dean Bryant, 703-746-4956.

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The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2012-00007 (CDD 21), Text Amendment No. 2012-00008 (CDD 22) and Text Amendment No. 2012-00010 (Beaugard Urban Design Advisory Committee) to amend Table 1 set forth in Section 5-602 to add CDD 21 and CDD 22 and to add a new Section 5-612 creating the Beaugard Urban Design Advisory Committee.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 13 (TOWING AND STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES), Title 2 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by amending certain sections thereof as set forth more fully.

The City's towing ordinance was last revised in 1993. In March 2012, City Council created an Ad Hoc Towing Services Advisory Board. The Board makes recommendations to City Council on the provisions in the contract for City authorized towing services and the maximum allowable towing charges for towing companies operating in the City.

AN ORDINANCE making provision for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014.

The proposed ordinance appropriates funds for the operation of the City government in FY 2014.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-373 (ELECTRIC UTILITY CONSUMER TAX) and Section 3-2-374 (NATURAL GAS UTILITY CONSUMER TAX) of ARTICLE V (ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CONSUMER TAX) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The ordinance increases the monthly cap for the electric and natural gas utility consumer taxes on residential and group meter consumers to \$3.00 per month. The ordinance also increases the electric utility consumer tax on (1) commercial consumers to \$1.07 plus the rate of \$0.005071 on each Kilowatt Hour delivered monthly to the consumer and (2) industrial consumers to \$1.07 plus the rate of \$0.004131 on each Kilowatt Hour delivered monthly to the consumer.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-224 (LEVIED ON AUTOMOBILES TRUCKS, TRAILERS, SEMI-TRAILERS, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPER AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT) of Division 3 (TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY AND TOOLS) of Article M (LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES) 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 amends the computation of relief rates and sets the relief rates by resolution.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2013.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2013.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 7 (BICYCLES), Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by amending certain sections thereof as set forth more fully below.

The proposed ordinance makes changes to the City Code regarding riding bicycles on the sidewalk, sets up a process for demarcating sidewalks on which bicycle riding would be prohibited, eliminates antiquated and unused bicycle registration procedures and makes changes to rules for riding that are consistent with state law, which applies in neighboring jurisdictions.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-1-2 (OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT) of Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of TITLE 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCURMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

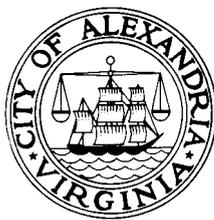
The proposed ordinance sets the contribution rate for the Open Space Trust Fund Account at the rate previously approved by the City Council in the FY 2014 budget.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-1-5 (ALEXANDRIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES ACCOUNT) of Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance sets the contribution rate for the Alexandria Affordable Housing Initiatives Account at the rate previously approved by City Council in the FY2014 budget.

Public Hearing to Consider the Recommendation of the City Council Naming Committee to Name the Alexandria Fire Department Professional Development Center at the Lee Center in Honor of Paramedic Joshua A. Weissman.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK



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, June 15, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 1800 Main Line Boulevard (Tax Map #305.03-10-13) in the City of Alexandria to construct and maintain an encroachment for stoops, stairways and a ramp at that location (Ordinance to implement the encroachments for the Potomac Yard Land Bay J multifamily building that City Council approved on November 17, 2012).

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final implementation of encroachments onto the sidewalks area on Main Line Boulevard and Jefferson Davis Highway as part of the development of the multifamily building being constructed on Land Bay J in Potomac Yard. This encroachment was approved by City Council on November 17, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 48.03 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 34A and 36 South Reynolds Street from CG/Commercial General to RC/High Density Apartment Zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2013-0001.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2013-0001 to rezone the property at 34A and 36 South Reynolds Street from CG/Commercial General to RC/High Density Apartment Zone to allow those outlot parcels that have traditionally been considered all part of the same development to be zoned the same. This is the current location of the Washington Suites Hotel that is being converted to a Multifamily apartment building. This rezoning was approved by the City Council on May 18, 2013.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment to the Landmark/Van Dorn Chapter of the Master Plan heretofore approved by city council as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0001 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provision of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplished the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0001 to change Land Use Maps 10 and 11 and Zoning Maps 13 and 14 to reflect the land use designation and zoning change from CG/Commercial General to RH/Residential High for the properties located at 34A and 36 South Reynolds Street. City Council approved this master plan amendment on May 17, 2013 to allow the two parcels to be rezoned to the same zone as the main parcel they serve, 100 South Reynolds Street.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet Nos. 010.02, 010.04, 011.03, 018.04, 019.01, 019.02, 019.03, 020.01, 029.03 (CDD 21) and Sheet No. 030.01 (CDD 22) of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the properties at 5066, 5105, 5106, 5115, 5118, 5121 and 5129 Fairbanks Avenue; 2638, 2641, 2648, 2658, 2627, 2623 and 2618 Foster Aneve, 5055, 5165, 5173 and 5183 Seminary Road; 5501, 5600, 5711 and 5900A Sanger Avenue; 5650 Rayburn Avenue; and 1250, 1350, 1460, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900 and 2000 North Beaugard Street from CDD 4, RA/Multifamily Zone, RC/High Density Apartment Zone and R-12/Single Family Zone District to CDD-21; and 4800 and 4801 Kenmore Avenue from RA/Multifamily Zone and RC/High Density Apartment Zone, respectively, to CDD 22, in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Rezoning No. 2012-0002 (CDD 21) and No. 2012-0005 (CDD 22).

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2012-0002 to rezone the properties at 5066, 5105, 5106, 5115, 5118, 5121 and 5129 Fairbanks Avenue; 2638, 2641, 2648, 2658, 2627, 2623 and 2618 Foster Avenue; 5055, 5165, 5173 and 5183 Seminary Road; 5501, 5600, 5711 and 5900A Sanger Avenue; 5650 Rayburn Avenue; and 125, 1350, 1460, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900 and 2000 North Beaugard Street from CDD 4, RA/Multifamily Zone, RC/High Density Apartment Zone and the R-12/Single Family Zone District to CDD 21 and the final adoption of Rezoning NO. 2012-0005 to rezone the properties at 4800 and 4801 Kenmore Avenue from RA/Multifamily Zone and RC/High Density Apartment Zone, respectively, to CDD 22.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-600 (CDD/COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) of Article No. V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendments heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2012-00007 (CDD 21), Text Amendment No. 2012-00008 (CDD 22) and Text Amendment No. 2012-00010 (Beaugard Urban Design Advisory Committee) to amend Table 1 set forth in Section 5-602 to add CDD 21 and CDD 22 and to add a new Section 5-612 creating the Beaugard Urban Design Advisory Committee.

PEOPLE



Lee-Fendall Museum board president Patricia Sanders accepts a grant for continued work at the museum from Historic Alexandria Foundation president Dr. Morgan Delaney.



Franco Landini accepts one of the three preservation awards for the exterior work that he and his son Noe recently completed on Pop's Ice Cream and the Fish Market property in the 100 block of King Street.



Barbara and Errol deMontille were acknowledged for their extension renovation and restoration of 227 South Fairfax Street home.



Karen and Rob Kaufman talk after the awards ceremony with friends. Rob Kaufman was recognized and awarded for the complete interior and exterior restoration of the Old Town Theatre, built in 1914, in the 800 block of King Street.

Historic Alexandria Foundation Hosts Garden Party

The Historic Alexandria Foundation held its annual meeting and garden party on Sunday afternoon, June 9, in the garden of Sally Murray. Historic house plaques were given to Miguel and Patricia Estrada of 1105 Prince St. and to Lynn Rogerson of 121 Duke St. The Athenaeum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and the Lee-Fendall were all awarded grants for upcoming preservation projects at the various sites.

Special recognition was made of

recent preservation projects both commercial and residential. Noe and Franco Landini just completed an extensive restoration of the exterior walls of the Fish Market and Pop's Ice Cream in the 100 block of King Street.

Rob Kaufman was recognized and awarded for the complete restoration of the Old Town Theatre, built in 1914, in the 800 block of King Street and Barbara and Errol deMontille were acknowledged for their extension renovation and restoration of 227 South Fairfax Street home.



Gretchen Bulova, director of the Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, accepts a grant for both museums from Historic Alexandria Foundation president Dr. Morgan Delaney at the annual meeting and garden party on Sunday afternoon.

Barbara and Richard Muller



Garden party hostess Sally Murray and Mary Kaye Ryan.

Osborne Mackie and Leslie Ariail



Clark Bavin, Hannah Cox and Richard Ryan



Lynn Rogerson with the historic house plaque that she received for her Duke Street home.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT
GAZETTE PACKET

Blame the Media

Turnout for Tuesday's primary was abysmally low, with only 140,000 participating in the voting. Even when you consider that only half of the electorate — Democrats — participated in the election, it's still a rock bottom number. When asked U.S. Rep. **Gerry Connolly** (D-11) why participation was so minimal, the congressman pointed his finger at a reporter.

"Probably because so few of you in the press bring any attention to the fact that we are having an election," said Connolly.

If the Democratic primary had been splashed across the front pages of the region's newspapers, the congressman said, more people would be aware of the candidates and the issues. Instead, he said, the public is distracted by other stories and not focused on the date of the election or the races that are on the ballot.

"The media brings so little attention to it, how can you expect the public to even know that there's an election today if it's not being repeated on the radio, on television and in the printed press," said Connolly. "So I think part of the answer is you."

Online Strategy

Tuesday night wasn't just a victory for the establishment. It may have also been a victory for old media.

Take the aggressive campaign of unsuccessful lieutenant governor candidate **Aneesh Chopra** of Arlington. He ran an aggressive online strategy, an effort in keeping with his background as the first secretary of technology under Gov. **Tim Kaine** and the first chief technology officer for President **Barack Obama**. Chopra hired a digital staff that was able to focus their time and attention online. The strategy may not have been able to win the day against a more traditional campaign. But that doesn't mean the Chopra campaign staffers are willing to declare a loss for new media. "I think we did well at pushing our message out, and changing the conversation online," said **Dave Stroup**, digital director for the Chopra campaign. "It might take a little while for the rest of Virginia to catch up, but there is a future in that kind of new media, interactive, engaging campaign."

Balance of Power

Careful what you wish for, the old saying goes, because you just might get it. That's the situation Democrats may find themselves in this year if state Sen. **Ralph Northam** (D-6) of Norfolk wins the race for lieutenant governor against Republican **E.W. Jackson** and state Sen. **Mark Herring** (D-33) wins the race for attorney general against state Sen. **Mark Obenshain** (R-26) of Harrisonburg. That would mean two vacant seats and two special elections in districts where Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** was popular in 2009. "McDonnell won both of those districts about 55 percent," said University of Mary Washington professor **Stephen Farnsworth**. "So a strong Republican candidate in a special election would be more than viable."

Since Republicans were able to seize 20 state Senate seats back in 2011, Republican Lt. Gov. **Bill Bolling** has been able to break the tie in leadership votes. That means that the G.O.P. has a tenuous hold on leadership, essentially one vote away from losing the majority. Democrats feel they have a strong shot at winning against Jackson, who has compared Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and called gays sexually twisted. But if Democrats are unable to hold one or two seats in a special election after November, it won't matter if a Democrat is lieutenant governor or not.

"Democrats may end up going through this huge process to figure out a way to break the tie in a 20-20 Senate," said Farnsworth. "Then it becomes a 21-19 Senate anyway because they blow a special election or two."

Back to the Future

People sometimes compare politics to high school — a popularity contest that breaks into factions and can be superficial and cruel. But some people feel that the process may have roots that go back even deeper. When asked about his experience voting, Alexandria voter **Peter Ackerman** described the process of casting his ballot at MacArthur Elementary School as reminiscent of voting for third grade class president. "Sitting on a small chair, at a tiny table, coloring in little boxes," he said.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

POLITICS



About 140,000 voters participated in Tuesday's election.



Aneesh Chopra greets supporters at Cafe Asia in Rosslyn Tuesday night.

Northam, Herring Triumph

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party leaders decided to use a convention. That led moderate Republican Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling to drop out of the race, leaving Cuccinelli unopposed. On the Democratic side, nobody stepped forward to run against former Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe.

"There's no question that the 2013 Democrat ticket will be among the most liberal in Virginia history," said Dave Rexrode, campaign manager for Cuccinelli in a written statement Tuesday night. "If elected, all three candidates will seek to advance ideologically driven, Washington, D.C. policies that will only exacerbate the uncertainty felt by so many job creators across the commonwealth."

Watching the results filter in at Cafe Asia in Rosslyn, many Democrats who fought for Chopra and Fairfax were deeply disappointed. Even though they vowed to work for the slate of Democratic candidates in the fall, they also felt a sense of loss that the ticket could not have been more liberal. Campaign staffers and volunteers said a ticket with Chopra and Fairfax would have added a sense of diversity because Chopra has Indian roots and Fairfax is an African American.

"I'm optimistic that candidate like Aneesh and Justin can continue to be successful in the future with the lessons learned," said Dave Stroup, who served as digital director for the Chopra campaign. "These weren't complete blowouts, so it shows that people are open to new ideas."

THE RACE lieutenant governor is usually a sleeper — an afterthought to the gubernatorial race and a stepping stone for candidates trying to make their way to the top of the ticket. Not this year. Because the state Senate is tied between 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans, the winner of the race for lieutenant governor may end up holding the balance of power. Democrats feel energized because they are running against a Republican who has compared Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and called gays sexually "twisted."

"Tea Party candidate E.W. Jackson has proven that his extreme views and rhetoric would divide Virginians and prevent bipartisan progress," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "Our Democratic nominee, Ralph Northam, will work tirelessly to bring mainstream values and a bipartisan approach to the office of the lieutenant governor."

The campaign for lieutenant governor threatens

to overshadow the race for governor because Jackson has been such a lightning rod. In a fiery speech to the Republican convention, Jackson declared that he would stand up for traditional marriage and strongly oppose abortion. Since he has secured the spot on the ticket, however, Jackson's public statements have become more muted. After Tuesday night's election, Jackson attacked Northam and the Democrats for wanting to campaign on "divisive social issues." Jackson also sought to blast the Democrats for allowing public participation in the process of selecting candidates.

"After a historically low turnout at an expense of millions to Virginia's taxpayers, Democrats have selected Ralph Northam as their nominee for lieutenant governor," Jackson said in a written statement Wednesday morning. "Northam's selection is just another part of the most liberal ticket in Virginia history."

THE CAMPAIGN for attorney general is expected to be a more difficult fight for Democrats, who have not been able to file a successful

campaign for that office since 1985. That's when Del. Mary Sue Terry (D-13) of Patrick County was able to score a victory against Republican candidate W.R. O'Brien, a former University of Richmond football star who represented Virginia Beach in the House of Delegates. For the last six election cycles, Republicans have dominated the campaign for attorney general. That includes the current governor, who is a former attorney general as well as the current attorney general, who is running for governor.

"The GOP candidate for attorney general, Mark Obenshain, may not give fiery, rhetorical speeches like you hear from Rev. Jackson, but he's just as dangerous," said Herring in a written statement after securing a victory Tuesday night. "That's not the Virginia we want. We are sick of the abuse of authority and this fall we will end it."

Democrats have already indicated that they are want to focus their campaign for attorney general on the same social issues that have dominated the race for lieutenant governor. Last week, Democrats organized a conference call to draw attention to a bill Obenshain introduced in the General Assembly that would have required women who have a miscarriage without a doctor present to report it to police within 24 hours or face jail time.

"Frankly, the extremism — real extremism — of Republican ticket is such that a lot of swing voters and moderate Republicans are going to peel off," said Connolly.

NEWS



Misti Battle
Life Saving Award



Brian Bell
Life Saving Award



David Bogozzi
Silver Medal



Kelsea Bonkowski
Silver Medal



Nicolette Clara
Life Saving Award

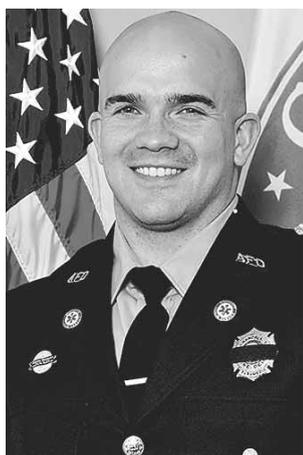


Charlie Cura
Silver Medal

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Anthony Gorham
Bronze Medal



Robert Honaker
Silver Medal



Kevin Jobe
Bronze Medal



Peter Laboy
Silver Medal



Brett McCabe
Life Saving Award



Frank McGrigg
Bronze Medal

Uncommon Valor

Chamber to honor first responders; Weissman posthumously receives Gold Medal.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce will recognize 21 first responders from the Alexandria Police Department, Fire Department and Office of the Sheriff at the 27th Annual Valor Awards to be held June 13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Receiving the highest honor will be Paramedic Joshua Weissman, who will posthumously be presented with a Gold Medal for his heroic actions in the line of duty.

On Feb. 8, 2012, Weissman was part of a

team responding to a car fire on Interstate 395 near Glebe Road. Upon hearing a report that someone was trapped in the burning vehicle, Weissman climbed over a guardrail in an effort to reach the victim. On what was a cold and icy night, he fell 30 feet into the waters of Four Mile Creek.

Extraordinary efforts by the crew of Rescue 206, EMS Supervisor Kelsea Bonkoski and Paramedics Charlie Cura and Robert Honaker allowed Weissman to survive the incident and provide an opportunity for his family to gather with him before he succumbed to his injuries the next day.

For their acts of heroism, Bonkoski, Cura



Jesse Meekins
Silver Medal



Tony Moore
Life Saving Award



Chizoba Okoli
Silver Medal

and Honaker will receive Silver Medals.

Also receiving an award will be Officer Peter Laboy, who was shot in the head Feb. 27 during a traffic stop in Old Town. Laboy will accept a Silver Award for his skill in

negotiating a volatile suicide situation with an armed subject on Oct. 4, 2012.

Presented by Inova Alexandria Hospital, WJLA/ABC7 anchor Alison Starling will emcee the event.



Frank Powers
Bronze Medal



Kenneth Salfelder
Silver Medal



Douglas Serven
Certificate of Valor



Stuart Smothers
Silver Medal



Carl Stowe
Life Saving Award



Joshua Weissman
Gold Medal



Jordon Sydnor, 6, is presented with a T-shirt from firefighter Nathan Krause in appreciation of her assistance during a 911 call to her home.



Captain Thurston McClain hands out firefighters hats to Miss Stewart's first grade class at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School following a presentation on 911 safety.

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Firefighters Praise Two Jefferson-Houston Students

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their mother Yvonne on April 26 when she suffered a seizure. The two siblings calmly called 911 and assisted first responders upon their arrival. "My mom was sitting in my sister's room and fell off the bed," said Javonne, a first grader

at Jefferson-Houston. "I could tell she was hurt. She was shaking." In front of Javonne's classmates, firefighter Nathan Krause described how Javonne opened the door for first responders and helped secure the family dog so that medical treatment could safely be administered to Yvonne Sydnor.

"We learned in school how to call 911 and to try to help the firemen do their job," Javonne said. Following a brief talk on 911 and emergency safety, Krause presented Javonne and Jordan with award certificates from Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel. Captain Thurston McClain presented each

of the siblings with a bag of toys on behalf of the Black Professional Firefighters Association and T-shirts were presented by the local firefighters union.

"I tried not to be scared. I tried to be brave," Javonne said. "I'm just happy my mom's OK."

Virginia Supreme Court Takes Up Waterfront Plan

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officials felt free to wait until Saturday to make determinations even though they know City Hall is apparently not open for business to accept appeals.

"The real question before the court is: Can city officials make determinations outside business hours but demand that appeals be made during business hours, canceling the right to appeal," said attorney Mike Thompkins. "That's wrong, and it shouldn't be allowed. But it is happening, and we are asking the court to prevent that."

EVER SINCE the January 2012 public hearing, the waterfront plan has been mired in legal challenges and endless appeals. The issue was a dominant source of debate during the campaign for City Council, which Democrats moved to November after losing two seats to Republicans in 2009. Critics cried foul, arguing that Democrats wanted to move the election to a time when a record number of voters would be showing up to the polls to vote for incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama. In the end, both Republicans who voted against the waterfront plan were swept out of office.

"They are misrepresenting their victory with City Council because of the general

election and the Democratic sweep," said Beth Gibney, one of the homeowners who filed the original lawsuit. "I don't think it's at all indicative of how the people feel about the waterfront."

When council members reconsidered zoning for the waterfront plan in March, city officials imposed a requirement of a supermajority vote in order to pass the proposal. That's the threshold they would have needed last year if city officials had accepted the protest petition. But now that Democrats had changed the rules of the election and swept Republican opposition out of the way, supporters of the waterfront plan had the supermajority vote they needed. Only one Democrat voted against the plan when it was considered the second time.

"You got what you wanted," Chief Justice Cynthia Kinser said at the beginning of the oral arguments.

"This is the kind of action that can be repeated again and again," responded attorney Roy Shannon, who was arguing on behalf of three Old Town homeowners.

THE WATERFRONT PLAN has been hotly debated since early 2011, when city officials unveiled their plans to overturn the longstanding ban on hotels and almost triple allowable density at three sites com-

pared to what's there now. Groups formed in opposition to the proposal and in support of the plan, leading up to a contentious public hearing that lasted more than 12 hours. After city officials rejected a protest petition signed by hundreds of Old Town resident who live near the sites slated for redevelopment, three women filed a lawsuit arguing their rights had been aggrieved. Supporters dub the trio the "Iron Ladies," and the challenge has been winding its way through the court system ever since.

"It's an issue that's moot," said John Wilburn, an attorney with McGuireWoods who argued on behalf of the city. "Ultimately, the city threw up its hands and said we will give them a supermajority."

Now the fate of the waterfront plan rests in the hands of the seven Supreme Court justices, who will decide the issue in the coming months behind the marble walls of the court chambers across the street from the Capitol.

Lawyers for the Iron Ladies hope to persuade the justices to rule in a way that will reject the plan, which they say is based on a faulty vote. Attorneys for the city are hoping to persuade justices that they acted according to the city code in a case that's now moot because a new City Council is in of-

fice and new zoning has been adopted.

"The appellants have not suffered any harm," Wilburn said at one point in the oral arguments. "All of this is moot. They got everything they wanted."

"We have been harmed," Shannon shot back. "We have not gotten everything we wanted."

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT is largely in the hands of the Virginia Supreme Court justices.

They could remand the case back to the Circuit Court, where Judge Jim Clark has already sided with the city. Or they could rule that the appellants got the supermajority vote they were looking for, even if it was only after Democrats changed the rules of the election and swept Republicans out of office. Or they could side with the Iron Ladies and throw the waterfront plan out altogether, sending city officials to start over again.

"We really feel like it needs real public input, not just sort of a monkey court input like it had last time," said Gibney outside the courthouse after the oral arguments. "This time, I think, they do have everyone's attention."

Attorneys who argued for the city declined to comment.

NEWS

The cast and crew of Bishop Ireton's "Something's Afoot" garnered 13 Cappies nominations.



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Area schools garnered a variety of awards at the 14th annual Cappies Gala, Sunday night, June 9, at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Bishop Ireton High School won two Cappies.

Robinson Secondary captured the Best Musical honor for "Hairspray," and Madison won the Best Play award for "Lend Me a Tenor."

Bishop Ireton's victories were in the Props and Special Effects categories for "Something's Afoot." The props crew consisted of Abby Giuseppe, Angelica Miguel, Lilly Najafzadeh and Hannah Johnson.

"Oh, my gosh; I'm ecstatic and so happy," said Giuseppe, a sophomore. "It's one of the best things that ever happened to me, and I'm so proud of my team."

Andy Santalla, AnnaLin Woo

and Alex Caraballo were equally excited about their Cappie for Special Effects. "I'm in shock," said Santalla. "I promised myself, my freshman year, I'd someday win a Cappie, and now I did. It's pretty cool."

Woo said the show "really showcased the crew so people could see what we can do. We had a bomb that went off, a spear came down and strangled someone and a vase ate somebody."

Caraballo said it was great to win. "Andy forced me to make that promise with him, and now we've won a Cappie together," he said. "I'm really happy for our entire cast and crew and everyone involved in B.I. drama."

The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program," is a program through which high school theatre and journalism students are trained as critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews in local newspapers.

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OPINION

Thoughts on Food Trucks

To the Editor:

These are some thoughts and questions on the advent of food trucks in Alexandria.

Food truck service on public property is a new use that is not fully covered in City Code as to taxes, food safety, fire safety and public assembly, hence a hybrid use.

What is the perceived benefit to the city?

Where will bathrooms for patrons be located? The tables and chairs installed on the Market Square (one proposed location for

food trucks) were placed there for food service patrons. The Building Code requires bathrooms for restaurants.

Will the needs of patrons here in this new class of use be different?

Will there be a Special Use hearing as required for restaurants, outdoor food and crafts markets and carryouts, to consider use issues such as traffic, parking, trash and other potential effects on the surrounding community? Will the new use be compatible with the goals of the Old Town Restaurant Policy?

Will the interior cooking (heating) apparatus be inspected for approval and will they pay the Alexandria commercial business Fire Protection Permit fee?

Will the Alexandria Food Code be applied and how will the public be assured that food sources, preparation and storage sites will be included in inspections? What bathroom facilities will be used by workers? Will they pay the Alex-

Snapshot



Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel crosses the plaza at the Potomac Yard Fire Station to make way for the first of 10 new fleet engines to leave the station on Tuesday evening, June 11.

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andria Health Department oversight fee as food service establishments do?

How will this new class of commercial use be a contributing part of the tax base? It is clear that a Business License tax, state sales tax and Alexandria meals tax are straight forward and can and should be collected.

Trucks will pay a personal property tax on vehicle and equipment, but not necessarily to Alexandria — maybe to Prince William, Fairfax, or Prince George's.

As to business personal property (equipment for food service): that equipment may or may not be de-

clared and tax revenue may or may not be collected by Alexandria. This depends on where the vehicle is registered and how diligent the enforcement agents in that jurisdiction are in enforcement and inspection.

A fee or bid process for food truck licenses could be an answer to ensuring that this new form of commercial property will participate on an equitable basis to the tax base of Alexandria in a manner comparable to that of commercial properties and businesses.

Charlie Lindsey
Alexandria

Reinstate Dedicated Funds

To the Editor:

The Alexandria Chapter of the NAACP has been paying close attention to the ongoing issue with City Council and the removal of the dedicated funding for affordable housing and the open space fund. In an effort to express our concerns we wrote this letter a few weeks ago and sent it to the Mayor and the members of City Council.

Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

We are writing in response to the decision of City Council to elimi-

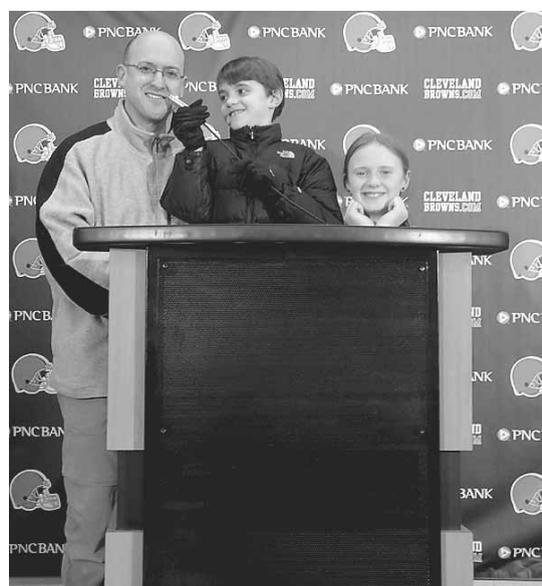
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ME & MY DAD

Photos submitted for Father's Day.



William Philip Bennett (Grandpa Bill) of Alexandria, with his first grandchild and namesake, William O'Bannon Vermynen (Obie) of Menlo Park, Calif.



Chris Krese, along with son, Chip and daughter, Elle get "grilled by the press" during their behind-the-scenes tour of FirstEnergy Stadium in Cleveland, Ohio during a snowstorm in March.



Todd Foley enjoys the afternoon at Grist Mill with his boys Chase and Carson, and wife Carrie.

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LETTERS

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nate a dedicated funding stream for affordable housing and open-space funds from the City's budget after fiscal year 2014. We take issue specifically with the failure of Council/City Management to adhere to the normal voting procedures designed to ensure transparency and the potential economic effects the decision will have on the City's most vulnerable residents.

On May 14, I attended the Community Conversation on Aging where City residents and various other organizations dialogued on how best to address the needs of seniors living in the community. The resounding theme emanating from the public comments was regarding the need for more affordable housing. While we understand the need is greater than the resources, we believe removing the dedicated funding is a step in the wrong direction

... We urge you to reconsider your commitment to your constituents by reinstating the dedicated funding stream. The NAACP understands the position some councilmen take regarding having

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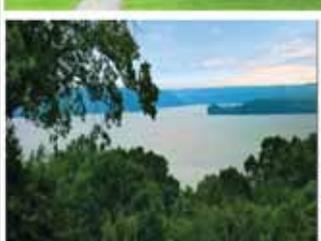
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PEOPLE NOTES

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WHISTLE-BLOWING

Current news about a whistle-blower reminds me of my brief appearance in that role many years ago (BC — Before Computers) when I surprised myself, a Booz Allen consultant, and a Dun & Bradstreet vice-president.

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Charts with Booz Allen showed that all the filing clerks and the reporters needed much larger salaries if the company wanted to stem its alarming annual loss of personnel.

Charts with the personnel director (my boss) showed that Dun & Bradstreet was doing everything just right.

So I showed the charts to the Booz Allen man. Next thing I knew I was in the vice-president's office, and my boss was making

dire predictions about my future career. Oddly enough, I was not fired—the vice-president outweighed the personnel director, I guess. But I was transferred to the treasurer's department in about thirty minutes.

NEW ARRIVAL

The big news on Park Road is the arrival of little Serianne Russell, weighing 7 and a half pounds. Grandparents from Vermont are rallying around.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

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arguments in court," Casey said. "I truly feel like this job is not just a job or a career. It is what I'm good at. I think it is a huge blessing that I've found what I'm good at. I truly believe I have the ability to positively impact the community," Porter said.

In addition to his prosecutorial duties, Porter is actively involved in training his colleagues in the criminal justice system.

Karin, presently is a defense attorney and previously was a former prosecutor who worked in the office where she and Porter met. His brother, Scott, is currently an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in the Arlington County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

With the upcoming retirement of Sengel, Porter has decided to make a political run for Commonwealth's Attorney.

In addition to sharing a good relationship with the police department, Porter also maintains a good relationship with members of the Bar Association. His wife,

Karen L. Bune is a freelance writer. She serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and Marymount University where she teaches criminal justice.

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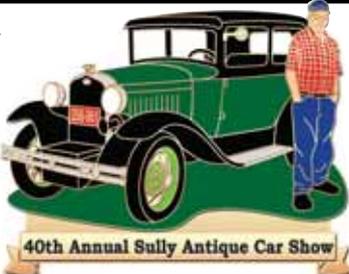
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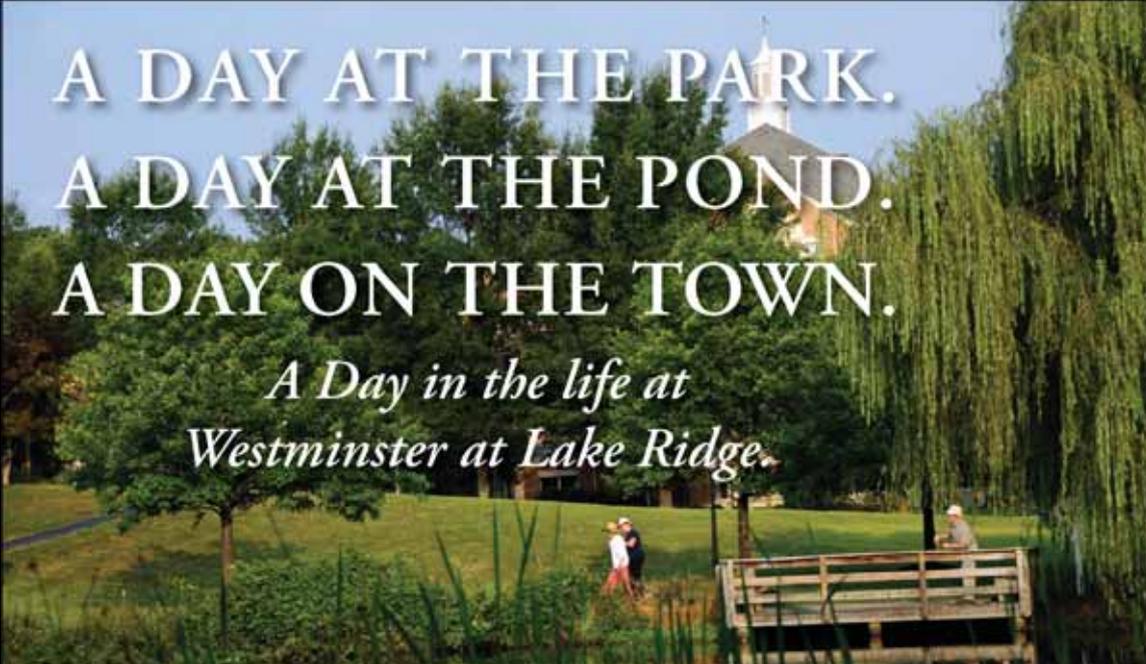
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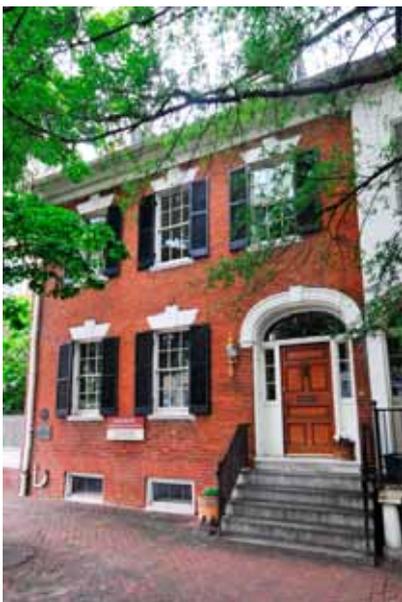
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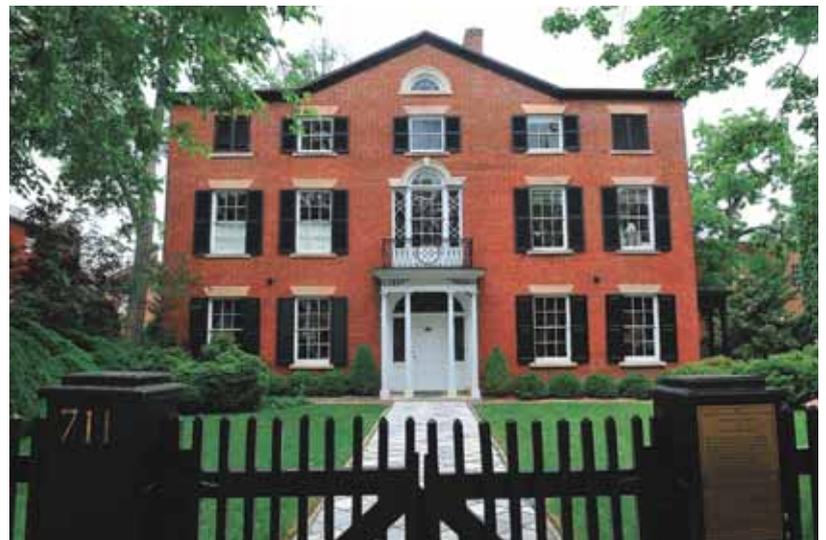
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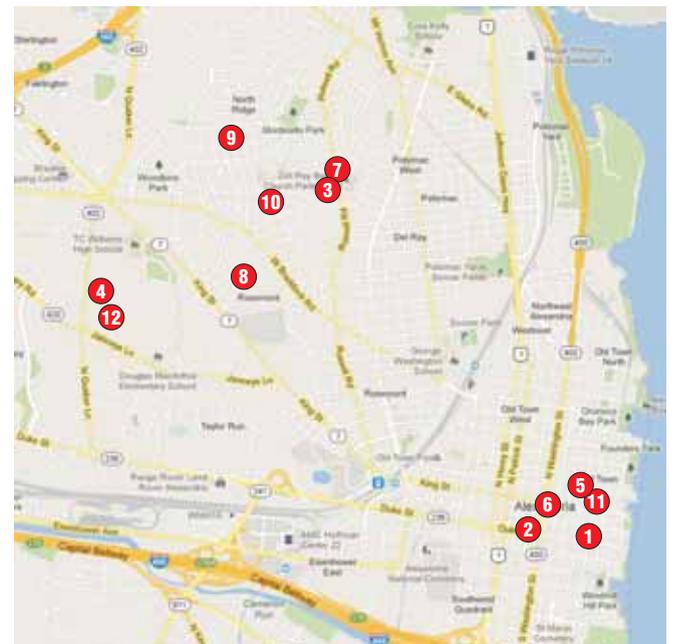
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Designing a Colorful World

Local interior design experts offer suggestions for choosing paint colors for one's home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Choosing paint for one's home can be a daunting task. Colors often look different on paint chips and fan decks than they do on interior walls. What are some of the secrets to making the right choices? Local interior designers offer suggestions.

Jean P. Freeman, professor of interior design at Marymount University, says considering a room's lighting is a good starting point. "What is the lighting in the room, sunlight from the exterior [and] overhead lighting?" she asked. "The amount of light would assist in determining how dark or light the walls could be. To brighten the room obviously lighter colors are preferred; but to add excitement bright colors with enough light would be a great choice."

Before painting an entire room, look at the paint samples in a variety of lighting conditions, advises Hope Hassell, specialty designer at Sun Design in Burke. "Natural light has a tendency to wash out colors that otherwise look good in artificial light," she said. "Always look at the paint sample throughout the day so you can see what it looks like in morning sun versus afternoon sun versus at night when there is no natural light in the space."

Artificial light also impacts the way paint looks in a room. "Fluorescent light can make a cream or beige paint take on a yellow hue," said Hassell. "Other colors that are in the space are also a huge factor when selecting a paint. Colors can often enhance and affect the paint around them. Make sure to apply small areas of paint near the different colors in the room, whether it is the trim around the door or the wood stain of the floor or cabinetry."

Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda encourages homeowners to consider the mood that they'd like to create in a room when selecting paint. "It's important to figure out the overall feel of the space, such as warm or cool," she said. "What kind of energy do you want to get out of a space? For example, family rooms often have a lot of energy and therefore, people tend to use brighter colors. In the living room, consider a softer palette for a retreat-type setting. Deciding on a room's energy and tone are good starting points."

Susan Hergenrather, assistant professor of interior design at Marymount University agrees that paint colors help create a room's mood. "Think about the different mood of a red room versus a blue room," she said. "Most people have a palette that they are instinctively drawn to, for example violet and yellow green. Look at the colors you already have in your home and build your palettes around the things that you love whether it is your favorite sofa or your mother's antique carpet."

Hergenrather also suggests simplicity. "Always use a color scheme. For example, complimentary colors work well for almost everyone," she said. "Pick up a color wheel and use it. Too many colors make an interior too complex. Keep it simple. Also remember there are many colors in a space, not just the paint colors. Don't forget to consider the color of the floor as one of the colors in the room."

Test before buying is another suggestion that



Local designers say brightly colored accent walls, such as the orange used in this basement created by Sun Design, is a current trend in interior paint colors.

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Hergenrather offers. "Always site test colors. Manufacturers have sample pots for this purpose," she said. "Put the colors on your walls in several different places and live with them for a few days before making the final decision."

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT TRENDS in paint colors? "For interiors, I'm using a lot of grays," said Meyer. "Previously, for more than a decade, beiges were popular, but now gray tones are in. Taupes are also popular right now in terms of paint colors."

Hassel said, "We are experiencing that people are starting to be more adventurous with bright colors that make a statement. Whether it is painting one wall a peacock green for an accent in a living room or painting the front door a flame orange, bright, saturated colors are being used on the inside and outside of homes."

Freeman said that intensity in color is popular now. "Bright colors with flare or pastels that seem to represent ice cream colors are all part of the current trends," she said. "Neither should be dull, but both should be more intense. Pick up the colors of your favorite piece of upholstery and see the types being played, one against the other. Opposites do attract in colors and everyday life."

For those with historic homes who want to recreate the hues of a forgone era, designers say that many manufacturers now have palettes that replicate historic colors. "I particularly like Farrow and Ball but they are expensive," said Hergenrather. "However, with paint, as with anything, you get what you pay for. If red is a favorite of yours use a high quality paint such as Benjamin Moore Aura ... great stuff that really covers."

Meyer also suggests paint created with historic homes in mind. "I'd look at Benjamin Moore's Historical Color options such as Manchester Tan," she said. "It's a great neutral. For historic blue-green tones, try Woodlawn Blue, Yarmouth Blue or Hollingsworth Green."

Freeman said, "An interesting phenomena is that the historic colors in homes was much brighter and more pure than was originally understood. Colors from historic homes faded due to the type of medium used; linseed oil and other liquids did not hold the color particles and the deep rich colors didn't last. Today we are able to create those rich, but not necessarily bright color waves."

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“Twentieth Century”
a wild ride at LTA.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Oscar Jaffe has a problem. Following a string of flops, the theatrical impresario is desperate to find a financial backer, a hot script and a dazzling leading lady. He finds all three aboard the Twentieth Century, a luxury train and the latest comedy farce now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

Originally a 1932 play by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, “Twentieth Century” went on to film success in 1934 with John Barrymore and Carole Lombard. In 2004, the award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig adapted the madcap comedy about a flamboyant theatrical producer who boards the 20th Century Limited train for a cross-country trip during which he hopes to lure his former protégé, the film star Lily Garland, into starring in his latest unnamed — and in this case unwritten — script.

With veteran director Roland Branford Gomez at the helm, this send-up of Hollywood demands larger than life performances and the veteran cast led by David James as Oscar Jaffe and Margaret Bush as Lily Garland more than delivers.

Anyone who saw James’ dynamic performance in “Someone Who’ll Watch Over Me” at Port City Playhouse knows that he is a formidable talent. As Jaffe, his desperation is balanced by the mighty stage presence of Bush, a remarkable comedienne with flawless timing who nails Lily’s larger-than-life diva persona.

Gomez and producers Jim Howard and Robert Krause have assembled a cohesive, well-balanced cast that includes the inimitable Kathy Fannon and James McDaniel as Jaffe’s scheming cohorts Ida Webb and Owen O’Malley, Gary Cramer as would-be financier Matthew Clark, Cal Whitehurst as the Conductor, and Timothy Rowe as George Smith, Lily’s agent and current paramour.

Without a weak performance in sight, the secondary cast is equally as strong with Michael Gerwin as Dr. Grover Lockwood, Heather Norcross as his mistress Anita Highland, Bob Cohen in the dual role of Jaffe’s



Gary Cramer (Matthew Clark), Heather Norcross (Anita Highland), James McDaniel (Owen O’Malley), and Kathy Fannon (Ida Webb) star in The Little Theatre of Alexandria’s production of “Twentieth Century,” running through June 29.

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Cal Whitehurst (Conductor) and James McDaniel (Owen O’Malley) in “Twentieth Century.”



Kathy Fannon (Ida Webb), David James (Oscar Jaffe), Margaret Bush (Lily Garland), and James McDaniel (Owen O’Malley) in The Little Theatre of Alexandria’s production of “Twentieth Century,” running through June 29. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

rival Max Jacobs and a Toledo police detective, Paul Tamney as the nutty Passion Play actor, and Ben Norcross as the train’s porter.

A gleaming art deco set by John Downing and Bill Glikbarg — three adjoining compartments in the same car — is an artful recreation of the famous transcontinental train that enhances the rapid pace of scene transitions.

Adding to the award-winning production team are Jean Schlichting and Kit Sibley,

who provide the breathtaking costume designs, with lighting design by Ken and Patti Crowley and sound by David Correia.

A screwball comedy with over the top performances, “Twentieth Century” is a sassy revival where the fussin’, fightin’ and

fondlin’ make for another fun ride at LTA.

“Twentieth Century” is playing now through June 29 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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Theater Performance. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., presents "Ghost-Writer." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Sunday, June 16. Tickets are \$45-\$55; \$25/student. Visit www.metrostage.org or 703-548-9044 for tickets.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 16, see artwork by Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Danny Conant at Multiple

Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free. Hours are Thursdays from noon-9 p.m., all other days from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

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548-0935.

Watercolor Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 23, see "Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorist" at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Hours at the Historic House are Wednesday-Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. and at the Horticulture Center are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. Visit potomacvalleywatercolorists.org for more.

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Arlington National Cemetery: 'My Forever Home'

Storyteller Ellouise Schoettler to perform on Flag Day.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
GAZETTE PACKET

Storyteller Ellouise Schoettler will perform her one-woman show, "Arlington National Cemetery: My Forever Home," at the Athenaeum on Flag Day, June 14, at 7 p.m.

"Arlington National Cemetery: My Forever Home" tells the story of how Schoettler began exploring the stories of those buried with her 3-year-old daughter, Gretchen, and husband James A. Schoettler, M.D., who served as chief of psychiatry at Andrews Air Force Base during the Vietnam era. Her husband was buried at Arlington National Cemetery last August.

"We were married for 57 years so you can imagine that I have been visiting him a lot, and that got me thinking about our Forever Neighbors and noticing the living who spend a lot of time there visiting them," she said.

Through her research, she found there is "a lot of life in Arlington National Cemetery"

— from caretakers who strive for perfection in their task to honor and preserve the memory of those interred to the service men and women's family and friends as well as other visitors.

She has included these stories along with her own in her performance.

One of the caretakers she spoke with said that he enjoyed working at Arlington National Cemetery because there is always something going on. It has between 25-30 burials a day. In addition, thousands of families and others come to visit their loved ones and friends.

"Down in Section 60 where the new casualties of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts are buried ... you see children running around and young families. And you are very aware that there is fighting going on," she said.

During her exploration of Section 60, she met the parents of a young man who served in Afghanistan who drive eight hours almost every holiday and stay for the weekend to spend with their son.

"Arlington is about service and sacrifice made by these military men and women and it is also about family," she said.

In Performance

Storyteller Ellouise Schoettler will perform a one-woman show about Arlington National Cemetery 7 p.m. June 14 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A coffee and dessert reception will follow. Cost is \$10. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.



Ellouise Schoettler

One of her favorite personal stories in the performance is about seeing her grandson Danny wearing her husband's dancing shoes as he walked behind his grandfather's casket.

She also found that people would leave little tokens such as rocks with inscriptions on them on top of the tombstones. Schoettler began

collecting pictures of these tombstones. "Every one of these tombstones has a story," she said.

Seeing the families visiting their loved ones reminded Schoettler of going to visit her grandfather's grave with her mother and grandmother back in Charlotte, N.C.

In addition, her performance will also highlight the ritual and history ingrained in the national cemetery.

"One of the things I love most is seeing the horses during the funerals. It is the only cemetery that uses the caisson and horses to take the casket to the grave site," she added.

The caisson is a wagon used to bring ammunition to the battlefield and to take away dead bodies during the Civil War.

Through this performance, she hopes that audience members will come "to value and appreciate the history of Arlington Cemetery and that it is as special today as it has ever been."

This summer she also will be performing her story at the D.C. Capital Fringe in July.

Schoettler has a bachelor's degree from Dunbarton College of the Holy Cross in Washington and a MFA from American University. She performs across the country and has two cable shows ("Stories in Time" and "Stories in Focus") on Channel 16 (Montgomery County).

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Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 30, the artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4 for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 30, see work by Patrick Sargent at Printmakers Inc. For this exhibition, Patrick Sargent brings together his military background with his artistic talents to create large woodcuts based on his experiences. Printmakers Inc. is at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-683-1342.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 30, see the exhibit "Food: Friend or Foe," which examines the relationship we have with food. Showcases 19 works by artists from all over the country. Free. Located at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

Gallery. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through Sunday, June 30, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays. "Sweet Celebrations" at the Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Ceramic Guild members present pottery for weddings, anniversaries, graduations and birthdays. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Gallery. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through Sunday, June 30, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays. Enamelists Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. In "Summer Joy," enamelists work with a bright summertime palette to celebrate the intensity and everlasting beauty of enamel colors. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit. Running through Sunday, June 30, Target Gallery presents Food, an all-media exhibition at the Torpedo Art Factory that explores the complex relationship with food including a reception Thursday, June 13, 6-8 p.m. Torpedo Art Factory is located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

This exhibit at Fort Ward, located at 4301 W. Braddock Road, features objects from the museum collection, to tell this story of the event that launched the Civil War in Alexandria. Free. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

African American Activists Exhibition. Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing, not-for-profit photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

SUMMER CAMPS

Mt. Vernon Community Children's Theatre Summer Camp. Children can participate in either a one-week all-day session July 22-26 or a two-week session, with the option of either morning, afternoon or all day from July 1-12 (no 4th) or July 29-Aug. 9. Children will learn about all aspects of theatre through games, rehearsals and a final showcase. Visit www.mvct.org/camps.php or 703-360-0686.

The American Backstage Company is offering a variety of summer

classes and workshops, many which are free. Located at 5380 Eisenhower Ave. Visit www.americanbackstage.com.

Art Camp 2013 for Kids at Del Ray Artisans. Art exploration through art history, themes, influential artists. Ages 8-14 enjoy drawing, painting, sculpture, games, individual pursuits. Includes supplies, healthy lunches/snacks. Choose week: July 15-19 or 22-26. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp or email ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.org. Camp will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The gallery is handicap accessible.

Spanish Immersion Camp for Tots. Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12. Children ages 3-5 will enjoy games, art and songs and more. \$325/child. Register online at www.sssas.org/smmertimesreg.

Clio's Kids: A History Mini-C.a.m.p. Tuesday, July 23-Thursday, July 25, 9 a.m.-noon for children ages 5-7. \$105 includes snacks and souvenirs. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/historic/lyceum/default.aspx?id=43632 for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Potowmack chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will discuss "Celebrating the Natural Communities of VA," including plant roots and their fungal partners. Free. 703-642-5173.

Reception. 6-8 p.m. enjoy a juror talk with April Wood and see the exhibit "Food: Friend or Foe," which examines the complex relationship we have with food. Showcases 19 works by artists from all over the country. Free. Located at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

Second Thursday Music. 7 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tom Dews performs with Henry Cross and Ron Goad. \$10. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

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

Jazz Evening. 6-9 p.m. at locations on King Street near the waterfront. There will be interactive art activities, live music and art receptions. Some locations are free, but some have a charge. Visit secondthursdayoldtown.com for more.

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

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.

Crime Prevention Tips. 5 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The ACPD Crime Prevention Officer will give tips on how to stay safe at home, on vacation and even around the city. Free. 703-746-1704.

Library Speed Dating. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Book lovers can share love of books to find a literary better half. Prizes will be awarded. Free. 703-746-1751 to reserve a spot.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Second Thursdays. Browse three

floors of open studios, converse with artists, and enjoy refreshments at this free monthly event taking place at the Torpedo Factory Art Center 6-9 p.m. 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Second Thursday Music. 7 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Local blues-influenced singer/songwriter Tom Dews uses acoustic guitar and harmonica to underscore his vocals. Dews will be accompanied by Ron Goad on percussion. \$10 admission, call 703-548-0035.

FRIDAY/JUNE 14

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see HEM perform. \$25. Visit www.hemmusic.com.

Opening Reception. 6-9 p.m. eight painters, including Alexandria Christine Gray, have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards. Their works will be on display at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Free.

Performance. 7 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ellouise Schoettler will perform a one-woman piece about Arlington National Cemetery. A coffee and dessert reception will follow. \$10. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

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

Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m., see "Conscious Evolution" by Denise Philipbar at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The exhibit blends nature with science and technology. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

Tango Performance. 7 p.m. at Minnie Howard Auditorium, 3801 W. Braddock Road. QuinTango will perform with student performers. Free. Visit www.quintango.com or 703-548-6811.

PBS Documentary Screening. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch "Guilty Pleasures," which takes a look at why romance novels are so popular and "Biblioburro: The Donkey Library," which showcases a Columbian library. Free. 703-746-1702.

Celebrate Flag Day. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Storyteller Ellouise Schoettler's latest one-woman show, "Arlington National Cemetery, My Forever Home," reveals an unusual view of the grounds, where honoring service and family stories blend. \$10 admission, call 703-548-0035.

JUNE 14 THROUGH JULY 21

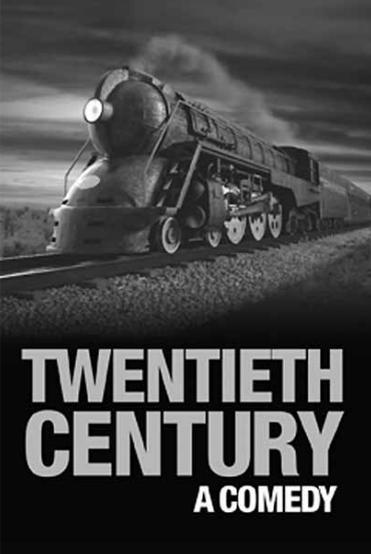
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SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Workshop. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Adults and children work together to choose a "legend" in their family, write their story, and make it into a handmade storybook to take home.

Pride Party Reception. 6-9 p.m. the artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are

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Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4 for more.

Book Signing and Discussion. 4 p.m. at The Gallery at Convergence. Mike Stavlund will sign and discuss his book "The Reshaping of Faith in a Year of Grief." Free.

Workshop: DIY Plant Markers. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Look at creative ideas for plant labels from frugal to decorative and then use your creativity to make some to take home. \$35/person. Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

Tasting Party: Coffee Cupping. 10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Taste a selection of specialty brews to discern the nuances that give each a signature flavor and hear the story of coffee's transformation from bean to beverage.

Performance. Margot MacDonald opens for Emmet Swimming at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

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

Music Performance. See Emmet Swimming at 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. All ages welcome. \$20. Visit www.birchmere.com for tickets.

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

Book Signing & Discussion. 4 p.m.

at the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Join the conversation with Mike Stavlund as he discusses wrestling with God in the midst of personal tragedy as described in his book, "A Force of Will: The Reshaping of Faith in a Year of Grief." For more information call 703-998-6260.

Art Exhibit. River Farm Gardens will be exhibiting "Elegance of Spring" by artists Armen Kankanian, Nancy Ziegler, Bettina Gehring and Nathan Leibowitz. Reception: June 16, 10 am to Noon.

Bookmaking Workshops for Kids. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Alexandria's Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Designed for families with children 6-12 years, adults and children work together to choose a "legend" in their family, write their story and make it into a handmade storybook to take home. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703.746.4399.

Visiting Artists. Noon-4 p.m., meet the Torpedo Factory's June Visiting Artists and learn about their methods, materials, techniques, and backgrounds as they demonstrate their art forms. Meet July and August's visiting artists on July 20 and Aug. 17. The Torpedo Factory is located 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

Arts and Crafts Festival. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Volunteer Alexandria hosts its 33rd Annual Old Town Arts and Crafts Festival. Featuring 60 local artists, food vendors, and a performance by Lynn Hollyfield and Michael Kelly, 1-4 p.m. The Art League of Alexandria will be offering children's activities. Free Event. Shuttle from Metro.

Carlyle House Tours. Noon-4 p.m. Free tours on Father's Day for all fathers and grandfathers at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$5/adults; \$3/children ages 5-12. Contact carlyle@nvrpa.org or call 703-549-2997.

Hair-Centric Events. Noon-4 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Holly Bass will perform "Come Clean," a ritualized performance in which strangers are invited to wash the artist's hair and engage in structured dialogue. Poet and performance artist Shelly Bell will become a touchable art exhibit, allowing others to explore her hair and identity. Amber Robles Gordon will invite attendees to participate in her elaborate Hair Shrine. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Sunday Film Fest. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Watch "The Bucket List." Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

Father's Day Celebration. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. during the West End Farmers Market at Ben Brenman Park. Fathers can get their picture taken with a throne, a crown and robe. Lorton Art Center will also be there to talk about classes available at the center. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Film. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch "Bucket List." Free. 703-746-1702.

Civil War. 1-5 p.m. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum located at 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Father's Day Tour. Noon-4 p.m., Carlyle House at 121 N. Fairfax St., offers free tours on Father's Day for all fathers and grandfathers. Carlyle House served as General Braddock's headquarters during the French and

Indian War. Cost \$5 for each adult, \$3 for children (ages 5-12). Call 703-549-2977.

Father's Day Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Free for fathers and their families on Father's Day. Have a family portrait taken as you stand alongside the historic equipment that fought fires in early 19th century Alexandria. Youngsters will also receive a fire hat of their very own. Call 703-746-4994.

Father's Day Tour. 1-5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum at 134 N. Royal St. offers free tours by Junior Docents on Father's Day for all visiting fathers. \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for ages 5-12. Tours with Junior Docents, 1-5 p.m. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Father's Day Tour. 1-5 p.m. The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. offers free tours on Father's Day for all visiting fathers. \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children (ages 5-12). Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org or call 703-746-3852.

MONDAY/JUNE 17

Music Performance. See Tommy Emmanuel with Anthony Snape at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

TUESDAY/JUNE 18

Swing Dance. 9-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. TK the DJ provides the music. Free. Visit www.gottaswing.com or 703-35-9882.

Partners in Art. 7 p.m. at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Support Carlyle House Historic Park while enjoying a night at the theatre.

\$30. Enjoy a reception at 7 p.m. and at 8 p.m. watch "Twentieth Century." Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 703-549-2997.

Summer Reading Program Open House. 1 p.m. at Kingstown Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. All ages can sign up for the program, check out books, get face painted and more. Free. 703-339-4610.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Lee District Park. Robin & Linda Williams will perform. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ for more.

Concert. Noon-1 p.m. at Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Music by Cathy Ponton King. Free. 703-746-5592.

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. The Hula Monsters provide the music. \$10. Visit www.gottaswing.com or 703-35-9882.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 20-22

Fest Too 2013. Fun, music, and art at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Call 703-998-6260 or visit www.convergenceccf.net.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the gardens with a master gardener docent, then enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in our 1784 historic house. \$28. Call 703-914-7987 to register.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Edward Belfar will discuss his book "Wanderers." Free. 703-746-1751.

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dedicated funding streams, but believe the process in which this decision was made lacked transparency with council colleagues and prevented city residents from being engaged in the process.

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons, and to eliminate race-based discrimination. We believe removing the dedicated funding stream for affordable housing will significantly impact minorities and low to moderate income families. As a social worker, I see daily the impact stable housing has on children and families. Children perform better academically, there is a reduction in the number of referrals for child abuse and neglect, and referrals to social services agencies for a myriad of other resources.

For these reasons we implore City Council to continue the city ordinance establishing the affordable housing set-aside beyond FY 2014.

LaDonna J. Sanders
Alexandria NAACP Branch
President

Alexandria's Gentrification

To the Editor:

On June 6, the Giant Food stores located on Beauregard Street and at Bradlee Shopping Center closed. A little less than six months prior, ditto for the Magraders in Seminary Plaza, when the local chain went out of business. And there was nary a word of lamentation in the local press.

These were businesses that for the most part served other than upscale communities within the larger city, within walking distance for their clientele, characterized by the relative longevity of their presence and the relationships between staff and shoppers. In the words of the theme song to that iconic 1980s sitcom, "where everybody knows your name" — or at least your face. Now they're gone ... and the jobs and small town feel as well. For their loyal patrons, grocery shopping necessitates a drive.

Alexandria touts itself as being close knit and proud of it, environmentally conscious, yet what you find week after week in its newspapers is the extolling of "gentrification" — the destruction of established residential neighborhoods, a pushing out of the middle class and the economic and cultural diversity that made the city what it is today. And the raising of taxes — on the current residents — to pay for it.

If Alexandria is looking to spur economic growth, it would be far more sensible long term to exploit and emphasize its intrinsic and basic advantages, such as affordable housing close to D.C., deep historic ties, and bucolic beauty, instead of courting a homogenized "creative class" by spending taxpayer money to attract only that element of society. There have been failures in that endeavor — Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo, Hartford, Rochester — to name but a few. "New" and "improved" doesn't necessarily mean "better." Instead, the city might want to follow the lead of Christine Quinn, who in her run for mayor of New York City is proposing 40,000 new units of affordable housing ... before Alexandria becomes more akin to India, Champion of the Caste (Off) System, out of step with the times with respect to the immigration issue.

Karen Ann DeLuca
Alexandria

Haig's Statement Was Distorted

To the Editor:

In the June 6-12 Gazette Packet, Katy Cannady challenged Councilmember Justin Wilson for "jokingly addressing Vice Mayor Alison Silverberg as 'Alexander Haig' while she was presiding at a Council meeting" during the Mayor's brief absence. Ms. Cannady's point was to quote then-Secretary of State Haig, a few hours after the shooting of President Reagan on March 30, 1981, as saying: "I am in charge here at the White House."

Like Mr. Wilson, I too am "old enough to remember Haig," and I recall his saying more than those few words, though almost all repetitions edited them down to that sound-bite, which to his critics suggested a power grab. However, his full sentence was:

"... As of now, I am in control here in the White House, pending the return of the vice president and in close touch with him ..."

Vice President George (Herbert Walker) Bush was even then flying back to Washington from Texas, and Haig (as he sought to explain later) was simply trying to reassure the public ... especially as it had been less than 18 years since President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated.

While Haig's opening reference to the Constitution ("Constitutionally, gentlemen, you have the president, the vice president and the secretary of state, in that order") was technically incorrect — as President Truman's Presidential Succession Act of 1947 had

designated the Speaker of the House and President pro tempore of the Senate as third and fourth in line, with the Secretary of State fifth — Haig was third in line within the Executive Branch, and with his crisis management experience under Presidents Nixon, Ford and Reagan, highly qualified to handle any ensuing emergency at the time. Moreover, his clear deference to Vice President Bush should have absolved him of any ambitious intent ... had the media not distorted his public persona.

Jonathan Myer
Alexandria

Lack of Transparency

To the Editor:

At the last meeting of the Federation of Civic Associations, I was flabbergasted that a long-time and well-respected city employee had been tapped by the city manager to present a new concept which endorsed putting food trucks on our already overly crowded streets. As the concept was being presented I muttered aloud that this concept must have been incepted during one of the council's

executive sessions. As expected, I got a dirty look in return; however less than five minutes later it was pointed out by the speaker that the concept was actually discussed at the council's annual retreat. Ah ha, just as I expected, again no transparency. A couple of days later I called one of the deputy city managers to find out how I could access the minutes of the retreat. You guessed it, no minutes of the retreat are available, so I can't pin the tail of the donkey on any specific councilman Regardless, the fact that this initiative is going straight to council sometime in September with one public hearing is absolutely egregious.

Not one member of the Federation spoke in favor of this initiative. In fact, all of those who did speak said that it's a bad idea. In Old Town, and this program is also scheduled to take place in Del Rey and the West End, there are about 100 restaurants from the river to the rails. We just don't need a large number of food trucks taking away more of our parking spaces and competing with our already established restaurants. Just look at the food trucks in D.C. and you see utter chaos. Can you imagine a number of these food trucks parked on the 100 block of North

Royal across the street from Gadsby's Tavern, one of our city's premier historic attractions? Who by the way is going to monitor these trucks for sanitation? It sure isn't going to be our defunct health department who for years has failed to take action against the motorcycles on King Street who blow their toxic fumes all over the food of our outdoor diners.

This whole exercise is akin to the council members scheming to revote on the Waterfront Plan during an executive session. It's another breach of the public's trust by our elected officials. This truly reflects what happens when you have all seven council members representing the same political affiliation. The end product then is: Why even convene a meeting?

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Speeding Leads to Driving School Refresher Class

BY JANET BARNETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES
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OK, I admit it. I was sentenced to driving school by a Wytheville County judge for speeding on Interstate 81. Yikes.

So, I paid the price with eight grueling hours and only a few breaks on a beautiful sunny Saturday cooped up in a hotel conference room without windows. I listened intently to what happens to speeders, which, of course, I was one. But, guess what? It was the best eight hours I have spent in a long time.

The course for me was a solid and strong reminder about responsibility. It is the obligation we have as drivers. We must make it

a habit to be a defensive driver at all times.

"We choose how we drive," my instructor read from The National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course Handbook.

The lecturer said each time we begin to drive that we are responsible for a "lethal weapon" under our control. We are also responsible for our passengers, other drivers, pedestrians and property. Students were reminded how quickly accidents happen. A big cause is drivers think about everything else but driving. So, admit it. What are you thinking at the wheel — lunch, dinner,

meeting or shopping? Most of us are not thinking about our driving at all. More often than not we press hard on the gas pedal and become oblivious to our colleagues zipping down the roadways.

It is a good thing to experience this refresher driving course however inconvenient or maybe embarrassing. Too bad a traffic judge had to get involved with me. I was reminded of so many important points. The instructor suggested that safe drivers, even before moving their vehicle, make an outside vehicle check. He suggested cleaning the windows, checking all lights, mirrors, windshield wipers, tires, and under the car for any leaks.

Once inside, there is still more checking to do — lock the doors, fasten safety belts, look for warning lights, and be ready physically and emotionally to take driving re-

sponsibility. Next, focus on driving and not on other matters like work, chores or family issues. Drive defensively.

I highly recommend everyone take a driving safety course. Don't wait for a speeding ticket. A volunteer driving class is less expensive than a state-managed class and increased insurance rates.

The advantages are considerable but they can save your life and others. According to The National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course Handbook, there are 10 habits of defensive driving. These are listed and discussed in the handbook. Stop by Senior Services of Alexandria, 700 Princess Street, and let me share my book with you. I'll give you the telephone number or website to register for this important course. I am a fan. More important, I don't speed anymore. Really.

So 'Un-Virginia Like'

BY HARRY M. COVERT



situation as "so un-Virginia like."

Jeff Schapiro of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, one of the best political columnists, responded to my note this way, "methinks Larry hit the nail on the

It may be too early for some to think a Virginia governor may have to resign before his term is completed. It could happen.

The Commonwealth has never had a governor forced to leave for misconduct.

Bob McDonnell, the 71st chief executive, may be a good leader on northern Virginia transportation programs, but it seems as if he has a problem handling domestic help and/or handling responsible financial matters at home, in this case, the Executive Mansion.

Political watchers have been following alleged antics of the gubernatorial kitchen. That is his chef has been charged with embezzlement. On top of this, he

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and his family have been recipients of a donor's munificence as far as are publicly known. The donor kicked in

\$15,000 to pay for his daughter's wedding reception. This may be legal but not wise.

On top of all this, "Mrs. Governor" has received some nice "considerations" from the same donor, flying her hither and yon to business conferences outside of the Old Dominion. Lots of money gifts. Explanations have been interesting: the gifts are all legal, other governors have done the same and a couple have suggested these perquisites should be tightened.

Now, welcome the agents of the FBI. Is Mr. McDonnell oblivious to the serious nature of the inquiries? Is he unmindful of the events ongoing at Mr. Obama's Department of Justice where wiretapping is rampant, IRS has been curbing some conservative political organizations and federal investigators will be having a heyday?

Larry Sabato, not even using his crystal ball, was taken aback by the probe of Virginia's governor. On Washington, D.C radio waves Dr. Sabato simply described the

head."

Reporter Julie Carey of NBC4 Washington did a good journalistic job pursuing the governor in a northern Virginia appearance on Monday. She was able to get these words, "I'm here to talk only about transportation" before he ducked into the safety of an elevator. Of course had he been running for another office, he or a flack would be dying to speak with Ms. Carey.

The question now comes: Will Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling get a chance to be governor, even for only a month or two? He has served faithfully almost two-term tenure. Being a team player Bolling set aside his own ambition so Mr. McDonnell could run. He was supposedly the heir apparent but was victim to current nominee Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli who was determined to leap over the lieutenant governor.

All this does not bode well for Virginia citizens who appear just as unenthusiastic about Democratic choices.

Times have changed indubitably. More questions loom for the governor. It's a bit scary that the feds have to come into the Old Dominion as if it were dealing with elected leaders in other adjacent governments or going off to Hong Kong to extradite an American citizen who apparently has disvalued oaths.

Opening the door to FBI visits is just as serious as welcoming opponents who enjoy raising money using candidates' own words.

The coming off-year Virginia election will be one to remember. Maybe it is a good idea that governors can't succeed themselves.



Commonwealth Academy Teacher of the Year Maria Brinza with Head of School Dr. Susan Johnson. Also named Teacher of the Year was Math Department Chair and Middle School teacher Susan James.

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Academy Hosts 2013 CARE Awards

Mayor William Euille and Del. Rob Krupicka set the stage for a lively and warm gathering of Commonwealth Academy parents, faculty, and friends at the 2013 CARE Awards (Commonwealth Academy Recognition of Outstanding Educators Awards) on April 25 at The Westin Alexandria. Trevor Romain, author and illustrator of children's self help books, delivered the keynote address and received the 2013 CARE Leadership Award.

Head of School Susan J. Johnson presented the C/A Service Award to Spanish Department chair and teacher Mary Chamberlain for her 10 years of teaching. Lower School teacher Maria Brinza and Math Department chair and Middle School teacher Susan James received the C/A Teacher of the Year Award.



Head of School Dr. Susan Johnson with Commonwealth Academy Leadership Awardee and Keynote Speaker Trevor Romain.

Proceeds from the event go directly to benefit C/A's programs. This year, proceeds were used for professional development grants for members of its faculty: Ricardo Pontes, Art League courses in photography, photographic lighting tools, and advanced camera techniques; Matthew Briggs, a summer course in fiction writing through Johns Hopkins DC Extension; Jane Furey, a UVA course, "Teaching with Technology for Practicing Teachers," to enhance data management, digital story telling, webquest and digital instruction; Rebecca Powell, a regional NCTM Interactive Institute in DC, "Engaging Students in Learning: Mathematical Practices and Process Standards," and Clint Gibson, a two-week course in using modeling in the instruction of physics, Kennebunk, Maine.



Dr. Susan Johnson acknowledges Mary Chamberlain as the recipient of the Commonwealth Academy Service Award.

PEOPLE



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Much To Celebrate

The Crown View Drive annual neighborhood Memorial Day party on May 27 celebrated long-time resident Helen Baughman's 100th birthday. She will actually turn 100 on July 5. From left: (front row) Ian and Evan Leon, Helen Baughman, Margaret-Ann and Fiona Herbold, (back row) Dennis Kuhns, Brad Hinson, Marc Leon and Mick Heller.



From left: (back row) Marc Leon, Mick Heller, Brad Hinson, Dennis Kuhns, (front row) Fiona and Margaret-Ann Herbold, and Ian Leon.



From left: Ian and Evan Leon, Hood Barringer (in wheelchair), Nancy Roca and Ann Spitle.



Liana and her friend Amanda join the parade with her mom Tammy Gomez and her brother Teo.

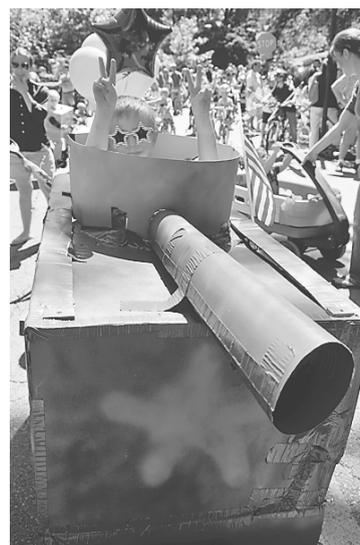
Wheel Day in North Ridge

North Ridge Citizens' Association hosted the Annual Wheel Day parade on Sunday afternoon, May 26 on Old Dominion Drive in Beverly Hills. Longtime North Ridge resident Linda Johnson joined the parade again as the "Granny Marshall." She participated in the Wheel Day parade in the 1940s when it was founded.

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Linda Johnson returned to be the "Granny Marshall" of the annual Wheel Day parade in North Ridge.



Alex balances a tank on his bike as he waits for the go-ahead to start riding the parade route down Old Dominion Drive. Alex and his father made the tank after breakfast on Sunday morning.



Dressed as cicadas, Fiona Donovan and Cassie Lustig lead off the parade on scooters.

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Army Cadet **Hannah K. Martins** has received the George C. Marshall Award during an awards ceremony at the Marshall Center, Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. The award is named in the honor of General of the Army George C. Marshall, who served in World War II as the Army Chief of Staff and in the post-war era as secretary of state and secretary of defense. The cadet is a student at Princeton University, N.J. Martins is the daughter of Mark and Katherine Martins of Annandale, and granddaughter of Sadie Martins of Alexandria. She graduated in 2009 from Woodson High School, Fairfax.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Adrian Padilla**, son of Lilia Cristostomo of Alexandria, and Roberto Padilla, of Alexandria, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Padilla is a 2012 graduate of T. C. William High School.

Navy Seaman **Thomas Carroll**, son of Ann T. Carroll of Alexandria and Lance S. Carroll, of Springfield recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Carroll is a 2005 graduate of Marine Military Academy of Harlingen, Texas.

Army Pvt. **Aimee L. Crawford** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Crawford is the daughter of Janice Crawford of Virginia Beach, and Floyd Crawford of Alexandria.

Air Force Airman **Carlos H. Diaz** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Diaz is the son of Marixa Soriano of Alexandria and Alexander Diaz of Oxon Hill, Md. He is a 2012 graduate of Oxon Hill High School, Md.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Roderick K. Rayms-Keller**, son of Diane Keller of Alexandria, and Alfredo Rayms-Keller, of Fredericksburg, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. Rayms-Keller is a 2012 graduate of Chancellor High School of Fredericksburg.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Patricia V. Quinteros**, daughter of Tula Quinteros of Alexandria, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. Quinteros is a 2012 graduate of T. C. Williams High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Kyle W. Roberts**, nephew of Sheryl Sims of Alexandria, graduated from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Roberts is a 2011 graduate of Chancellor High School of Fredericksburg.

Army Reserve Pvt. **Malik X. Iriarte** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Iriarte is a 2012 graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. **Morris L. Smith II** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Smith is the son of Monique Smith of Alexandria and a 2009 graduate of Moore High School, Okla.

Army Spec. **Evan Greco** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Greco is the son of Christine Greco of Alexandria, and Adam Greco of Mays Landing, N.J. He is a 2007 graduate of St. Josephs High School, Hammonton, N.J. He received a bachelor's degree in 2011 from Marymount University, Alexandria.

Navy Seaman Apprentice **Juan C. Guzman**, son of Cesar B. Guzman, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Guzman is a 2007 graduate of T.C. Williams High School.

Randolph Macon Academy recognized Cadet Captain **Anastasia C. Voellm**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Voellm of Alexandria, during the Spring Family Weekend parade for superior performance in Air Force JROTC. Anastasia received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award.

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Weitekamp, Lemke Named TC Crew Varsity MVPs

The T.C. Williams crew team held its first official practice of the 2013 spring rowing season on a cold, blustery afternoon on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Three state championships, two silver medals, and eight bronze medals later, the Titans gathered one last time this season for an awards ceremony that was held to recognize their significant accomplishments and honor some of the athletes who contributed to their success.

The ceremony was held Tuesday night at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town. Attended by a crowd of more than 150 parents, family members, and supporters, the ceremony featured remarks by the T.C. crew coaching staff, who praised the efforts of the rowers and coxswains they guided, and handed out awards for outstanding achievements this year.

Those honored for their achievements included: Alexandra Lemke (Girls' Varsity MVP); Nadia Magallon (Girls' Coaches Award); Rosa Procaccino (Outstanding Girls' Coxswain); Jazmin Calderon (Girls' Junior Varsity MVP); Gabriella Salcedo (Old Dominion Boat Club Outstanding Oarswoman); Natasha Magallon (Girls' Freshman MVP); Madison Weitekamp (Boys' Varsity MVP); Jack Kane (Boys' Coaches Award); Brian Comey (Outstanding Boys' Coxswain); Calvin Heimberg (Outstanding Boys' Lightweight Rower); Tim Bender (Boys' Junior Varsity MVP); Sam Zickar (Old Dominion Boat Club Outstanding Oarsman) and Preston Tracy (Boys' Freshman MVP).

Also recognized at the awards ceremony were three Titans who were named to the All-Met Crew Team by the Washington Post this past weekend, including: Weitekamp, who was selected as a member of the First Team All-Met Crew; Salcedo, who was named Honorable Mention All-Met Crew; and Brian Comey, who was also named



Senior rower Madison Weitekamp, who was named to the Washington Post's All-Met First Team Crew this past weekend and is shown here with his coach, Peter Hearing, was named Boys' Varsity MVP of the 2013 T.C. Williams crew team at their awards ceremony on June 11.

Honorable Mention All-Met Crew.

Honorary medals were also presented to members of the T.C. Williams boys' lightweight 8, boys' senior 8, and girls' junior 8, who made it to the finals of the Canadian Nationals on June 2 only to see the finals cancelled due to high winds and rough water. The medals — each a Canadian one-dollar coin attached to a red ribbon — were meant to symbolize their achievement at making it to the finals of this highly competitive race.

Other T.C. Williams boats were recognized, as well.

The girls' freshman 8, guided by Coach Patrick Marquardt, went undefeated in their first five races, won the Virginia state championship for lower boats in their sixth race, and went on to capture the bronze medal at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia and the bronze at the National Championship Regatta in Camden.

The boys' lightweight 8, guided by T.C.

boys' head crew coach Pete Stramese, won the Virginia state championship. It was the second consecutive year the Titan Lightweighters have claimed that honor.

The girls' junior 4, guided by Coach Matt Given, captured the Virginia state championship.

The boys' junior 8, guided by Stramese, won the silver medal at the Virginia state championship, and then followed that up by capturing the bronze medal at the national championship the next week, becoming the first Titan boys' boat to medal at nationals since 2003.

The girls' fourth 8, guided by coach Cara Donley, the won the silver medal at the Virginia state championship for lower boats.

The girls' second varsity 8, guided by coach Jaime Rubini, brought home the bronze medal at the national championship.

The boys' varsity 4, guided by coach Peter Hearing, claimed the bronze medal at the Virginia state championship.



Alexandra Lemke, who is shown here competing at the Noxontown Regatta earlier this year, was named Girls' Varsity MVP of the 2013 T.C. Williams crew team at their awards ceremony on June 11. Lemke was unable to attend the ceremony because she was attending a freshman orientation session at Ohio State, where she will be a student this fall.

The girls' third 8, guided by Marquardt, won the bronze medal at the Virginia state championship for lower boats.

The girls' novice 8, guided by Given, captured the bronze at the Virginia state championship for lower boats.

The 2013 T.C. Williams crew team was guided this spring by Stramese and girls' head coach Mercedes Kiss. Other members of the Titan coaching staff included: Matt Holland, Cathy Hott, Katie Bond, Stephanie Patton, Christopher Ottie and Audrey Shankles.

In addition to being one of the most successful teams in recent years, the 2013 T.C. crew team was also the largest in a decade, with nearly 200 athletes turning out for practice on that cold, blustery afternoon in February and competing on the team this spring.

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Grosser Drafted By Atlanta

The Atlanta Braves selected T.C. Williams senior pitcher Alec Grosser in the 11th round with the 343rd overall pick in the 2013 Major League Baseball draft, held June 6-8.

Grosser said during the season he would wait until the draft to make a choice whether to turn pro or play collegiately at George Mason University. On Sunday, Grosser said he would sign a contract this week with the Atlanta organization and eventually report to the Braves' Rookie league affiliate.

"It's an awesome feeling, definitely," Grosser said. "... It's truly an honor. ... This past year I've been working pretty hard to improve my game. ... I've been thinking about playing pro ball this past year."

Grosser, who said his fastball has been clocked at 95 mph, was a first-team all-Northern Region selection and helped lead



T.C. Williams pitcher Alec Grosser was selected by the Atlanta Braves in the 2013 MLB draft.

T.C. Williams to its first regional tournament appearance since 2009. He also started at quarterback for the Titans' football team since his sophomore year.

— JON ROETMAN

SCHOOL NOTES

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

New student registration for T.C. Williams High School will take place 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 24 through 28. Schedule registration appointments for students entering grades nine and 10 by calling the T.C. Williams Minnie Howard Campus, 3801 W. Braddock Road, at 703-824-6755. Schedule appointments for students entering grades 11 and 12 by calling the main campus, 3330 King St., at 703-824-6800. Children born outside the U.S. or who speak another language at home should register from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., no appointments necessary, at the English Language Learners Office, 4701 Seminary Road.

Daniel Paul Baylog, a senior at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be honored as a high scholar at the Honors Convocation.

The following local students recently were initiated into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi: **Kaila Tanksley, Samantha Cooper, Tae Kim, Ayda Bekele, Robert Braunger,**

Shikhee Soeb and **Daniel Halse, Jr.**

Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Morton Sherman announces the appointment of **Rae Covey**, who currently serves as an ACPs school improvement coach, as the next principal of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School. Her new assignment will start in July, following the retirement of Principal Deborah Thompson.

Grace Elizabeth Goodwin, a member of the Class of 2013 at Colgate University, has been named a Dana Scholar in recognition of superior academic achievement as well as demonstrated leadership in the campus community. Goodwin is a graduate of T.C. Williams High School. At Colgate University, Goodwin studies art and art history.

Mickayla Noel, 15, of Alexandria, will attend Interlochen Arts Academy, a fine arts boarding high school. The daughter of Ronald and Evette Noel will study creative writing. She has been a student at Bishop Denis J. O'Connell and is an alumni of the DC based Higher Achievement Program.

BUSINESS

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John McManus, senior vice president, Community Banking for Virginia Commerce Bank, was named Committee Chairman of the Year for 2012 from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. McManus won the award for his work as chair of the Membership Committee, which assists staff in their efforts to retain current members and recruit new members of the chamber.

In 2012, the Membership Committee was responsible for the establishment of the chamber's new Ambassador's Program. Ambassadors are a group of representatives who work to enhance the level of engagement of current chamber members. Ambassadors also assist new members to get oriented with the Chamber upon their joining.

As chairman of the Membership Committee, McManus also serves as a member of as a vice chairman of the chamber's board of directors.

Dr. John Kling, II has earned accreditation in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry — an accomplishment completed by only 350 dental professionals to date.

Raised in Alexandria, Kling graduated from Wake Forest University in North Carolina with a B.A. in biology and from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, with a doctorate of dental surgery. He completed his residency at Buffalo General Hospital in 1985, and has been in private practice in Old Town Alexandria since that time.

As an active community member, Kling belongs to the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Alexandria Rotary Club. He is an annual sponsor of

the Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer and was the former chair of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission. Kling volunteered for years at the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic and the citywide program placing protective sealants on children's teeth. He currently is involved with the "Give Back a Smile" program, providing local individuals with reconstructive dentistry after domestic abuse.

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America has earned the distinction of being selected as one of the 2013 "Best Non-Profit Organizations to Work for." A publication profiling the 50 organizations selected was published in the April 1, 2013 issue of "The NonProfit Times." In order to be selected, MOAA underwent a workplace assessment process that included surveying employees, as well as taking an inventory of organizational benefits, policies and offerings. The information was processed and analyzed and used to determine the "Best NonProfits to Work for." MOAA, ranked #32 in 2013, received "Best NonProfit Organizations to Work for" in 2011.

the "Distinguished Service Award" by the Iowa Optometric Association during its 115th Annual Congress held this year at the Embassy Suites Downtown Des Moines. Rodney serves as the Assistant Director of Regulatory Policy and Outreach at the American Optometric Association Washington office. His primary focus is to direct AOA's interaction with federal agencies, including the US Department of Health and Human Services and Medicare. Rodney joined the AOA team in July 2008, and works at the AOA office in Alexandria. He received his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his law degree from American University's Washington College of Law. He lives in Rockville.

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SPORTS



Mateo Torrico, 5, is joined in the outfield by his father Gregory Torrico during the closing game of the Miracle League Spring Season.



Volunteers and participants in the Spring Miracle League season gather for a photo prior to the closing game June 1 at the Kelley Cares Miracle Field at the Nannie J. Lee Center.

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET



Miracle League player Sesi Atiase takes to the plate during the season finale of the Miracle League's Spring season.

Miracle League Ends Season with Festivities

The 2013 Spring Miracle Baseball League completed its season June 1 at the Kelley Cares Miracle Field with Uncle Slam from the Potomac Nationals baseball team on hand for the closing game festivities.

Also joining the special needs youth and adult participants were members of the Baysox Coach Pitch baseball team, the T.C. Williams High School baseball team and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, who all season provided complimentary hot dogs, chips

and drinks for players and volunteers.

During the first full season on the new Miracle Field, participants took part in bean bag toss, basketball and soccer games as a warm up to the weekly Miracle League game.

For more information on the upcoming Miracle League season, visit www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com.

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Alexandria Ace's coach David De Silva poses for a photo with the 2013 team outside of the Union Street Public House on Tuesday evening, June 11. Union Street, a team sponsor, and Shawn McLaughlin of McLaughlin-Ryder Investments provided dinner for the team, sponsors and host families.



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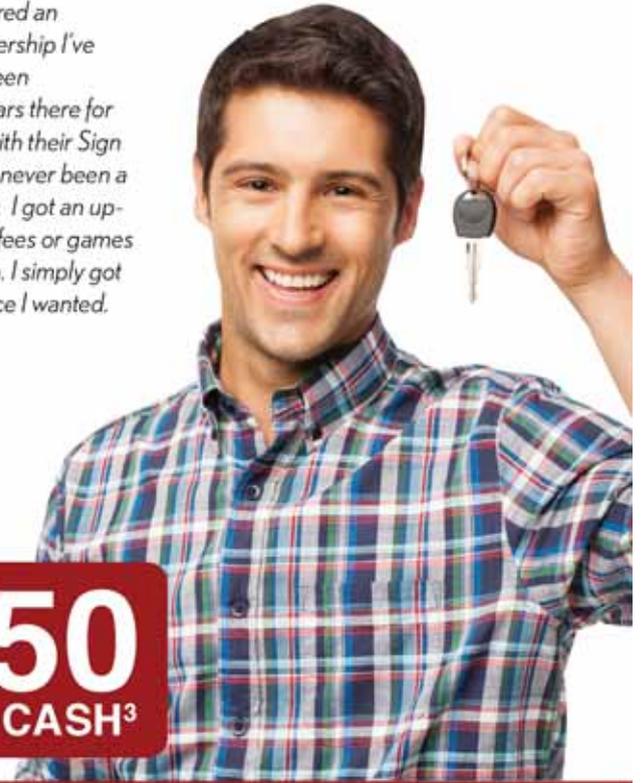
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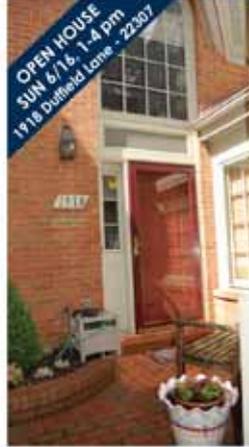
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