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## Celebrating George Washington's Birthday

Soldiers from the First Virginia Regiment march ahead of General and Mrs. Washington. More parade photos, pages 3 and 5.



Martha and General George Washington take a seat in the carriage for the ride through town.



The 2014 grand marshal of the parade, Pam Cressey, the first Alexandria city archaeologist, is flanked by Fran Bromberg and Viviane Silverman.



Performers from the Jim Moyer Circus Club ride unicycles down the street.



Jeff Cuiper rides his BMW M70 replica down South Fairfax Street with the big white dog from Dogtopia.

## Movable Feast?

Food truck task force prepares to issue recommendations.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
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This spring, advocates for food trucks will engage in a battle with brick-and-mortar restaurants. Caught in the crossfire are neighborhood residents and lunchtime diners, who have their own turf to protect.

The food fight began last May, when City Manager Rashad Young issued a series of recommendations that would open the door to food trucks in Old Town, Del Ray and Carlyle. That created a backlash among restaurant owners, who say their livelihoods would be threatened by competition from a group of people who are not part

of the community and do not pay real-estate taxes. The proposal was withdrawn, and a task force was formed to come up with recommendations. Now, after dozens of meetings, those recommendations are expected in March.

"There are two sides to the argument," said Lynn Bostain, a member of the task force. "The restaurants say that they are not completely full at lunchtime, and food trucks would take away the business. On the other hand, food trucks say, it would bring more people into that area who would be coming in perhaps for a food truck but also for a restaurant."

Opposing sides have been able to see HUNGRY. PAGE 3

## Eleven Candidates

72,000 voters expected in hotly contested primary; winner could emerge with 10,000 votes.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
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The Democratic primary is shaping up to be the most competitive election in recent memory, one with an unprecedented number of candidates. So far, 11 candidates have announced their intention to run in the June primary. Election officials are predicting a turnout of about 64,000 voters. That means a winning candidate could emerge with a few thousand votes.

"It wouldn't surprise me if we had a winner on the low side of 12,000 votes," said Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor at the University of Mary

Washington. "What we are talking about here is a Democratic nominee, who is almost certainly assured of election given this district, could be elected with about the size of a decent size high-school basketball game fan base."

And it's a jump ball. Farnsworth says that former Lieutenant Governor Don Beyer is expected to have a fundraising edge over other candidates because he has experience running statewide campaigns, and he has a vast personal fortune he could tap during the campaign. But Beyer's position in the race could be weakened with every new candidate who enters the race as constituencies continue

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## No New Composite

When Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook appeared at a meeting of the North Ridge Citizens Association last week to talk about the murder of Ruthanne Lodato, one of the questions from the neighbors was about the composite image of the suspect. What if he shaved off the beard? How would folks know what to look for?

"You are an investigator at heart," said Cook. "We're looking at some of the experts now who work in that artistic field so that at some time in the near future we can come back with something."

Now police officials have changed their tune. After talking to composite experts, police leaders now say they have decided that they will not be releasing another composite without the beard. This is because they don't know if he has acne scars or a weak chin, two facial features that could be obscured by a beard.

"We don't know what type of facial features he has under the beard, and we don't want to put something out that's not accurate," said Crystal Nosal, spokeswoman for the Alexandria Police Department. "We don't want to speculate on how he may look under the beard and put out something that we have no clue of knowing if it actually looks like him."

Late last week, police said they received more than 500 tips as a result of the composite. Now police leaders are saying they will not be providing any more updates as to the number of tips they've received.

"We don't want to limit people calling in because they think we've received too many tips," said Nosal. "If people see something that's suspicious or raises the hair on the back of their neck, we want them to call. That's the point of the tip line."

## One Republican

A record number of Democrats are vying for the Democratic nomination to replace U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), setting up a very competitive June primary. The action on the Republican side is not as intense, though. So far, only one Republican candidate has announced an intent to run as the GOP standard-bearer, former congressional aide Micah Edmond.

"I believe Congressman Jim Moran has failed to lead and continues to represent the status quo rather than the changing interests of constituents in the 8th District," said Edmond in his announcement. "Until we solve our fiscal spending crisis, we can't make investments in priorities like education, infrastructure and energy independence."

Republican leaders say Edmond had been planning a campaign for Congress even before Moran announced he will not seek a 13th term in January. Although the surprise announcement prompted a flood of Democrats to enter the race, Edmond is the only Republican so far to file as a candidate. Alexandria Republican City Committee chairman Tom Fulton said he believes when party leaders gather for their convention this summer to select a candidate, it's likely that Edmond will be the only candidate under consideration.

"When Congressman Moran announced he was retiring, that got a lot of people talking about it," said Fulton. "But nobody followed through with actually filing for the nomination."

## G Men Seek Help

Uncle Sam wants you to fight for the country. And Smokey the Bear explains that only you can prevent forest fires. Now the Federal Bureau of Investigation wants you to help root out public corruption.

Just days after federal prosecutors filed a 14 count indictment against Republican former Gov. Bob McDonnell in Richmond, leaders at the FBI launched a campaign to get members of the public involved in finding other examples of malfeasance. They want to know if folks are aware of bribery or kickbacks. Examples might DMV employees, city inspectors, zoning administrators or even City Council members. The feds say members of the public should alert them if they know about local officials colluding with real-estate investors to rig bidding processes or law-enforcement officials stealing drugs or other contraband.

"Public corruption is often the result of agreements made in whispered conversations and sealed with quick handshakes," according to a press release issued by the FBI this week. "The secretive nature of the crime makes it difficult to detect without the assistance of concerned citizens."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



### Faces at the Parade

**Roberta Chew carries a portrait of the first president.**



**Craig Hassler, a volunteer with Alexandria Archaeology, sports a hat decorated with recycled aluminum car tops.**



**Melvin Miller waves from the sunroof of the Departmental Progressive Club car.**

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# Hungry for Food Trucks?

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to agree on some issues, including allowing food trucks to part at the Hilton Mark Center to serve thousands of workers who are now working at the Washington Headquarters Service as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Some other points of consensus are allowing food trucks on private property, at farmers markets and in public parks. But members of the task force are deadlocked on thornier questions, including where the food trucks should be allowed.

"It might be an even split," said Old Town Civic Association president Yvonne Weight Callahan. "More people might end up favoring food trucks at the King Street Metro, fewer people favoring food trucks at the courthouse and even fewer people favoring food trucks at Gadsby's Tavern."

**THE STAKES** are high for restaurants, who have invested time and money in building a customer base in their local neighborhoods. Aside from the three locations in Old Town under consideration, task force members are considering three locations in Carlyle — John Carlyle Square Park, Dulany Street and Eisenhower Avenue. One location is under consideration in Del Ray, the stretch of Mount Vernon Avenue near the Department of Community and Human Services. Traditional bricks-and-mortar restaurants are prepared to put up a fight to prevent food trucks from encroaching onto their turf.

"What I'm hearing the restaurant guys on the panel are saying is that the zones should be very limited, so there would be no Old Town zones and no Carlyle zones," said "Mango" Mike Anderson, who owns restaurants in all three neighborhoods. "Where is this pent up demand for food trucks that is not being supplied by restaurants in Old Town or Carlyle or Del Ray? I'm just not seeing the need for it."

Meanwhile, the food-truck lobby is spoiling for a fight. Back in January, leaders of the Food Truck Association launched a new website to advocate for food trucks in Alexandria.

They say it's difficult to stomach the argument that food trucks pose competition to traditional restaurants.

"There's not a single restaurant that has closed in D.C. because a food truck was parked on their block," said Che Ruddell-Tabisola, a member of the association. "What we've seen in D.C. is the opposite. Four new brick and mortar restaurants have opened in Farragut Square in the last 18 months, and that's probably the most popular food-truck destination in D.C."

**RECENT YEARS** have seen Arlington and the District become war zones where traditional brick-and-mortar restaurants have gone to battle with newer food trucks — in business and before elected officials. Last year, for example, Arlington County changed its rules for food trucks to do away with a one-hour limitation and now allows vendors to stay the entire length of two-hour parking meter cycle. Some say changing the city's restrictive rules might be a preemptive measure against legal action.

"Governments can favor one kind of business over another," said Callahan. "So if the food truck people think that the city is becoming too proprietary with the brick-and-mortar restarts and therefore protecting them at the expense of the food trucks, that's a ripe area for litigation."

Aside from location, several other issues are on the table for work group members to hammer out before they make a recommendation. One would be how many food trucks are allowed in a zone at time.

The city staff had recommended three, and members of the committee haven't made any suggestion to change that. Then there are proposals to keep vendors 100 feet from residences and 20 feet from traditional outdoor dining. Perhaps one of the tricky issues aside from location is the hours they would be able to operation. One proposal from last year would allow them to operate from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"I have friends who tell me that they live near food trucks in Arlington or other places, and they love going to the food truck for dinner," said Bostain.

"It would make sense to have that option for people if they want to eat from a food truck rather than a brick-and-mortar restaurant."

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# And Now There are 11

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to narrow. And the number of candidates entering the race could end up encouraging even more.

"I don't think a bigger field is a disincentive for others to enter," said Kyle Kondik, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "We have candidates who say to themselves all they need to do is mobilize a certain segment of the district

and get about 10,000 votes and be next member of Congress and have the seat for a very long time."

**CENSUS FIGURES** show about 770,000 people live in the 8th Congressional District. It's 64 percent white, 19 percent Hispanic, 13 percent black and 12 percent Asian. The district has about 400,000 active registered voters. Election officials say predicting a

turnout is difficult because there's really no precedent. But they need to figure something out nevertheless so they know how many ballots to order. So the estimated turnout is expected to be around 64,000 voters showing up to the polls.

"We think the turnout is going to be somewhere between the turnout for the presidential primary from 2008 and the turnout for the primary in 2012, when the City Council race was on the ballot in Alexandria," said Alexandria Registrar Anna Lieder. "We've got a lot of very well known people who are going to be working very hard to

get the numbers up."

The congressional district includes Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and parts of Fairfax County. It was drawn to be a solidly Democratic district, and recent elections show that to be true. In 2012, President Barack Obama won with 68 percent of the vote. That means that the stakes for the June primary will be very high.

"The truth is that the Democratic nomination is tantamount to an election," said Farnsworth. "One potential development is a very nasty contest. When the competition is intense, the combat can be fierce."

## Meet the Candidates

❖ **Don Beyer** served as lieutenant governor from 1990 to 1998. He was later chairman of the American International Automobile Dealers Association and the ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

"I've never felt more enthused and prepared for a job than I do for this one," Beyer said in his announcement. "It would be an honor to represent my community in Congress."



❖ **Lavern Chatman** served as president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Northern Virginia from 2004 to 2011.

"The challenges we face demand a new type of leadership and a fresh perspective in Washington," Chatman said in her announcement. "We need leaders who understand the struggles and joys of raising and educating children and the benefits of providing them opportunities for economic empowerment."



❖ **Adam Ebbin** has represented the 30th state Senate District of Virginia since 2012. Before that, he represented the 49th District of the House of Delegates, which included parts of Alexandria and Arlington.

"More than ever, we need effective leaders in Congress who know how to reach across the aisle to get things done without abandoning the progressive values we share, just as I've done in Richmond," Ebbin said in his announcement. "In Congress, I will work with President Obama to defend the Affordable Care Act, protect federal workers, raise the minimum wage and ensure we never abandon the promise of Social Security and Medicare."



❖ **Bill Euille** has served as mayor of Alexandria since 2003. Before that he served as a City Council member and School Board member.

"From growing up in a single-parent household in public housing to being the first African-American elected mayor of Alexandria, I bring that unique combination of progressive values and experience that sets me apart from the rest of the field," said Euille in his announcement. "I have a track record of getting things done to improve our communities."



❖ **Charniele Herring** has represented the 46th District of the House of Delegates since 2009. She also served as the chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia, although she will step down from that position to run for Congress.

"Today we need leaders who are willing to champion progressive values while still being able to reach across the aisle to find common-sense solutions for the challenges our nation faces," said Herring in her announcement. "If elected, I will continue the good works of Congressman Jim Moran to foster the economic development of Northern Virginia, address the needs of our veterans, work for access to affordable healthcare, and protect the privacy of a woman and her healthcare decisions."



❖ **Patrick Hope** has represented the 47th District of the House of Delegates since 2010.

"We must have a proven progressive leader as our Democratic nominee in the 8th District," said Hope in his announcement. "We also need a nominee who will be ready to be effective on day one and able to build the necessary seniority that will be so crucial to our region."



❖ **Derek Hyra** is an associate professor at Virginia Tech, where he teaches in the university's Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. He is currently a member of the Alexandria Planning Commission.

"I am not a politician. I have never run for elected office," said Hyra in his announcement. "What I have done is spent decades studying economic and community development to understand how we grow the middle class, reduce inequality and strengthen our communities."



❖ **Mark Levine** is a radio personality who is a former chief legislative counsel to U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) for the Judiciary, Homeland Security and Financial Services Committees.

"We need a congressman who will do more than simply cast a vote, one who will strongly advocate for military veterans, federal employees and contractors, students and young



professionals and retirees," said Levine in his announcement. "This is what I've done throughout my career — sticking up for our progressive values while repeatedly tangling with Bill O'Reilly, Megyn Kelly, Larry Kudlow and others on the right who threaten the American Dream."

❖ **Alfonso Lopez** has represented the 49th District of the House of Delegates since 2012. Before that, he served as Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine's director of the Virginia Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.

"When it comes to continuing the fight on Capitol Hill to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans, protect a woman's right to choose, preserve our environment and natural resources, and improve our quality of life in Northern Virginia, our next representative must be a proven fighter for our progressive values," Lopez said in his announcement. "With more than 20 years of experience working before Congress, the federal government and at the highest levels of state government on the issues critical to the people of Virginia's Eighth District, I have the proven track record necessary to get to work on day one."



❖ **Bruce Shuttleworth** served in the U.S. Navy from 1983 to 1995, stepping down as a lieutenant. In 2012, he waged an unsuccessful primary challenge to U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8).

"As a straight white married father, it may come as a surprise that I am considered a diversity candidate," said Shuttleworth in his announcement. "I'm a fighter pilot and a feminist, and I believe that it is the behavior of men more than women that will determine the quickest path to equal rights."



❖ **Mark Sickles** has represented the 43rd District of the House of Delegates since 2004.

"I will bring meaningful federal, state and local experience to a very divided Congress, as well as the ability to work with people across the political spectrum," said Sickles in his announcement. "In my career, I have come to know the federal system as an advocate for infrastructure investment, and will fight tirelessly for the federal workers — like my father, who had a 39-year career in the federal government — who are the heart and soul of our economy."



**Old Town Alexandria resident Jenny Considine participates in the parade Monday with her tribute to George Washington.**

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## At the Parade

**Dan and Cheryl Rosen leave the parade with their dogs Hemingway and Doodles.**



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**Scouts from Queen of Apostles School give up a cheer as the parade begins moving toward South Fairfax Street.**

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## LIVING LEGENDS

# Putting the Spotlight on City's African American History

## Char McCargo Bah gives voice to families' descendants.

BY CHRISTA WATTERS

**C**har McCargo Bah has a passion for Alexandria's African American history and genealogy. Through her research, speaking, and writing on this topic, she has made a lasting contribution to the city.

Bah has researched and reported on the background of Alexandria's African American Community for more than 30 years. She had a pivotal role in the publication of "African Americans of Alexandria Virginia – Beacons of Light in the Twentieth Century" (History Press, 2013), which she co-authored with four other volunteers. Believing the research and writing done in conjunction with a project for the Charles Houston Recreation Center to honor Alexandria African Americans could become a book, she found a publisher. She shepherded the group through writing the book proposal and marketing plan, which was accepted. Bah served as primary genealogical researcher for the book, which features the narratives of 63 African Americans who made a difference in the city between 1920 to 1965. It is the first substantial book of African American history of its kind published about Alexandria. It was Bah's idea that all author royalties and all profits from the sale of the book within the city's museum shops should go to the Office of Historic Alexandria to fund future African American History projects through the Alexandria Black History Museum.

Char McCargo was born in Alexandria on Feb. 9, 1957 to Jasper Lee McCargo (deceased in 1978) and Bernice Scott McCargo. She grew up in the Parker Gray District with four siblings. A 1975 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Bah graduated from the University of the District of Columbia in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies. In 1983, she received a second BA in African American History.

It was during her college years that Bah first realized how much she didn't know about the history of her people. She became determined to learn more. In the late 1970s, she read Alex Haley's book, "Roots," and watched the televised miniseries based on it. It was the first time she realized that African Americans, even those who came from former slave families, could find their fam-



**Char Bah would like to be remembered for helping people who did not know their history find it, giving them their past, and making their future brighter.**

ily roots and history. Around that same time, she and her family took a walking tour of Alexandria sites during Black History Month, organized by the Alexandria Black History Museum. That tour, which revealed so much history previously unknown to her, was a further spur to learning more about Alexandria's past. "It was one of those 'Oh wow!' moments," she recalled recently.

**WHAT STARTED** as a hobby quickly became a passion, and she immersed herself in studying how to become a genealogist, taking courses and earning certificates in legal investigation, research, editing, and publishing. She has been a student of the University of Toronto since 2011 in the advanced genealogy and methodology program.

Bah's primary career is with the Federal government, where she began working in 1975. She left the Federal government for eight years in the 1980s, working as a contractor for MCI Telecommunications, the Brookings Institution, and the World Bank, including a stint in Sierra Leone, West Af-

rica, from 1987 to 1989. There, she and her husband and their young daughter lived with her husband's family and learned its traditions. Bah recorded oral histories of the ethnic groups of her husband's home country. In 1989, she returned to the Federal government, where she is now a policy writer in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Her second career, as a genealogist, grew out of her passion for African American history and the individuals who made it. As she began to succeed at her new craft, she was inspired by people's reactions. "They took such pride in knowing where they came from and who their people were, even ordinary people," she said. Sometimes there were stories of great successes among their ancestors. Other times, she uncovered darker stories. "It all contributes to completing the picture of their family history," she said.

Bah offered workshops and lectures at the Alexandria Black History Museum beginning in 1995, working as a volunteer until recently, when the museum began paying her to help with public inquiries about genealogy. From 1999 to 2005 she facilitated the Alexandria chapter of the Go On Girl Book Club at the Museum. The club is a national organization focused on reading works by African American authors.

Also through the museum, she worked on Hayti, a newsletter about Alexandria's historically black neighborhoods. Out of that grew her blog, The Other Alexandria, about the projects she researches on Alexandria history: Parker Gray, the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery, African American

churches, and other topics. She also lectures across the country on her Alexandria research, and has often been interviewed on radio and television concerning her work in genealogy. Bah recently joined the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, which provides support to the Alexandria Black History Museum. She serves as membership chair.

**BAH BEGAN VOLUNTEERING** with the Friends of the Freedmen's Cemetery in 1997. Based on her work in genealogy, she was hired in 2008 by Dr. Pamela Cressey, then Alexandria's city archaeologist, to help find descendants of the people buried in the Freedmen's Cemetery. For nearly 20 years, the city had put out queries asking Alexandrians if they knew of any African American ancestors who were in Alexandria prior to the Civil War and might have been buried in that cemetery, but only one family was found.

Cressey recalls that the day after hiring Bah and presenting her with a list of 1,700 family names, Bah called back and said she had identified 50 to 100 family names that she recognized as possibly being descendants. Within two weeks Bah's genealogical research verified four more families. Since then, she has found the families of 130 of the deceased. Last year the city renewed Bah's contract to lead the continuing genealogical quest for descendants of people buried there.

Cressey said that thanks to Bah's research, the bronze tablets at the Alexandria Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery will have Descendant Family markers placed on the names of those buried there for whom descendants have been identified.

"Sometimes in life you have to stand for something that is meaningful and that can impact someone in a positive way. I would like to be remembered for helping people who did not know their history find it, giving them their past, and making their future brighter," Bah said, reflecting on why she spends so much time on genealogical research and gives so much time to volunteer efforts above and beyond her paid contracts.

Char is married to Mumini M. Bah, whom she met in 1972, when he was an undergraduate student in this country. They have a grown daughter, Maimoona Bah-Duckenfield, who is married to Dwayne Duckenfield.

On Oct. 22, 2013, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission awarded Char Bah the 2013 Ben Brenman Archaeology Award for Outstanding Genealogy for her work on the Alexandria Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery.

Audrey Davis, acting director of the Alexandria Black History Museum, nominated Bah as a Living Legend. "Char Bah made a lasting contribution to our city through her genealogical research and pivotal role in the publication of 'African Americans of Alexandria, Virginia – Beacons of Light in the Twentieth Century.' She has helped give prominence to Alexandria's African American history," Davis said.

### Living Legends: The Project

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

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Alexandria Toyota, Club Managers Association of America Gregg & Monica Murphy on behalf of Senior Services of Alexandria, Linda Hafer, Goodwin House, Inc. and Nina Tisara.

This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com) or contact [Legends@AlexandriaLegends.com](mailto:Legends@AlexandriaLegends.com).

# OBITUARIES

## F. William "Bill" Bauers

WWII pilot was honored  
by French government.

BY JEANNE  
THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

F. William Bauers Jr. was just 18 years old when he joined the Texas National Guard with plans of getting an appointment to West Point. But he was called to active duty less than a year later, qualified for Officer's Training School and went on to get his pilot's wings before ending up in Europe in January of 1944 flying B-26 Marauders.

"It was exhilarating to be a pilot back then, to be in Europe and to be part of a force fighting against what we



F. William Bauers, shown at home with his wife Joanne and some of his WWII service medals, died Feb. 10 at the age of 93.

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## Louis A. Ham

Centenarian and decorated  
WWII veteran.

Louis A. Ham of Alexandria died on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014, at the age of 102. A longtime resident of Annandale, Lou was born Dec. 27, 1911 to Russell and Martha Ham in Charlottesville, Va. Lou married his childhood sweetheart, Myrtle French on Sept. 6, 1935. They were married for 55 years prior to her death.

Lou was a Virginia National Guardsman and represented the Guard in National Marksmen Competitions. Lou enlisted in the Army to fight in World War II where he served as a combat infantryman and was part of the invasion of Normandy as well as campaigns in France, Belgium, and Germany. While in the European Theatre, he earned numerous decorations including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. He was also awarded the French military decoration Croix de Guerre by French President Charles De Gaulle, which is given to distinguish individuals for acts of heroism involving combat with the enemy.

Lou and his wife, Myrtle, retired to Port Richey, Fla. in 1979 where he stayed very active golfing and fishing. Lou returned to Northern Virginia in 2009. Lou was an incredible person, a Southern gentleman, father, grand-father, great-grandfather and friend. He was deeply loved and will be missed by all that knew him.

Lou is survived by his two daughters, Donna Graham of Louisa, Virginia and Diane Fullerton of Alexandria; sister, Mary Jane Allen; grandsons Glenn Facey, David Facey, and Alan Facey; great-grandsons Joshua, Alexander, Kyler, and William; and numerous nieces and nephews. Lou was pre

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## Peter C. Williams

Attorney, community  
leader dies helping  
neighbor remove snow.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Peter Carrington Williams, a prominent attorney and director of community service projects for the Alexandria Rotary Club, died suddenly Feb. 13 while helping a neighbor clear snow from a driveway on Collingwood Road. He was 67.

"Peter was a friend to all right up to his final deed of kindness," said fellow Rotarian Nancy Van Gulick. "I shall miss him, as will we all."

Williams collapsed around 11 a.m. while using a snow blowing machine on the hilly driveway of a neighbor. He was transported to Mount Venon Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

In addition to being an active member of the Rotary Club, Williams was involved with the Alexandria and Mount Vernon-Lee Chambers of Commerce and was well-known for his volunteer work.

"Peter epitomized the ultimate in 'Service Above Self,'" said fellow Rotarian Nancy Van Gulick.



Peter C. Williams died Feb. 13 helping a neighbor clear snow from a driveway.

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# OPINION

## Fundamental Freedom: Choose To Marry

### Virginia is historically slow in extending rights.

In 1967, Virginia was one of 16 states that banned interracial marriage and had criminal penalties for violators.

Mildred Jeter, an African-American woman, and Richard Loving a white man, married in 1958, were convicted and banished from living in Virginia for 25 years to avoid serving a one-year prison sentence. On June 12, 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, overturned the convictions of Mildred and Richard Loving, declaring the ban on interracial marriage unconstitutional.

Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote the opinion:

"Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival. ... To deny this fundamental freedom on so unsupportable a basis as the racial classifications embodied in these statutes, classifications so directly subversive of the principle of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment, is surely to deprive all the State's citizens of liberty without due process of law. The Fourteenth Amendment requires that the freedom of choice to marry not be restricted by invidious racial discriminations. Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry, or not marry, a person of another race resides with the individual, and cannot be infringed by the State."

Less than 50 years ago, it was still illegal in Virginia, punishable by prison time, for a white person to marry someone of another race.

Judge Arenda Wright Allen last week on Valentine's Day, ruled that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. In the

opening of her order, Allen quotes Mildred Loving in a statement she made in 2007 on the 40th anniversary of *Loving v. Virginia*:

"We made a commitment to each other in our love and lives, and now had the legal commitment, called marriage, to match. Isn't that what marriage is? ... Today's young people realize that if someone loves someone they have a right to marry. Surrounded as I am now by wonderful children and grandchildren, not a day goes by that I don't think of Richard and our love, our right to marry, and how much it

meant to me to have that freedom to marry the person precious to me, even if others thought he was the 'wrong kind of person' for me to marry. I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same freedom to marry. Government has no business imposing some people's religious beliefs over others. ... I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what Loving, and loving, are all about."

Judge Allen's written decision is compelling and well worth reading. You can find a copy of it on the Connection website.

It begins:

"A spirited and controversial debate is underway regarding who may enjoy the right to marry in the United States of America. America has pursued a journey to make and keep our citizens free. This journey has never been easy, and at times has been painful and poignant. The ultimate exercise of our freedom is choice. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes that 'all men' are created equal. Surely this

means all of us. While ever-vigilant for the wisdom that can come from the voices of our voting public, our courts have never long tolerated the perpetuation of laws rooted in unlawful prejudice. One of the judiciary's noblest endeavors is to scrutinize laws that emerge from such roots.

"Plaintiffs assert that the restriction on their freedom to choose to marry the person they love infringes on the rights to due process and equal protection guaranteed to them under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. These challenges are well-taken. ...

"The Court is compelled to conclude that Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

— MARY KIMM

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### Correction

"Mental Health Crisis," a story appearing in the Feb. 12-18 Connection Newspapers, and the related editorial, "Addressing Mental Health," posit an incorrect premise based on an error in interpretation of data. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) served more individuals in FY2013 than in previous fiscal years; there was not a double-digit decrease in services provided. For more information, see the letter from George Braunstein, Executive Director, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board [www.connectionnews.com/news/2014/feb/13/letter-correcting-error-mental-health-services/](http://www.connectionnews.com/news/2014/feb/13/letter-correcting-error-mental-health-services/).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Cyclist Safety Appreciated

To the Editor:

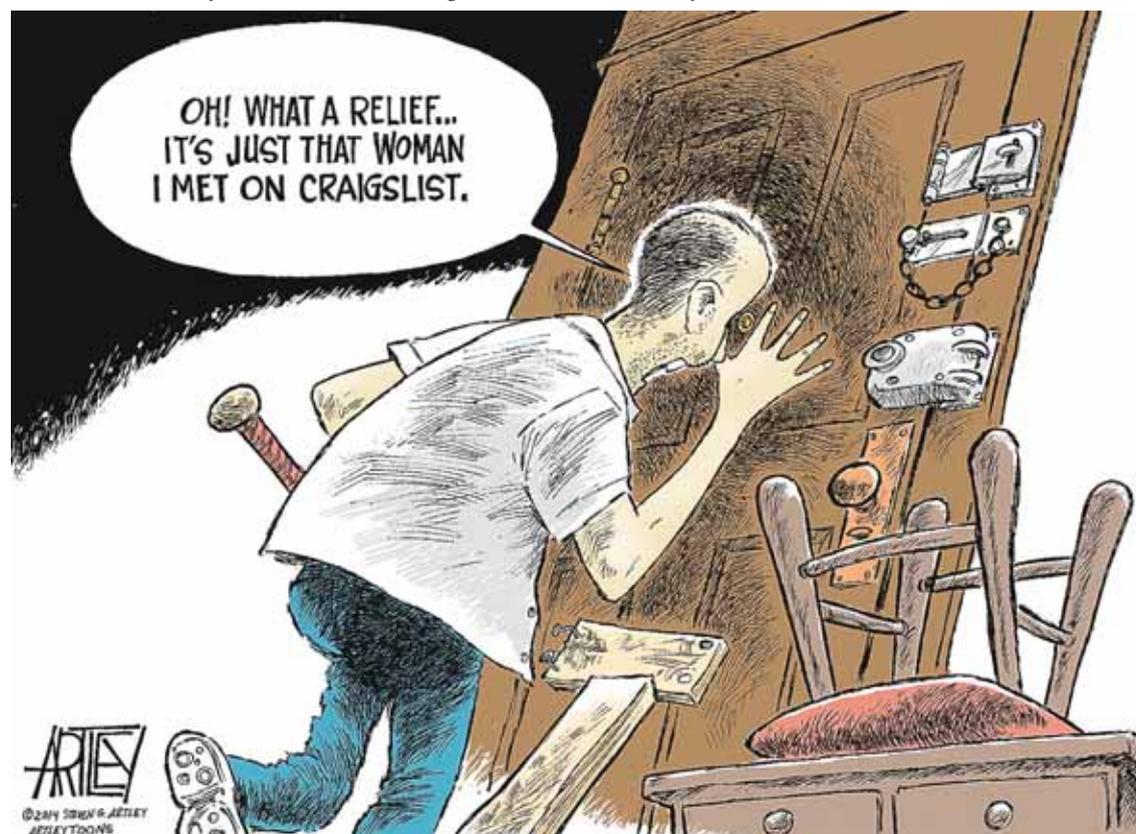
I am a newly returning resident to Alexandria. I live just off King Street near T.C. Williams High School. An avid bicycle commuter since 1999 (NOVA and other areas), I looked forward to returning. Many days I ride the entire route to work, but also ride to the metro. While I live closest to the King Street Metro, after a few close calls and preferring not to ride the sidewalk, which is for pedestrians, I changed my route to the Braddock Road Metro instead. It is a longer route, but one that is safer for cyclists.

I enjoy riding my bicycle into Old Town on the weekends and now have a child old enough to ride his tag-a-long and soon his own bicycle with me. The thought of enjoying the Farmer's Market, or walking along the water, enjoying the restaurants and shops is something we both look forward to in the upcoming warmer weather months. The prospect of

the King Street Calming Project beginning soon is a very exciting initiative and I'm so thankful to live in a community considerate of

all its citizens and their choices. Alternative modes of transportation such as walking or cycling are great for the community. Walk-

ing and cycling and safe access to our towns and cities keep traffic and congestion down and enable  
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us to spend our money locally. If it is safe to easily ride my bicycle into Old Town for dinner or a shopping trip to a local business, I will be less inclined to drive elsewhere and spend money at a chain establishment.

Well done Alexandria. I'm so thankful to live in such a terrific community.

**Patty Collins**  
Alexandria

## Standards for Bike Lanes?

To the Editor:

During a recent discussion, a member of City Council raised the question as to why the city doesn't have standards for installation of bike lanes, for example, recommendations by width of street, volume of traffic, etc. This is an excellent question. The lack of standards is evident by wide variations seen throughout Alexandria. If there were standards, would we even be having a discussion concerning bike lanes on King Street? Applying any reasonable standard of street width plus volume and type of traffic would immediately rule out King Street, that is, the four blocks of King Street where bike lanes are proposed.

The city's engineer wrote in a Dec. 20, 2013 letter to residents announcing his decision to install bike lanes, that he "walked,

drove, and rode my own bike up and down King Street to make sure I experienced the roadway from the perspective of all street users." He does not address the impact that removing parking and access to homes along this narrow, heavily traveled roadway will have on the safety of residents.

Neighbors throughout the affected community who will live each and every day with the results of this decision are working together to raise these issues. It seems counterproductive for the city to sacrifice safety for residents in an attempt to provide it for bicyclists. Thankfully the city identified a basis for appealing and the opportunity to overturn the decision to install bike lanes on King Street. This would provide the city time to develop plans that incorporate realistic standards which actually address the safety of residents and the constraints of the neighborhood.

**Louise Welch**  
Alexandria

## So Much To Celebrate

To the Editor:

On Thursday evening, Virginia's anti-gay-marriage laws were ruled unconstitutional. On Friday the world celebrated the holiday of love, Valentine's Day. In two days, on Sunday, I will celebrate the 41st anniversary of the day I met the love of my life. We

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# Pioneering Through Obstacles

BY KATHARINE DIXON  
PRESIDENT  
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One of America's greatest assets is an enduring belief that we can all be more and achieve more. It's this pioneering spirit and optimism that I find even among those who have little.

I was reminded of this recently by a special client of Rebuilding Together Alexandria named Darrin\*. He is a life-long Alexandrian with a big frame, big smile, and a big heart to match.

Over the years, he worked hard as a landscaper to provide for his six children that range in age from late teens to toddler. The work took its toll on his body especially his knees. Now after several surgeries, he has limited mobility and has been forced to go on disability.

Despite the set-back, he has an unflinching belief that his children can and should succeed and has used his savings and disability to invest in his children's futures. He wants his children to have what he never did: an environment where they are free to learn, grow, and find themselves. "It's so important to me that they feel like they have the best quality of life they can have."

These aspirations are reflected throughout his home — which reveals a close-knit family and adoring father. In fact, in his favorite room — the kitchen, photos of his kids, their good grades and gold stars, and their schedules (so Darrin always knows where they are) hang with pride on the refrigerator.

Right outside the kitchen is the "college wall," which is full of materials from different colleges around the state that Darrin and his kids have collected over the years at various college fairs. It's a reminder for them to stay the course — to aspire and dream big.

Their limited means and his insistence that they



strive for excellence also meant that for many years the family had no television, which ensured that the family spent time together, playing board games, participating in athletics, and reading.

And it's working. His oldest is studying architecture at a Virginia community college and his other children take their studies seriously and are involved in activities and sports.

Unfortunately, the home that he's owned for more than a decade — which is the hub of his family's daily lives — has been difficult to maintain given his limited income and disability. Darrin worked hard his whole life, and it was very hard for him to ask for help.

Ultimately, he reached out to Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a volunteer-based nonprofit dedicated to repairing and revitalizing homes at no charge for homeowners in need, including elderly, disabled, veterans, and families. After listening to his needs and assessing the house, our volunteers installed new railings, weatherized, installed new storm doors, patched drywall holes, and painted, making his home safer and healthier. Despite his apprehension about asking for help, Darrin feels "more blessed than I can say ... this was the best thing that could have happened."

Now Darrin has more time and funds to devote to helping his family succeed. Central to this is being able to raise his family in a home that is filled with love and memories. With over 1,600 completed projects, our Rebuilding Together team is proud to be part of his family's pioneering story — as well as so many others. If you would like to apply, volunteer or donate, visit [www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org](http://www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org) or call 703-836-1021.

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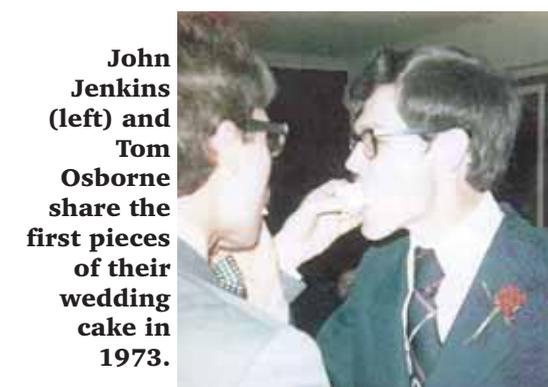
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have been in a same-sex marriage for more than 40 years, although our church at the time had to call it a "Holy Union" to avoid running afoul of the laws of Georgia.

The juxtaposition of those three dates has served to remind me how far we've come in 41 years. Back then, ours was "the love that dared not speak its name." There was no political support for gay rights — let alone broader LGBT rights — in either party. Even nearly a decade later, the one sponsor of legislation to repeal Virginia's sodomy law could not find a single co-sponsor.

I am proud of my party — the Democratic Party — for its evolution on LGBT issues and, most specifically, on the issue of marriage equality. Democratic organizations at all levels — Alexandria, 8th Congressional District, Virginia, and national — all endorsed marriage equality prior to the 2012 elections. Our president, vice president, two senators, congressman, governor, Lt. governor and attorney general — all Democrats — all endorse marriage equality, and Attorney General Herring even argued in court in its favor. Support for marriage equality also comes from Alexandria's Democratic representatives in the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates, our mayor, our six City Council members, and our three constitutional officers. The judge who issued the ruling was appointed by President Obama.

I and others like me have worked tirelessly over



**John Jenkins (left) and Tom Osborne share the first pieces of their wedding cake in 1973.**

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

the decades to effectuate change within the Democratic Party, and it is gratifying to see that the party has listened. I fervently wish the sea change in attitudes that led to Thursday's ruling were more bipartisan. Unfortunately, gay Republicans and their allies have been unsuccessful in weaning their party from its right-wing constituency even though many mainstream Republicans tell us they support our cause.

While as a nation we still have a long way to go on issues such as employment and housing discrimination, we can at least see the light of success at the end of the tunnel on marriage equality. I would like to thank Democrats and everyone else who has supported and believed in this cause for making this

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# Counting the Days

BY HARRY M. COVERT

In real life, murders and other crimes are not unraveled within a 60-minute television show. This is no truer than in Alexandria where the unbelievable is still incomprehensible, astounding and unresolved.

Those involved with criminal investigations have difficult tasks; be assured there are no quitting times when shifts are completed.

Here are some important reminders:

❖ Ruthanne Lodato was killed just after opening a front door on Feb. 6, in Alexandria's North Ridge section.

Thirteen days have passed with only a sketch of an alleged murderer distributed by police. No suspects are in custody. Lots of tips have reached the Wheeler Avenue police headquarters.

❖ Dr. Ronald Kirby of Elm Street, Rosemont section of Alexandria, was found murdered in his home on Nov. 12.

It's been three months, seven days or a total of 99 days without an arrest in the Kirby case.

❖ One of the longest unsolved murders involves Nancy Dunning, wife of then Sheriff Jim Dunning, now deceased. She was killed in her home on Dec. 5, 2003 in Del Ray.

This case has baffled law enforcement of local, state and federal jurisdictions. It may be considered in the cold case file but its always in the hearts and minds of her friends after more than a decade.

For the record, the Dunning tragedy has gone unsolved for 10 years, 2 months, 14 days, for a total of 3,729 days.

These major crimes have caused enormous anxieties among the populace and flummoxed past and present police officials and detectives.

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the city's judiciary, city police to investigators from the State Police and FBI probes are at work.

Whoever the culprit, authorities are having sleepless nights as they attempt to calm the nerves of citizens while uniformed and plainclothes police are looking all over the city in every nook and cranny.

The Lodato-Kirby-Dunning tragedies are exactly that. None of these victims or their families should have been disrupted or destroyed.

Each of these unsolved travesties must be remembered. The daily count of the mysterious matters must be ongoing.

As of this edition of the Gazette-Packet, here's a repeat and re-emphasis of the facts:

❖ Ruthanne Lodato, 13 days, fatally shot on Feb. 6;

❖ Ronald Kirby, 3 months, 7 days or 99 days, fatally shot on Nov. 12;

❖ Nancy Dunning, 10 years, 2 months, 14 days, or 3,729 days, fatally shot on Dec. 5, 2003.

Investigators will say somebody knows the killer or killers. True. Some people probably have seen possible suspects walking up and down streets, even though many don't want to think murderers take time to enjoy pleasures within the city limits.

For sure the cases will be solved. That's the opinion of many expert homicide detectives, both retired and active. That day can't be too soon, not only for the families involved but for the community at large.



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## POETRY

### The Earth and Her Fashion

"For as the rain comes down, and snow from heaven,  
And do not return there,  
But water the earth and make it bring forth and bud,  
That it may give seed to the sower  
And bread to the eater."  
— Isaiah 55:10

Spring is near;  
Style, fashion, form,  
Quality and its purpose —  
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As yesterday was —  
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Fabulous Historic Townhouse in the Heart of Old Town. This 2BR/Den with 2.5BA features Updated Gourmet Kitchen w Granite, SS, & Private Walled Garden.  
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**Mason Hill** \$779,900  
1722 Hollinwood Drive, Alexandria, VA 22307  
Beautiful Center Hall Colonial in Mason Hill. This home has been updated inside & out. Enjoy a chef's gourmet kitchen & dining room, deck & patio, 2CG.  
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NEW LISTING



**Old Town** \$875,000  
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Jolee Rubin 703-548-0697



**Braddock Lofts** \$778,900  
712 N. Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
Stunning loft style townhome w/3220 sq ft of living space, luxury finishes, patio, rooftop terrace & 2 car parking. Blocks to Metro, restaurants & shops of Old Town.  
The York Group 703-409-3377



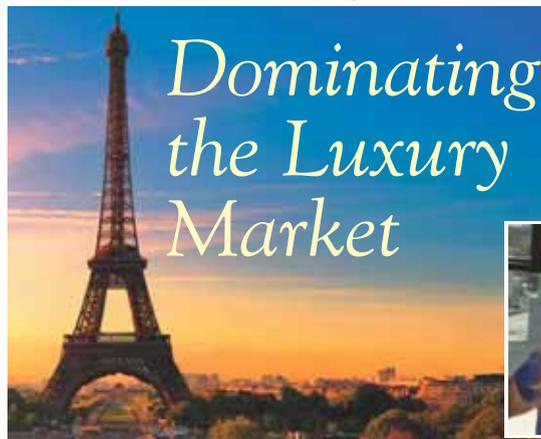
NEW LISTING



**River Towers** \$203,900  
6631 Wakefield Drive 711, Alexandria, VA 22307  
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<p><b>4300 Sheridans Point Ct</b>        \$829,900        Elegant Georgian Colonial!</p> <p>Abundant custom enhancements make this property a true showplace. 3 fin. levels, open floor plan, updated kitchen &amp; baths, sunroom, magnificent custom trim detail, luxury master bath, recently finished lower level. Huge deck and 2 car garage. Hard to find home with this size and luxurious appointments under \$1,000,000. <b>OPEN SUN 2/23, 1-4, GW Pky S, past Estate; R-Peartree Lndg; R-Sheridans Point Ct.</b></p>	<p><b>4200 Ferry Landing Rd</b>        \$698,500        Spacious Colonial- Shows Like Model!</p> <p>Unique opportunity! This gorgeous 4BR Colonial is in impeccable condition, located on large lot and is loaded with upgrades. Exceptionally bright, open floor plan. Fab features: main level study and family room, large kitchen, breakfast area, finished LL, sumptuous master suite, stunning Brazilian Cherry floors, "Andersen" thermal windows, and 2 car garage. Property provides unique combination of size, condition and prime location. <b>OPEN SUN 2/23, 1-4, GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Ferry Landing.</b></p>
<p><b>8888 McNair Dr</b>        \$749,500        Five Bedroom Colonial- Prime Location!</p> <p>Stately three level Colonial in gorgeous setting on spacious landscaped lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac in heart of Mt. Vernon. Property is exceptionally well maintained with many updates. Special features include main level library, open kitchen and family room, hardwood floors, 5BRs, luxury master suite with sitting room. Thermal windows and 2 car garage. Large deck overlooks gorgeous fenced grounds. Super value! <b>OPEN SUN 2/23, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; R-Old Mill; L-McNair.</b></p>	<p><b>9309 Reef Ct</b>        \$645,000        Three Level Colonial- Near River!</p> <p>Exceptionally attractive property on magnificent half acre grounds fronting quiet cul-de-sac in one of area's premier neighborhoods. Special features include: 3LVL, 4BR, 2.5BA, family room with FP off kitchen, gorgeous stained hwdw flrs, economical gas heat and hot water, and oversize 2 car garage. Major upgrades include thermal windows and glass doors. Unique opportunity! <b>OPEN SUN 2/23, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Ferry Landing; R-Tarpon; R-Coral; R-Reef.</b></p>
<p><b>8428 Old Mount Vernon Rd</b>        \$859,000        Large Home- Totally Updated!</p> <p>One of a kind compound consisting of a luxurious 5645 sq ft home and a totally remodeled and updated 2BR cottage. Ideal situation for home office or extended family. New home has everything including 6BR, 7BA, custom kitchen open to family room, large living and dining rooms, main level study, stunning master suite, finished lower level and 3 car garage. Most house &amp; lot for \$\$ in Mt. Vernon!</p>	<p><b>4821 Stillwell Ave</b>        \$529,500        Curb Appeal Galore!</p> <p>Character abounds in this fabulous Cap Cod, lovingly maintained and significantly updated. Many fabulous features include: 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, elegant trim detail, custom built-ins, updated kitchen and finished lower level. Gorgeous setting on magnificent half acre lot just steps to acres and acres of Fairfax County parkland.</p>
<p><b>9009 Captains Row</b>        \$665,000        Great Opportunity!</p>	<p><b>1938 Shiver Dr</b>        \$625,000        Totally Updated!</p>
<p><b>9410 Coral Ln</b>        \$649,500        Yacht Haven- Near River!</p>	<p><b>4325 Adrienne Dr</b>        \$598,950        Southwood Gem!</p>



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**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 255,000**  
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**6927 MARY CAROLINE CIR. #C**

2BR/2BA condo. Updated kitchen, baths, flooring, light fixtures and the list goes on... Plenty of parking.

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**Inderjeet Jumani 703.472.8804**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 1,295,000**  
 Alexandria  
**609 S FAIRFAX ST**

Enviably set Old Town near the park and within walking distance to the river/ restaurants, this large townhouse was custom built from the foundation up in 1978. With almost 4,000 sq ft of living space, the home boasts 4/5BR/3.5BA, a family room, two fireplaces, a large chef's kitchen opening onto a brick deck over looking a spectacular garden. Al fresco dining anyone?

**Norma Gants 703.408.2560**

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**"NEW LISTING"**

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**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 539,995**  
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**1250 S WASHINGTON #404**

Exceptional Value! Stop by to see this spacious 2BR residence and the beautiful, elegant renovated lobby and River Room. Updated kitchen, formal dining room and living room. Beautiful sunset views. Pretty open balcony with columns. Larger units also available.

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**Mary Taylor 703.785.5619**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!**  
**\$ 299,900**  
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**3204 WELLINGTON RD**

Don't miss this light filled 2 level, "Madison" model TH style 2BR/1BA condo. Beautiful parquet floors and new custom built-in bookcases providing finished look downstairs. Ceramic tiled kitchen with stacked W/D. Wall-to-wall carpeting and 3 new ceiling fans. New AC/ heat. 3 pools/tennis/walk to Shirlington.

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**Heidi 703.609.7367 & Elke 703.967.7633**

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**Franki Roberts 703.898.0840**

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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

## ONGOING

**Theater Performance.** Arts on the Horizon presents "Under the Canopy," a 20-minute interactive, nonverbal show for children up to age 4. Performances are Feb. 20, 21 and 23 at 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. \$5/person. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for tickets. They can be purchased at the door.

**Celebrate Black History Month.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Through Feb. 28 at Mount Vernon Estate. In observance of Black History Month, George Washington's Mount Vernon highlights the lives and contributions of the slaves who built and operated the plantation home of George and Martha Washington. A wreathlaying and presentation occurs daily at the slave memorial site throughout the month of February. Black History Month activities are included in admission: adults, \$18; senior citizens, \$17; children age 6-11, when accompanied by an adult, \$9; and children under age 5, free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) or 703-780-2000.

**Art Exhibit.** See "Reincarnations" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Features art from salvaged items, art from encyclopedias and more. Free. Runs through March 2. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** See "Frances Gallardo: Meteorology" through March 2 at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** See The Art League's annual Student/Faculty Show, on view from Feb. 19-March 2. Faculty works will be showcased alongside hundreds of paintings, drawings, printmaking, stained glass, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, fiber, mosaics, sculpture created by the student body. Located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** See "Songs of the Shore," archival inkjet prints by Chantilly resident Peter Toth in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, of the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs through March 16. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** See Katie Runnerstrom's drawings and paintings through March 16 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The show reflects her exploration of several areas of science such as mycology and the study of jellyfish. Free. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) or 703-548-0035.

**Theater Performance.** See "Ella Fitzgerald: First Lady of Song" at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., through March 16. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets may be ordered by calling 1-800-494-8497 or online at [boxofficetickets.com](http://boxofficetickets.com). For group sales and information call the theatre at 703-548-9044. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** See "7th and H Streets, NW: The Hidden Refrain of Inner City DC" by Fred Zafran at Multiple Exposures Gallery, in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Runs Feb. 18-March 30. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com/](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com/) for more.

**Occupied City: Life in Civil War**

**Alexandria Exhibition.** At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., through Sunday, March 23. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or call 703-746-4994.

**Art Exhibit.** "Portraits of Pop Culture art exhibit will be on display at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see artists' interpretation of pop culture, featuring compelling cartoons, lampoons and caricatures of celebrities, politicians, pundits and other pop figures. Show runs March 7-30. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Attics and Alleys Tour.** Tickets are now on sale for the Attics and Alleys tour, a three-hour walking tour featuring rarely seen spaces of four sites — the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Tours will be offered Saturdays in May, 9 a.m.-noon. \$35/peron. Reservations required. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4242.

**Art Exhibit.** "Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., suite 100. The exhibit will showcase portraits from the Living Legends of Alexandria project with selected works from the Del Ray Artisans. Show runs March 3-June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**New Exhibit.** Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon opening Feb. 22 through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**George Washington's Mount Vernon** has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Learn more at [PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://PresPassport.Monticello.org).

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Metro Club After-School Program.** Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit



**Members of Fuse Box on stage accepting the band's Fan Favorite Wammie Award. From left: Fuse Box's Perry Conner, Auggie Koch and Ian Lloyd; "Wammie girl" Maureen Harrington; Fuse Box's Luis Milburn and Kent Jenkins; Wammie Awards host Bill Waxe; and Washington Area Music Association President Mike Schreiber.**



**Members of Fuse Box pose with their Fan Favorite Wammie Award. From left: Kent Jenkins, Ian Lloyd, Luis Milburn, Perry Conner and Auggie Koch.**

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## Fan Favorite Win at Wammies

Fuse Box, an Alexandria-based rock group composed of five area high school students, was named Fan Favorite in the Washington Area Music Association's annual Wammie Awards competition February 16. Fuse Box finished first among all performers and groups to win the Fan Favorite Wammie, which was chosen by the public in online voting. Fuse Box was also a nominee in the Best New Artist category. The Wammie Awards ceremony took place at the State Theater in Falls Church. The members of Fuse Box attend St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School and T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, and Sidwell Friends School in the Washington, D.C. Visit [www.fuseboxband.net](http://www.fuseboxband.net).

[www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).  
**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

**Dance Classes.** Metropolitan School of the Arts, 5775 Barclay Drive, #4, will hold adult classes starting in February. Ten percent of the fees will be donated to American Heart Association. Visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org) or 703-

339-0444 for a schedule.

## CONTEST

**Spotlight on Pet Adoptions.** From Jan. 27 to Feb. 14, ACTion Alexandria is holding a photo contest for animal lovers in Alexandria. Participants are asked to post a photo of their adopted pet on ACTion with a short description of their pet. All contest participants are encouraged to sign up to be a Social Media Animal Ambassador for an animal who has been in either King Street Cats or the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria for a longer period of time. To participate visit [actionalexandria.org](http://actionalexandria.org).

## THURSDAY/FEB. 20

**African Jewelry Making.** 5:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Rec Center, 905 Wythe St. Families can learn about the history of African jewelry while create their own piece.

**Lecture Series.** 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St.

"Excavations at the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery and the Concept of the Proper Coffin in the Mid-19th Century" is the topic.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 22

**Fun Fly.** 8 a.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. The Fun Fly consists of a free-flight area, a radio controlled plane area, and an outdoor flight area, weather permitting. There is also a kids' exhibit, where younger children are taught how to build a custom paper airplane, and a flight simulator, where participants can experience flying a plane. There is a \$5 landing fee for all flyers; the event is free to everyone else. For additional information or with questions, contact

[WESTPotomac.engineering@gmail.com](mailto:WESTPotomac.engineering@gmail.com).  
**Uno, Dos, Tres con Andres!** 10:30 a.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Children can sing, shake and sound out rhythms while trying regional Latin dances and practicing

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Spanish words. 703-884-1040.

**Show.** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Max Major will perform his show "THINK: An Evening of Mind Reading and Magic." Major uses a combination of magic, mind-reading, psychology, hypnosis, and suggestion to demonstrate the untapped powers of the mind. At Old Town Theater, 815 King St. \$32/general; \$49/VIP. Visit [www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com) for tickets and times.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 23

**Wedding Open House.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kimpton's Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Couples can tour the hotel and see the ballroom, courtyard and guest rooms, taste food, meet with wedding professionals and vendors and more. Raffle prizes will be drawn throughout the day. Couples can RSVP to [weddings@monacoalexandria.com](mailto:weddings@monacoalexandria.com). Visit [www.monocoalexandria.com](http://www.monocoalexandria.com) or [www.jackson20.com](http://www.jackson20.com) for more.

**Walk with Washington.** 2 p.m. at Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King St. Tour some of the sites associated with George Washington. Free. 703-746-3301.

**Downton Abbey Tours.** 2 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. The current owner of Highclere Castle, the real world castle where Downton Abbey is filmed, is a direct descendent of the original owner of Lee-Fendall House. The tour will compare similarities between people and places within the world of the television series and those of Lee-Fendall House and also include the rarely seen servant's wing and kitchen area. \$5/advance; \$7/day of. Visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org)

703-548-1789 for tickets.

**Music Performance.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear chamber music of Brahms and Beethoven. \$10 suggested donation. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum) or call 703-838-4994.

**Dance Performance.** 4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See "I Missed It" by Jane Franklin Dance Company. \$20. Visit [www.janefranklin.com](http://www.janefranklin.com) or 703-933-1111.

## TUESDAY/FEB. 25

**Swing Dance.** 9-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. Dance to music by Shannon Gunn and the Bullettes. \$10. Visit [www.gottaswing.com](http://www.gottaswing.com) or 703-359-9882.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 26

**Book Making Celebration.** 6:30 p.m. at Cora Kelly STEM School, 3600 Commonwealth Ave. Parents and children can create their own family history book.

**Talk.** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. "Archaeology of the War of 1812: From Barney's Flotilla to Bladensburg." Presented by the Office of Historic Alexandria and Alexandria Historical Society.

**DJ Dance Party.** 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. Swing dance to music of the 1930s, '40s, '50s and more. \$6. Visit [www.gottaswing.com](http://www.gottaswing.com) or 703-359-9882.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 27

**Benefit.** 6-10 p.m. at Virtue Feed and Grain, 106 S. Union St. Portion of the

proceeds benefit the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Hear live music by Molly Winston duo. Visit [www.alexandriaseaport.org](http://www.alexandriaseaport.org) for more.

**Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. The sixth-graders will perform "Burgundy on Broadway: Heroes and Legends," a musical revue that spans "Spamalot" to "Footloose" to "Hercules." \$5/person; \$1/child at the door.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 28

**Gala Benefit.** 7-10 p.m. at Virtue Feed & Grain, 106 S. Union St. The Fifth Annual CAC GALA benefiting The Center for Alexandria's Children. The Center will honor 2014 Board Award Recipients: Nigel and Lori Morris Alexandria Deputy City Manager Debra Collins. Includes a buffet, silent auction, raffle and more. Tickets start at \$150. Visit [www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org](http://www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org) or 703-746-6008 for more.

**Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. The sixth-graders will perform "Burgundy on Broadway: Heroes and Legends," a musical revue that spans "Spamalot" to "Footloose" to "Hercules." \$5/person; \$1/child at the door.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 1

**Dance.** Lessons at 6:30 p.m., dancing from 7:30-10 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. A DJ will provide music. Hosted by the Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association. \$10/member; \$12/non-member; \$5/child under age 18. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or 703-860-4941.

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## Athenaeum to Host History Book Club

The Athenaeum will be the location of meetings for a newly formed History Book Club.

“We think it will be fun for book lovers to discuss history books in an historic site,” said Catherine Aselford, executive director of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association. “The Athenaeum is more than just a beautiful 19th century building; it’s an authentic Civil War site.”

Aselford noted that Union troops occupied the Prince Street building during the Civil War and it was briefly a triage hospital after the first Battle of Bull Run.

The first History Book Club meeting will be held Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. Alexandria Gazette reporter, and local author, Michael Lee Pope will lead a discussion of African Americans of Alexandria, Virginia: Beacons of Light in the 20th Century.

At this meeting, members will determine what time and day they would like to meet and what book they would like to read next. The meeting is free and open to the public. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.NVFAA.org](http://www.NVFAA.org).

— JEANNE THEISMANN

**A new History Book Club will hold its first meeting March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Athenaeum on Prince Street.**

### CALENDAR

**Speakeasy Era Fundraiser.** 7 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy music, silent auction, food and more. Benefits the museum. \$100/person. Visit [www.facebook.com/GadsbysTavernMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/GadsbysTavernMuseum) or 703-746-4242 for tickets.

**St. Patrick’s Day Parade.** 12:30 p.m. at the corner of King and Alfred streets, continuing to King and Lee streets. Hosted by the Ballyshanners, this year’s parade will be led by Grand Marshal Martin White, owner of King Street Blues. In addition to the Parade, festivities will include a Classic Car Show, which begins at 8 a.m. on Pitt St. between King and Cameron Streets. The car show judging will begin at 10 a.m. The “Fun Dog Show” will be held in Market Square, 301 King St., beginning at 11 a.m. Visit [www.ballyshanners.org](http://www.ballyshanners.org) for more.

#### SUNDAY/MARCH 2

**Opening Reception.** 2-4 p.m., meet the artist of “7th and H Streets, NW: The Hidden Refrain of Inner City DC” by Fred Zafran at Multiple Exposures Gallery, in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Runs Feb. 18-March 30. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com/](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com/) for more.

**Film and Panel Discussion.** 2 p.m. at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road. Watch “An Ordinary Hero,” the true story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, a civil rights legend from Arlington, who was a Freedom Rider, a white participant in the Jackson Woolworth Sit-In and who helped plan the March on Washington. Following the movie there will be a panel discussion. \$15 with a reservation or \$20 at the door. Students with ID will be admitted free. Reserve at [wrjhospitality@gmail.com](mailto:wrjhospitality@gmail.com) or contact Michele Mildren, 703-820-7794.

**Closing Reception.** 2-4 p.m. see The Art League’s annual Student/Faculty Show. Faculty works will be showcased alongside hundreds of paintings, drawings, printmaking, stained glass, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, fiber, mosaics, sculpture created by the student body. Located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**What’s Happening to Frogs?** 3 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park Visitors Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Chris Hobson, a zoologist with the Virginia Division of Natural Heritage, will talk about the issues frogs are facing, tips on how to identify them and more. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks) or call 703-768-2525.

#### TUESDAY/MARCH 4

**Book Talk.** 7 p.m. at Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, 3600 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. C.L. Bragg will discuss “Crescent Moon over Carolin: William Moultrie and American Liberty.” Free, registration required. Visit [MountVernon.org/BookSeries](http://MountVernon.org/BookSeries) to register.

#### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 5

**Swing Dance.** 9-11 p.m. at Nick’s Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. Smokin’ Polecats with Marianna Previti provide the music. \$10. Call 703-359-9882 or visit [www.gottaswing.com](http://www.gottaswing.com).

#### THURSDAY/MARCH 6

**Music Performance.** 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band will perform music for the jazz quartet. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) or 202-767-5658.

#### FRIDAY/MARCH 7

**Reception.** Meet some of the artists of “Portraits of Pop Culture” from 7-10 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see artists’ interpretation of pop culture, featuring compelling cartoons, lampoons and caricatures of celebrities, politicians, pundits and other pop figures. Show runs March 7-30. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

#### SATURDAY/MARCH 8

**Swordsmen’s Rendezvous.** Noon-4 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern, 138 N. Royal St. Enjoy a re-enactment of 18th-century swordplay, displays, discussions and more. Includes audience participation. \$6/person. Reservations required, [shop.alexandriava.gov](mailto:shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4242.

**“A Talent of Women” Arts & Crafts Show.** 2-5 p.m. at 1451 Belle Haven Road, #420. Browse crafts, photography, art, jewelry and more. Free. Complimentary wine and hors d’oeuvres.

**Symphony Ball and Auction.** 6 p.m. at the Westin Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square. The Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria is celebrating 70 years with an auction, food, dancing and more. \$200/person. E-mail Anna Russi for tickets at [annarussi@live.com](mailto:annarussi@live.com).

**Music Performance.** 7 p.m. at St.

Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Country/folk singer Kate Campbell will perform with Jeep Rosenberg. \$18/general; \$15/advance. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) for more.

**Music Performance.** 7-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Adolphe Sax Bicentennial Concert. \$17/advance; \$20/door. Visit [classicalsaxophonist.com](http://classicalsaxophonist.com) or 703-244-3710.

#### SUNDAY/MARCH 9

**Talk.** 2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. A symposium will discuss “Women with a View,” about three women who were instrumental in preserving Mount Vernon. \$30 includes a tour of the View and Mount Vernon and reception. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/womenwithaview](http://www.mountvernon.org/womenwithaview) to register.

**Winter Warmer Tea.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern, 138 N. Royal St. Eat period-inspired delicacies while enjoying tea and American Heritage Chocolate. A historic guest will be visiting. \$35/person and is all inclusive. Reservations required, [shop.alexandriava.gov](mailto:shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4242.

**Choral Evensong.** 7 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Grant Hellmers, organist-choirmaster of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, will direct the adult choir in a choral lenten evensong. This will be preceded by mezzo soprano Barbara Hollinshead and tenorist Howard Bass performing devotional songs by 16th century English composer John Dowland. Free, with donations going to St. Paul’s Lazarus Ministry. A reception will follow. Contact Grant Hellmers at 703-549-3312 or e-mail [grant@stpaulsalexandria.com](mailto:grant@stpaulsalexandria.com) for more.

#### THURSDAY/MARCH 13

**Toast to Fashion.** 6:30-10 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Hosted by the Junior Friends of the Campagna Center, the event features a fashion show, marketplace, raffle, cocktail reception. All the proceeds will benefit programs operated by the center. \$55/advance or \$65/door. Visit [www.campagnacenter.org](http://www.campagnacenter.org) for more.

**Music Performance.** 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band will perform music for mixed chamber wind ensembles. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) or 202-767-5658.

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**Beatley Library,** 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1702.  
**Duncan Library,** 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Call 703-746-1705.  
**Burke Branch Library,** 4701 Seminary Road. Call 703-746-1704.  
**Barrett Branch Library,** 717 Queen St. Call 703-746-1703.  
 Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

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**Book a Librarian.** At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St, for help with research or to better understand the library’s databases and resources. Make an appointment by calling 703-746-1751.

**Computer Tutoring.** At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Individual assistance from a librarian. Call 703-746-1751.

#### FRIDAY/FEB. 21

**Spanish Story Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 2-5 can enjoy stories and more in Spanish. Free.

#### SATURDAY/FEB. 22

**Saturday Stories.** 11 a.m. at Beatley Library. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free.

**Author Talk.** 1 p.m. at Beatley Library. Deborah Parker will discuss her book “Strength, Soul, and Spirit: Breakthrough Stories of Black History.” Free.

**Paws to Read.** 1 p.m. at Burke Library. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required. Call 703-746-1773 or e-mail [mmcguire@alexandria.lib.va.us](mailto:mmcguire@alexandria.lib.va.us) to register for a 15min slot.

#### SUNDAY/FEB. 23

**Winter Olympics Film Screening.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Library. Watch three movies that celebrate the Winter Olympics. Call for titles.

#### MONDAY/FEB. 24

**Little One-Ders.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required.

**Baby Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Songs, fingerplays and bounces for babies up to 11 months. Free.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library. Children up to 11 months with adult can enjoy rhymes and lullabies. Free.

**Children Only! Book Club.** 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library. For children ages 6 and up who read chapter books. Free. Call for title.

**Film Series.** 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. Watch a 2013 movie starring Tom Hanks. Free.

**Read, Sing & Play Baby.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Biography Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Discuss “Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela” by Nelson Mandela. Free.

**Family Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Duncan Library. Children and parents can share their love of reading.

#### TUESDAY/FEB. 25

**Stories and Songs.** 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library.

Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free.

**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Tuesday Tots.** 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Stories to Grow On.** 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library. Children up to 11 months with adult. Free.

**Paws to Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Library. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required.

**Science Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 8-12 can learn how things work, from building bridges to treasure hunting maps. Free.

#### WEDNESDAY/FEB. 26

**Mother Goose Time.** 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free.

**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Baby Rhythm & Rhyme Time.** 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library. Children ages 0-18 months can enjoy music, rhymes and movement. Free.

**Stories to Grow On.** 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Explore the Natural World.** 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library. A naturalist from the Buddie Ford Nature Center will talk about the rain forest. Frequently she is accompanied by live animals. Appropriate for children in grades K-5. Free.

**Author Talk.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Bryan Bender will discuss his book “you Are Not Forgotten.” Free.

**Lego Family Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Families can enjoy building together and more. Free.

#### THURSDAY/FEB. 27

**Mother Goose Story Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Little One-Ders.** 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more.

**Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free.

**Speed Dating.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Find your literary soul mate. To register call 703-746-1751.

**Knit Nite.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 9-18 can learn to knit. All supplies included. Free.

# OBITUARY

## Bauers

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perceived as the enemy," Bauers would recall of his service during World War II. "The war created a sense of urgency because we never knew when we said goodbye if it would be our last time."

Bauers flew 68 combat missions before transferring to Reims, France, where he planned and executed combat missions until the end of the war. Upon his return to the U.S., Bauers received his Air Force Commission and was assigned to the headquarters at the Pentagon.

"Returning from World War II was different from the military engagements that the U.S. has subsequently become involved in," Bauers said in a 2013 interview with the Alexandria Gazette Packet. "Our country had been attacked, we had a common enemy and the public supported the U.S. involvement and the military forces."

Born to an Army family in San Antonio, Texas, Bauers served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force during WW II. His awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters; he was Assistant Air Attaché to Pakistan prior to retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

He became a partner in Robert C. Hills Associates in New York City and returned to Washington to join A. G. Van Metre Associates; he joined Panorama International as vice president and general manager of international real estate and later became vice president of Begg International in resort residential and commercial real estate. He founded Edgewood Publishing Company and authored "Where There's a Will ... a Guide for the Executor or Administrator of an Estate," "Memoirs of a Marauder Pilot" and "Gaining and Maintaining Wealth."

Bauers was a graduate of The George Washington University, BA, MBA, the Air Force Command and Staff School and the Strategic Intelligence School. He was a member of the Georgetown Club, Army & Navy Club and the Army Navy Country Club. He served on the vestry of Christ Church, was past-president of the Rotary Club of Crystal City, a member of the Military Order of the World Wars and a Knight in Justice of the Order of St. John.

In 2011, he was awarded Knighthood in the French Legion of Honor for his service to France during World War II. It is the highest honor bestowed by the government of France.

"I was very surprised," said Bauers, who received the award on the anniversary of the D-Day invasion during a ceremony at the WWII Memorial in Washington. "There were only three of us honored and I'm very humbled and grateful to the French government."

Bauers is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joanne



**The French government presented F. William Bauers with the Legion of Honor at a ceremony on June 6, 2011, at the World War II Memorial. It is the highest honor awarded by the French government.**



**Capt. F. William Bauers as an air Force B-26 fighter pilot in Europe during WWII.**

Turney Bauers, two daughters, Christine Loran Hills (Gary), and Joni L. Currier (David), and two granddaughters, Alyson and Amber Hills-Martin.

"I know just how lucky I was to survive without any serious injury," Bauers said on Veterans Day in recalling the many friends he lost in combat during the waning months of the war. "But seeing the death of a number of my friends has affected me strongly to this day. Unfortunately, I don't think people today give Veterans Day much attention. But the men and women who have defended our country deserve a lot of credit, or at the very least, our nation's respect."

Burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

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# Senior Housing Options: Something for Everyone

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) and At Home in Alexandria (AHA) cosponsored a speaker series event about Senior Housing: New & Innovative Solutions at Charles Beatley Library last Wednesday. The overflow crowd heard from a panelist of experts on the different types of senior housing options ranging from the “Village” concept, to modifying your existing home, to moving into a senior complex that provides needed amenities. Deciding to make a change in your housing situation can be very stressful, and this session offered straight talk about viable options.

Jane King, chair of Alexandria’s Commission on Aging and an AARP representative, kicked off the discussion with highlights from AARP’s “Home Fit Guide.” Every attendee received a copy of this valuable booklet, which contains information and tips for a comfortable, safe and livable home. Katharine Dixon, Rebuilding Together Alexandria’s executive director, then talked about how lower income Alexandria residents can apply for home modifications for free or a modest fee. This includes things like installing wheelchair ramps or grab bars in bathrooms.

Cele Garrett, AHA’s executive director, dis-



gusted how they serve seniors 55+ who reside in the eastern side of Alexandria. Members pay an annual membership fee for access to a pool of volunteers who can assist with transportation, chores, and grocery shopping, and also enjoy regular social gatherings. Keesha Dillingham from the Alexandria Code Administration Office talked about the need to make sure any home modifications meet current city codes.

Lori Krause, a Realtor with Building Bridges Partners, addressed the important considerations for those contemplating selling their home, and how “rightsizing” our lives can give everyone more control over their time and money. Finally, Heidi Garvis from Caring Considerations provided an extensive overview of the types of senior residential communities in our area, and the main benefits of each.

This event was a first for SSA’s Speaker Series, as the session was delivered using Communications Access Realtime Translation (CART) transcription service, which simultaneously translates and projects presentations on a screen. Thanks to the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC), who provided this service as a demonstration of the way that it enhances everyone’s ability to



**Lori Krause with Building Bridges Partners addresses issues seniors face when contemplating selling their home. Her remarks were also transcribed using Communications Access Realtime Translation service, which simultaneously translates and projects presentations on a screen.**

fully understand the presenters.

Highlights from the event will be featured on the March Senior Living in Alexandria program, which airs every Sunday at 2 p.m. on Alexandria Comcast Channel 70, via Youtube or on Senior Services of Alexandria’s website, [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org)

Contact the organizations that presented at the event at the following websites:

- ❖ AARP – [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)
- ❖ At Home in Alexandria – [www.athomeinalexandria.org](http://www.athomeinalexandria.org)
- ❖ Building Bridges Partners – [www.buildingbridgespartners.com](http://www.buildingbridgespartners.com)
- ❖ Caring Considerations, LLC –

[www.caringconsiderations.com](http://www.caringconsiderations.com)

❖ Rebuilding Together Alexandria – [www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org)

❖ Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and hard of hearing Persons - [www.nvrc.org](http://www.nvrc.org)

SSA’s March Speaker Series program will focus on activities for Alexandria’s seniors. It is being cosponsored by the City’s Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities on Wednesday, March 12 from 9:30 a.m. - noon at the Chinquapin Recreation Center at 3210 King St. These events are free but space is limited, so register on line at [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or by calling 703-836-4414, ext 10.

# Mental Health and Budget Items in Richmond

BY ADAM EBBIN  
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

You most likely heard that my colleague, Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-Bath County), underwent a horrible ordeal last fall with his son Gus, who was suffering from severe mental illness. The Deeds family had realized that Gus needed urgent help and were doing everything they could to ensure his well-being, but a psychiatric bed could not be found for him when it was desperately needed. In a horrific turn of events, Gus critically stabbed his father and then took his own life. Senator Deeds has shown remarkable resilience and courage to see that other families do not endure similar tragedies.

I have co-sponsored two of Senator Deeds’ bills that will make much-needed improve-



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ments to our mental health system. Senate Bill 260 would allow an Emergency Custody Order of up to 24 hours while a bed is sought by an individual in need of critical help. Currently, an individual like Gus can only be detained for 4-6 hours if a bed is not found; nearly every other state provides for up to 24 hours. Creigh informed me that less than one person per day on average in the entire Commonwealth has been turned away for lack of a bed; while this number is fortunately small, each of these cases can be life or death. This bill would require the development of an electronic database of all psy-

chiatric beds statewide to be available to Community Services Boards (CSBs) when an individual needs help. A state bed would be offered as a last resort if no private beds are available. I also co-sponsored Senate Joint Resolution 47 calling for a study of our entire state mental health system.

On Sunday afternoon, the Senate Finance Committee unveiled its version of the two-year budget to take effect July 1. Although Virginia’s economy is doing better than most states, revenue collection has not been as strong as previously forecast. With that in mind, the Finance Committee has prudently decided to propose a budget that is more in line with the revised estimates. Especially given these circumstances, I am extremely happy that the Finance Committee granted my request to hire three new forensic scientists to reduce the backlog in the process-

ing of Physical Evidence Recovery Kits (PERKs). These kits collect DNA evidence used to document, investigate and prosecute cases of sexual assault. Processing these kits more quickly will allow law enforcement to place suspects in custody sooner, prevent further crimes and provide closure to victims.

Thanks to all of you who joined Del. Rob Krupicka and I for our Town Hall Meeting this past Saturday in Alexandria. I enjoyed the opportunity to answer questions and provide an update on the legislative session.

You can email me at [district30@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district30@senate.virginia.gov) with your thoughts on pending legislation or other state matters. I am also active on Facebook and Twitter (@AdamEbbin).

It is my continued honor to represent the citizens of the 30th Senate District.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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decision possible. At age 65, it now looks like John and I might have our marriage legally-recognized in our lifetimes rather than posthumously.

**Tom Osborne**

*The writer is a member of the Alexandria Democratic Committee and a board member of LGBT Democrats of Virginia.*

## Court’s Abuse Of Power

To the Editor:

The recent district court ruling invalidating the Marshall-Newman Amendment defining marriage in Virginia as limited to one man with one woman is an example of abuse of judicial dis-

cretion. Our Constitution’s legitimacy relies on its preamble’s opening words, “We the People.” The U.S. Constitution created the judicial branch, but both the Constitution and the judicial branch it established are subordinate to the People. When the people of 31 out of 50 states reach a consensus, in this instance marriage defined as one man with one woman,

the judiciary, even if it can articulate a basis, is insubordinate to the People when it annuls the legal principle they have embraced — especially based on a 5-4 Supreme Court ruling.

Former Sen. Mike Gravel, speaking at the National Press Club last May, described a paradoxical feature of the Constitution: While it acknowledges our system’s ulti-

mate legitimacy as residing with the People, it treats the People as juvenile by ceding so much of their power to various organs of governance with varying degrees of accountability to the People. The courts — the least accountable branch — having such power over even the People is an example of what Senator Gravel described. I

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YMCA Alexandria's Oct. 12, 2013, 5K Run/Walk chose "Pirate: Treasure Your Health" as its animating theme and, despite the drizzling weather, pirates proved quite animated.



It's never too soon to start a fitness program. On April 27, 2013, YMCA Alexandria's Healthy Kids' Day let infants compete — with more or less focus — in the baby-crawl contest.

## Treasuring Alexandrians' Health at the YMCA

Looking back at 2013 and ahead to programs and events in 2014.

BY JUDITH NAVARRO  
VICE-CHAIR  
YMCA ALEXANDRIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Offering an array of activities for every age group, YMCA Alexandria continued in 2013 to serve as a center for wellness in our community and plans another rich program of services for 2014. Activities available to members — from infants to nonagenarians — include personal and group cardiovascular training and weightlifting; aquatics and a youth swim team (the Sea Dragons); aerobics, pilates, zumba, yoga, ballet, and cycling; as well as day care, after-school care, and teen leadership opportunities. Together, these activities inform the YMCA's three-fold mission of developing youth, promoting healthy living, and enabling social responsibility.

In addition to services for members, YMCA Alexandria spearheads an annual fundraising program — "Caring for Community" — that provides volunteers and civic-minded members the opportunity to support their neighbors by keeping the YMCA's doors wide open to everyone in our city. Towards that end, it celebrated a number of special events throughout the year, principal among them the "Be a Camp Champ" campaign, Healthy Kids' Day, the "Treasure Your Health" 5K Run/Walk, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the Christmas Carnival. Combined, these efforts raised almost \$60,000 and generated countless, priceless in-kind contributions.

Along with dozens of other nonprofits in the city, YMCA Alexandria participated on April 17 in the annual Spring2ACTION ef-



On April 17, 2013, during the city-wide 24-hour giving marathon, members, including Mayor Bill Euille, became YMCA Alexandria "camp champs" — giving to support young children's participation in its summer camp programs.

fort to raise the level and effectiveness of giving in our community. With its "Be a Camp Champ" call-to-action, the YMCA upped its fundraising goal from the previous year, and then — having launched a web-based, twitter, facebook, email, word-of-mouth outreach — topped that goal by over 33 percent. In 24 hours, YMCA Alexandria received 145 contributions totaling more than \$12,000. Later that summer, of some 600 children in the city taking part in camp programs, almost 100 were able to do so thanks to "camp champ" assistance.

On April 27, YMCA Alexandria sponsored its annual Healthy Kids' Day — a "free, fun, fantastic way to get ready for summer." Hundreds of "kids" — children, teens, adults, and seniors — took part in a variety of physical fitness and wellness activities, among them, a baby-crawl contest, zumba classes, pony rides, blood pressure monitoring, and nutrition education. Cosponsors included the city's public schools, police and



Santa and Mrs. Claus distributed angel-wish toys and bikes to every child celebrating Christmas at YMCA Alexandria.

fire departments, PNC Bank, Master Twister, and the Lyons Club.

A drizzly Oct. 12 failed to dampen the success of the annual 5K Run/Walk. With the pirate theme of "Treasure Your Health," 124 participants (many dressed as eye-patched, parrot-toting buccaneers) completed the race, which for the first time this year started and ended at YMCA Alexandria's Monroe Avenue location. Participant fees and sponsor contributions, most notably that of Halt, Buzas, and Powell, LTD, combined to gross over \$16,800, the proceeds of which were targeted to fight childhood obesity.

From Oct. 31 to Nov. 25, YMCA Alexandria conducted its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, ultimately providing holiday meals to 126 local families — in large measure, thanks to generous donations by members and staff and to cooperation from Lyles Crouch Academy. Food baskets were created for beneficiaries associated with "My Brother's Place, My Sister's Keeper LLC, Alexandria Housing Development Council

(AHDC), Tenants and Workers United (TWU), the Lee Center, and the Alexandria Fire Department.

The yearly YMCA Alexandria Christmas Carnival took place on Dec. 12 and featured Santa and Mrs. Claus passing out toys and bikes for 97 children who had made "angel tree" wishes. Carnival partners included the Lee Center, AHDC, TWU, and the Alexandria Community Shelter/New Hope Housing.

This year the YMCA will again celebrate key events to benefit all Alexandrians. Mark your calendar for:

- ❖ Spring2ACTION "Be a Camp Champ" Day, April 9
- ❖ Healthy Kids' Day, April 27
- ❖ Summer Camp, June 23-mid August
- ❖ 5K "Treasure Your Health" Run/Walk, Oct. 11
- ❖ Thanksgiving Food Drive, month of November
- ❖ Christmas Carnival, Dec. 17

We invite you to join us in the collective fitness, fun, and philanthropy. Let YMCA Alexandria become your "center for wellness" in 2014.

# LETTERS

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cannot understand why legislatures would allow the federal courts to override their states' legal and constitutional enactments without issuing calls for a special convention to revise the U.S. Constitution so as to rein in such abuses of power as the recent court rulings invalidating definitions of marriage in the majority of states.

**Dino Drudi**  
Alexandria

## A Hobbled Democracy

To the Editor:

I am troubled. I can't fathom whether our council members are aloof by design or by nature. Whatever the reason, apart from Silberberg, their collective disdain for the residents they purportedly represent strikes me as arrogance pure and simple.

But they are not beyond detecting community discontent. To placate it, an enormous amount of city staff time and more of our money was used to concoct a manual explaining how we the citizenry can interact with them. What chutzpah.

They should write one for themselves explaining the methods an elected representative should employ to gauge the taxpayers desires and concerns. Come on! We pay them to work for us. Creating a manual telling us how to work for them is symptomatic of a serious disconnect in our body politic.

For example, when was the last time you heard of one of our rulers visiting a neighborhood civic association simply to listen? My favorite example why we need term limits, Del Pepper, resides within walking distance to several, including mine.

If she's ever attended any community meeting in recent years, then it's news to me. Her "Just close the curtains" remark in response to community opposition to lighted tennis courts is atypical of an arrogant ruler; not an empathetic representative.

On the other hand, I can understand our council members comporting themselves as overlords. It's much easier to get things done if you have supreme authority to do what you want rather than sort from the babbling voices what the community wants. But if we are to have a democracy, then let's make it a good one.

To invigorate our hobbled democracy in Alexandria, it's necessary to truly empower the people. Toward that worthy end, cashier the "at large" system by which council members are elected. Replace it with the format used in 99.9 percent of America whereby voters elect a council member from their communities

Also, it would be very modern and inexpensive, certainly less costly than the goofy How To Work With Us manual our city council members created, to establish an online polling process to plumb community sentiment.

For contentious issues, especially when matters of density begin percolating, an online poll would permit us residents to become informed of issues early on and al-

low us to register our opinion in the form of a non-binding vote.

There could be any number of topics at any given time posted online. Their sole purpose would be educating the public so they may make informed online votes enabling the elected to be responsive to the views of the people. Isn't that what democracy is all about?

**Jimm Roberts**  
Alexandria

## How To Manage On-street Parking

To the Editor:

A recent letter recommended resident-only on-street parking near the waterfront. However, this prescribes the wrong medicine for Old Town's constrained parking.

One need only visit blocks in the District or Arlington's Clarendon neighborhood to witness the results of resident-only parking zones. Many of the spaces are left unused in the evening hours, a waste of public resources. On-street parking works best when it is about 85 percent occupied, so that most spaces are in use but turnover occurs frequently enough for a few spaces in each block to remain available at any given time. If demand by residents is far less than the supply, the supply should be opened for use by others.

Old Town Alexandria's many small businesses could not survive without the convenience that on-street parking provides their customers. Indeed, in Clarendon, the retail mix has transitioned to many more chain stores over the last 10 years, coincident with the switch to resident-only parking in adjacent neighborhoods. Applied here, resident-only parking could negatively impact many of the locally-owned businesses Old Town residents themselves know and love. This is why the Old Town Area Parking Study Work Group, comprised of residents and businesspersons alike (and on which I served as a representative of the Waterfront Commission), was resolute in rejecting resident-only parking during its deliberations in 2012.

So what could we do to better manage Old Town's on-street parking? One requirement, adopted as city policy in the Waterfront Small Area Plan, is to require new development to provide off-street parking for its patrons. This is the case for the recently-approved hotel in the 200 block of South Union Street, which will construct a ratio of parking spaces per hotel room in excess of actual usage rates at comparable existing Old Town hotels. This policy will increase the supply of parking in Old Town, thereby limiting demand for on-street parking from patrons of new development.

A second approach is to manage existing demand for on-street parking through pricing. Right now, there's a great deal of incentive for Old Town visitors to park in adjacent neighborhoods because the parking (while time limited) is free. If there were a modest fee for visitors to park in residential blocks immediately adjacent to King Street and the waterfront, there would be less incentive to park on street, causing more motorists to park in garages and free



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## Snapshot

**Alexandria marina: Safe harbor, storm coming.**

up on-street parking spaces for residents. Residents and their guests with applicable parking permits could continue to park in their existing residential parking zone without paying the new fees, but would continue to pay to park along commercial blocks and in other residential parking zones. And they'd have an easier time finding parking near their homes.

In the past, implementation of an arrangement like this would have required the placement of costly multispace parking meters on residential blocks, rendering the proposal cost-prohibitive. However, new technology recently implemented in Old Town allows motorists to pay for on-street parking on commercial blocks by phone or smartphone app. This could serve as the exclusive payment option for paid visitor parking along selected residential blocks. With some additional signage and a rollout campaign to educate residents and visitors about the new policy, a pilot program could be up and running in a couple of months. As an added benefit, the program would generate additional revenue for city coffers.

These are but two of a number of innovative approaches we can apply to balance supply and demand for parking. On-street parking provides benefits for residents, visitors, and businesses alike. With the right policies, we can cooperatively manage this valuable resource.

**Nate Macek**  
Old Town Alexandria

## Making Small Progress

To the Editor:

Olin Studio's third presentation of proposed waterfront landscaping was a community engagement session that showed some small progress in meaningfully engaging the residents of Old Town — those most affected by these changes. It gave small groups of people time to talk together about the two design options, with all tables sharing their opinions in our usual neighborly way.

But, the city has a long way to go in achieving the goals it set for itself in "What's Next Alexandria", because in contrast to residents' honest deliberation of two, quite different, potential landscape plans, the city really presented only one. This is rather like being given a dinner menu with two entrees: wild salmon, fresh caught by native Alaskans, lightly sauced with organic, grass-fed, cream and fresh herbs from the chef's

garden ... and Atlantic salmon, pellet-fed, and broiled. Which would you choose?

In revisiting the session via the video posted to the city web site and re-reading the presentation document, one can see several things. Plan B, which was preferred by a number of residents' groups for its open space and visual display of the river, had no "activation and programming" information. It remained a design without a purpose, half-thought out, seemingly not seriously considered. In contrast, Plan A, the more traditional design offered "Fitzgerald Square" hosting festivals of up to 750 people, standing, and Waterfront Park accommodating 1,500 people, standing. Taken together, the city also anticipates these areas could host a festival of 2,250 roving and standing people. Pt. Lumley Park is assigned a 750 person concert potential. Plan A has a purpose that is clearly communicated.

Aside from the impact of Plan A on the number of people parking, driving, using public transit, etc. it was impossible, literally, to see what the spaces of the other, very different, design with a diagonal walkway, is intended to oblige. What does the city have in mind? We don't know.

And, briefly, community desires for key design elements remain a mystery. Analyzing the legible "stickies" shown in the presentation yielded: 2/42 for ice-skating; 1/42 for a market; 0/42 for kayaks. In the long lead up to waterfront development, only one young man, obviously an enthusiast, wanted kayaks on the waterfront at the foot of Prince Street. Perhaps, there is other city-owned data on "what citizens want" that is yet to be shared. We hope so.

Lastly, the local partner's drawings for the "foot of King" were lovely to look at but did not reflect the Olin design. There was a water feature, but no water taxi pier or ticket building. The bike parking "hub", a good thought, but far too small. The transit plan was messy. The flow from the square funneled onto Union street. Devilish details.

Could residents have made a better evaluation with a fair presentation? Definitely. Two hours were not enough, but going to the next step without knowing how shared citizen input is would be a violation of the city's responsibility under the newly minted "What's Next Alexandria" convention. To succeed, that agreement needs the city to act with greater honesty, integrity, and transparency. This was a good small move with room for much more.

**Kathryn Papp**  
Alexandria

# T.C. Williams Gymnastics Ends Season at Regionals

**Cathey wins vault title, advances to states on bars.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**.C. Williams senior Holland Cathey entered the 6A North region gymnastics meet on Feb. 18 as one of the top competitors in the area, but it was evident during the first two rotations that this would not be one of her best performances.

Cathey, the Conference 7 all-around champion, fell twice during her beam performance. During the next rotation, she fell during her floor routine. Later, she landed on her head while warming up for vault.

While embarrassment or frustration could have consumed Cathey following her vault mishap, she instead responded with a championship-worthy effort.

After a rough warm-up, Cathey produced a first-place score of 9.775 on vault and finished fourth on bars with a score of 9.283, earning the senior a trip to states in both events.

As a team, T.C. Williams followed Cathey's path. The Titans finished third out of six teams on beam and third on floor, but responded with a second-place effort on vault and the top score on bars.

"The first two events were rough, [but] we actually pulled it off really well on the last two events," Cathey said. "I think that's representative of our season a little bit. The beginning was a little bit rough, couldn't get it together, and then at the end we sort of pulled it together."

While Cathey won an individual region championship and will compete at states, the Titans' season as a team ended Tuesday night. The top two teams

secure state berths, but T.C. Williams placed third with a score of 138.459. Washington-Lee won its third consecutive region title with a score of 140.449. McLean finished runner-up for the third straight year with a total of 140.077.

"They put," T.C. Williams coach Pete Novgrod said, "a little too much pressure on themselves."

T.C. Williams entered the 2013-14 season with the possibility of competing with its first full team since the early 1980s. Four gymnasts are required to produce a team score and the Titans had exactly that many gymnasts on the roster — Cathey, juniors Grace Girard and Jordan Mambert, and freshman Cailyn Lager. Early in the season, however, injuries and other commitments kept all four Titans from competing at the same meet. T.C. Williams eventually competed together on Jan. 25 during the Barbara Reinwald W-L Gymnastics Invitational. On Jan. 31, the Titans won the Conference 7 championship with a score of 143.45. Cathey won the all-around title with a score of 37.55.

On Tuesday, South County's Collea Burgess won the all-around regional championship with a total of 38.234. Fairfax's Rachel Barborek (37.967) finished runner-up and Westfield's Katie Freix (37.425) placed third. Cathey (35.592) finished sixth and Mambert (34.766) finished 10th.

While T.C. Williams' season came to a close, the Titans will lose just one of four members to graduation and could have some others joining next season.

"Definitely mixed emotions," Cathey said after the meet. "[I'm] sad that the season is over [from a team standpoint]. I'm a senior, so I won't be back next year, but I think we already have at least two girls lined up for next year, so they'll have a full team again and I'm definitely going to come and watch and I'm excited for all of that. I wish them all the best."



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**T.C. Williams senior Holland Cathey qualified for states in two events, but the Titans failed to qualify as a team during the 6A North region gymnastics meet on Feb. 18 at Lake Braddock.**

## Registration Now Open for 2014 T.C. Williams Crew

**First practice slated for Monday, Feb. 24 at Dee Campbell Boathouse.**

**W**ith the start of the spring rowing season just around the corner, registration is now open for the 2014 T.C. Williams High School crew team. This year, all rowers are being encouraged to register online. For instructions on how to do so, visit [www.tcwcrew.org](http://www.tcwcrew.org).

The T.C. Williams crew team is coming off a very successful season. Last year, Titan boats won three state championships, two silver medals, and eight bronze medals. In addition to posting one of the most successful seasons in recent years, the 2013 T.C. crew team was also the largest in more than a decade, with nearly 200 student athletes taking to the water. Key dates for the upcoming season include: Saturday, Feb. 22, a mandatory safety briefing will be held at 10 a.m. at the Dee

Campbell Boathouse for new rowers and their parents. At 11 a.m., a meeting will be held for all parents to kick off the season and answer any questions they may have. At 1 p.m., all rowers will be required to take a swim test at Chinquapin.

Next Monday, Feb 24 is the first practice of the season. Moving forward, practices this spring will be held on Monday-Friday from 4-6:30 p.m., and on Saturday mornings from 7-10 a.m. An after-school activity bus will be available to take students to and from practice on weekdays.

Saturday, March 22 is the first regatta against Washington-Lee at the Boathouse. After the regatta, the team will hold a ceremony to christen the newest shell in the T.C. Crew racing fleet: "The Wanda."



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Members of the 2013 T.C. Williams Crew team row up the Potomac toward Washington during practice last spring.**

The 2014 spring crew season will mark the 67th year of public school rowing in the City of Alexandria, which dates back to 1947 when a Washington, D.C., policeman named Julian Whitestone and a Navy employee named Jack

Franklin started training young men who were students at George Washington High School at the Old Dominion Boat Club. The T.C. Williams rowing program is one of the oldest and most successful rowing programs in the U.S.

The T.C. Williams crew team is open to any student in the eighth-12th grade who attends Alexandria City Public Schools. For more information on the crew, photos from previous seasons, and a complete schedule of the regattas this year, visit [www.tcwcrew.org](http://www.tcwcrew.org), or follow the team on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters](http://www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters).

### SPORTS BRIEF

#### TC Girls Advance, Boys' Season Ends

The T.C. Williams girls' basketball team advanced to the Conference 7 tournament semifinals and secured a berth in the region tournament with a 55-26 win over Woodson on Tuesday during the conference quarterfinals.

The TC boys' team lost to Woodson 80-52 in the conference tournament quarterfinals, ending the Titans' season.

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## A Education • Learning • Fun

### Simple suggestions to support learning.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

M aria Kennedy was driving her 5-year-old son to preschool when he asked a question that stunned her. “Mommy, why is the sun following us?” Kennedy, who says she was stuck in rush-hour traffic and running late for work wasn’t sure how to respond.

“Looking back, it was an excellent opportunity for a simple astronomy lesson,” said Kennedy.

“It is absolutely important that parents encourage math and science learning outside of the classroom,” said Padmanabhan Seshaiyer, Ph.D., professor, Mathematical Sciences; director, STEM Accelerator Program; director, Center for Mathematics Professional Outreach and Educational Technology in the College of Science at George Mason University.

Seshaiyer said that parents should be deliberate in their efforts to engage their children in science and math. “For example, while going for a walk in the park, you can observe something interesting about a tree,” he said. “While walking down the steps,

children can count the number of steps or count the odd or even numbered steps.”

Usha Rajdev ED.D., professor of Math and Science at Marymount University said that opportunities to learn about math and science are virtually everywhere. “If they are in the parking lot, you can ask, ‘How many red cars do you see?’”

The Washington metropolitan area offers opportunities for “family field trips” that are goldmines of math and science lessons. “For all age groups I believe that what they do outside the classroom is just as important as what they do inside the classroom,” said Peggy Weldon, math and science teacher at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Md. “The Octagon Museum downtown is a great one for architecture and math lessons. Any of the Smithsonians are great.”

“Children experience the wonder of science and math every day,” said Donna Ryan, a Kindergarten Teacher at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. “They just may need a spark from adults to ignite their perpetual curiosity. Two websites that can add to that spark are: bedtimemath.org and wonderopolis.org.”

Seshaiyer encourages parents to take their children to The USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, D.C., “It is the largest science festival in the country,” he said. Visit [www.usasciencefestival.org](http://www.usasciencefestival.org).

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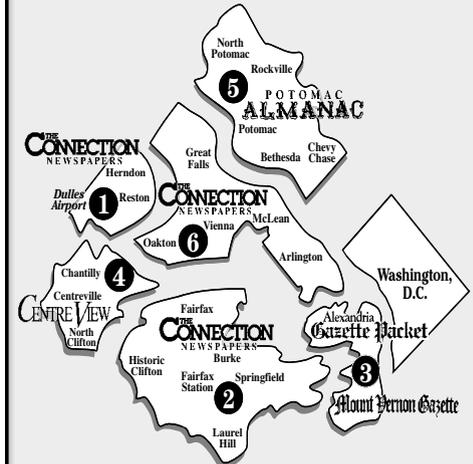
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## Ham

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ceded in death by his beloved wife, Myrtle, and six brothers and a sister.

The family received friends at Murphy Funeral Home located at 1102 West Broad Street in Falls Church on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to be made to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. in the honor of Louis A. Ham.

## Williams

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said Alexandria Rotary Club secretary Sharon Meisel in reference to the organization's motto.

Born Nov. 15, 1946 in Philadelphia, Williams moved to Alexandria with his family in 1960 and attended Episcopal High School.

He went on to graduate with distinction with a BA in history from the University of Virginia. He continued his studies at Georgetown School of Law, graduating in 1972, and earned a master of law degree in international economics from the University of London in 1973.

Upon returning to Alexandria, Williams spent six years as vice president and corporate counsel for Ameribanc Savings Bank. In 1995, he went into private practice specializing in business law and litigation.

"Peter has been such a good friend for several years," said Pam De Candio, senior vice president of John Marshall Bank. "I'm so sorry to lose him."

A memorial service was held Feb. 18 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where Williams served on the vestry.

He and his fiancée Katy Fike, the marketing and administrative coordinator for McEneaney Commercial Real Estate and past chairman of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, were to be married there May 10.

"My brother's soul reminds me of the oaks that grew deep in our family's woods," said Williams' sister Annie in her eulogy. "The oak draws strength from the richness of the soil where it has chosen to strive, until at maturity it stands majestic in its height and breadth. Its influence in the forest is far reaching and its simple gift of shelter and solace to all passing eternal. Thank you, Pete."

In addition to Fike, Williams is survived by his sister, Annie Williams, niece Lindsay Olson, and nephew Christian Olsen. While Williams had no children of his own, he considered Fike's sons Alan and Adam Fike as his stepsons.

A first marriage to Carlyle Hooff ended in divorce but he remained close to her and the entire Hooff family.

"Peter was always interested in what I and others were doing," said fellow Rotarian Bob Gants.

"He was full of life and a true friend. I will miss him, as will we all."

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**Charles Burdette Ramsey (Chuck)**



Charles Burdette Ramsey (Chuck) died suddenly on February 16th from a heart attack while on a glorious vacation in South Africa. He was born in Suffolk, Virginia on November 20, 1944 to William Burdett Ramsey and Frances Stallings Ramsey. He is survived by his wife, Madeline Hutcheson Ramsey, originally from Emporia, three sons, Robert Hutcheson Ramsey and wife Meredith, William Burdette Ramsey, and David Quinn Ramsey, foster son, Peter T.W. DeVine and twin grandchildren, Emily Katherine Ramsey and Allan Parker Ramsey. He is also survived by his brother Terrill Watkins Ramsey, his wife Rose, and daughter Wanda Frances Ramsey.

Chuck grew up in Charlotte Court House, VA, and graduated from Randolph-Henry High School in 1963. He earned an engineering degree from the University of Virginia in 1967, and subsequently earned a J.D. from Louisiana State University in 1971, and a Master of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University in 1979. He worked as a tax attorney for the I.R.S. from 1974 to 2013, retiring in July of 2013. He lived in Alexandria, Virginia for the last 40 years. He was an elder and active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria. A memorial service will be held Sunday, February 23 at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Westminster or the charity of your choice. Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria, VA is in charge of arrangements.

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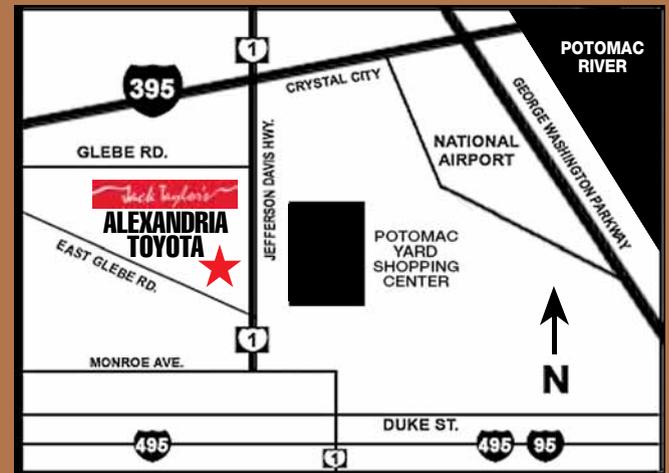
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