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The Schooner Virginia passes under a raised Woodrow Wilson Bridge in the early morning hours of April 15 following a three-day visit to the Alexandria waterfront.

All Aboard

ASF hosts Schooner Virginia.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

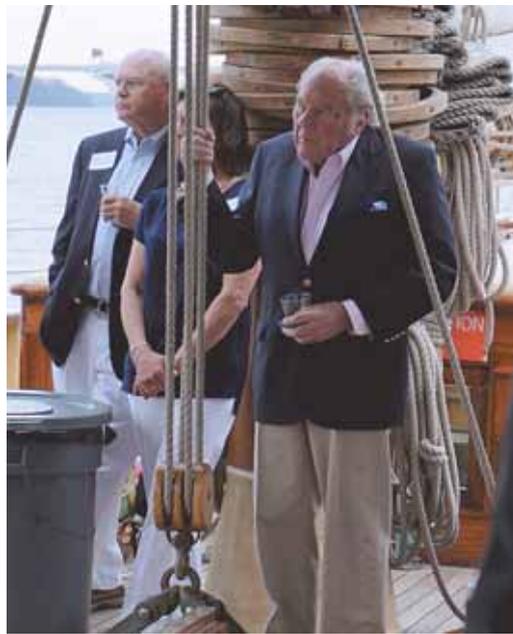
The Alexandria Seaport Foundation welcomed the Schooner Virginia to the Alexandria waterfront April 11 to kick off a three-day visit to Old Town. “We are excited to host this educational vessel in partnership with the Alexandria Seaport Foundation,” said ASF executive director Marilou Livingood. “Together we hope to highlight our own educational and maritime programs for youth.”

The Schooner Virginia, a re-creation of the last Virginia pilot schooner that sailed the Chesapeake Bay in the early 1900s, sails as an educational vessel, conducting programs for youth and adults along the East Coast.

Captain Hank Moseley joined crew members in conducting free deck tours over the weekend and answered questions about the Virginia’s construction, sailing schedule and life aboard a sailing ship.

“We’re excited to be here in Alexandria,” Moseley said. “The crew and I enjoy giving others a chance to see how a schooner operates and learn more about maritime history in the Chesapeake.”

Home ported in Norfolk, the Virginia is a two-masted, gaff-topsail knockabout schooner that is 126 feet long, 24 feet wide and weighs 157 tons. Her mainmast towers 112 feet off the water, which required a span of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to



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Tom Hulfish listens to the history of the Schooner Virginia.

be raised to allow the Virginia to enter and depart Alexandria’s waterfront.

The ship is a re-creation of her namesake vessel, the last all-sail vessel built for the Virginia Pilot Association. The original Virginia was built to serve as a floating home and training vessel for the pilots. The Virginia Pilot Association worked the schooner from 1917 to 1926, when she was replaced by a steam ship.

The Schooner Virginia is owned and operated by the Virginia Maritime Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit organization established to promote the maritime heritage of the Commonwealth. For more information on the Virginia, visit www.schoonervirginia.org.

Earth Day 2035

Alexandria plans for a day when it will no longer dump human waste into the river.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The year 2035 seems like a distant dream. But it’s a Sword of Damocles hanging over the head of officials at City Hall. That’s the year Alexandria will no longer dump human waste into the Potomac River.

State and federal regulators have set a deadline of 2035 for fixing the city’s combined sewer problem.

When Alexandria receives as little as 0.03 inches of rain, the system can’t handle the volume and raw

sewage is dumped out at four outfall points in Old Town. Depending on how much rain falls in a given year, city officials say, that means Alexandria dumps anywhere from five million gallons to 10 million gallons of human waste

directly into Hoof’s Run, Hunting Creek and the Potomac River each year.

“I think we need to give back our Eco-City award until we fix this problem,” said Jack Sullivan, who raised issues about

misleading sewer signs last year. “It’s laughable that Alexandria

“I think we need to give back our Eco-City award until we fix this problem. It’s laughable that Alexandria calls itself an Eco-City when it dumps raw sewage into the Potomac.”

— Jack Sullivan

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The outfall next to the Residence Inn on Duke Street overflows after 0.16 inches of precipitation. That happens 28 times a year for an average of eight hours at a time.

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Cooking Up Controversy

If you can't take the heat, the old saying goes, get out of the kitchen. But what happens if it's an 18th century kitchen in a historically protected neighborhood?

Such is the case at the Montague kitchen, a Prince Street landmark along a block known as Gentry Row at the center of a family drama that played out over the weekend at City Hall. The current owner wanted to demolish part of the north wall and expand the kitchen and build a family room. The owner's father sided with critics who said that would harm the historic fabric of Old Town.

The Board of Architectural Review approved the plans to renovate the house, but that decision was appealed to the City Council. Members of the City Council took the issue up last weekend, eventually upholding the decision on a five-to-two vote. Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg and Councilwoman Del Pepper voted against the majority, preferring an alternative approach.

"I believe that every woman knows what she needs in terms of organizing her kitchen," said Pepper. "So I certainly appreciate that something has to be done in a major way."

The majority of council members sided with the current owner, who now has the green light to expand the 1790s kitchen and create a new family room.

"There's no question that this family is committed to historic preservation," said Councilman Justin Wilson. "They have a history that demonstrates that, and they've lovingly preserved this house."

Two More Hours

Drivers seeking a good parking space for dinner in Old Town or Carlyle may find themselves in a predicament in the coming months. Right now, drivers can saddle up to a spot shortly before 7 p.m. and pay through the end of the parking meter hours for the day then leave their car there for the rest of the night. City officials say that creates a problem, though, because the spots don't turnover in way that keeps new customers walking in and out of the city's restaurants and shops. That's a view that Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg does not share.

"I think it's anti-business that we just keep expanding the number of meters and the number of hours," said Silberberg. "We want them to come and stay as long as they can and enjoy all that Alexandria has to offer."

The vice mayor said she heard from business owners who were opposed to the longer hours for parking meters, which is why she said she was willing to cast the lone dissenting vote on the measure. But Councilman John Chapman said he also heard from business owners who were in support of the two-hour extension from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Old Town and Carlyle.

"The opportunity for us to increase turnover is really key for us to make sure this is an area where people can come and find parking," said Chapman. "We're not going to be the first that has later parking hours."

Percent of the Whole

How progressive are the candidates in the Democratic primary to replace U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8)?

During a forum last week at Mount Vernon High School, candidates tried their best to seem more progressive than the others. Take, for example, when they were asked about a woman's right to choose. Former Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth said he supported a woman's right to choose without limitations "100 percent." Not to be undone, Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille said he supported a woman's right to choose "1,000 percent."

That prompted a laugh, but the mathematic hijinks were not over yet.

During the next round of questions, when candidates were asked about marriage equality, Shuttleworth said he supported the issue "10,000 percent" then glanced over at Euille to see how he would respond. The mayor grabbed the microphone and then paused, considering how he might respond to this one. Finally, he burst out into laughter. Then he decided to abandon the one-upmanship.

"Yes" he said, regaining his composure. "And I actually signed legislation as part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors to support the issue."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



Brothers Liam, 5, and Luca, 7, play with some of the handcrafted toys at A Show of Hands in Del Ray on April 8. The Mount Vernon Avenue shop closed its doors April 15.



Sharon Witmer, left, wraps up a necklace for customer Lisa Bevell at A Show of Hands April 8.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

A Show of Hands Closes Its Doors

Del Ray shop a showcase for local artists.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Nearly a decade ago, Pat Miller and Maria Wasowski teamed up to open A Show of Hands as a way to showcase the diverse work of local artisans. Along the way, the shop became a destination for shoppers from throughout Northern Virginia and helped establish Del Ray as a trendy, family-friendly neighborhood. But as of April 15, the Mount Vernon Avenue landmark has closed its doors.

"We made a swift decision just last week," said Miller as surprised customers stopped by April 8 to ask about the announcement released on Facebook and via email over the weekend. "Business in January, February and March was not great so we made the difficult decision to close rather than risk falling further behind."

The store, located at 2303 Mount Vernon Ave., opened in 2005 as a showcase for the handcrafted work of local artists and Miller is concerned about their future.

"More than 425 artists have exhibited and sold their work here," Miller said. "With our closing, there is no other venue for them. I've been looking but so far haven't found anything."

Both Miller and Wasowski have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the community.

"This has made us more aware of how people feel about the shop," Wasowski said. "We're sad and I suppose we'll always have second thoughts but the response from the community has really been lovely."

Since the announcement, the store's Facebook page has been rapidly filling up with posts from artists and fans.

"A Show of Hands was one of the first places to sell my artwork and so many good things have rippled out from being there," wrote Elizabeth Hutcheson. "It has been a wonderful experience and a Del Ray institution will be greatly missed."

Kim Skok Sheridan added: "Both of you and your staff put so much into the shop. The contribution to local art will be missed but even more the heart you brought to the Avenue is irreplaceable."

Members of the Del Ray Artisans were saddened by the news.

"A Show of Hands has been the centerpiece of the art world in Del Ray," said DRA vice president John Bordner. "While there's no way DRA can re-



A Show of Hands co-owners Maria Wasowski and Pat Miller closed their Del Ray shop April 15 after nearly a decade on Mount Vernon Avenue.

place them, we want to be able to help their artists find another forum for their work as well as to attempt to fill the void left by A Show of Hands as the artistic anchor point."

Bordner added that the DRA art market chair will be offering special rates through the end of April to A Show of Hands artists.

"This art market outreach is exactly what we're about," Bordner said. "Like A Show of Hands, we want to reach out to local artists of all experience levels and provide an opportunity for them to show and sell their work."

Both Miller and Wasowski said they have no specific plans for retirement.

"I'm not sure what I will do," Miller said. "I guess now I can sleep late but also just devote more time and attention to my other commitments."

Among her many endeavors, Miller is currently the president of the Del Ray Business Association and serves on the board of the Alexandria Police Foundation. She is also the founder and organizer of Art on the Avenue.

Wasowski, a two-time president of the DRBA, is a member of the city's Planning Commission and was recently named chair of the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 advisory group. She also sits on the Eisenhower West steering committee.

"I'm going to miss our staff and the artists," Wasowski said. "But I also babysit my 15-month old granddaughter during the day so I'll be staying pretty busy."

Miller added that she is torn about the decision to close A Show of Hands.

"The outpouring from the community has been overwhelming," Miller said. "I've never experienced anything like this before. That means a lot to me personally."

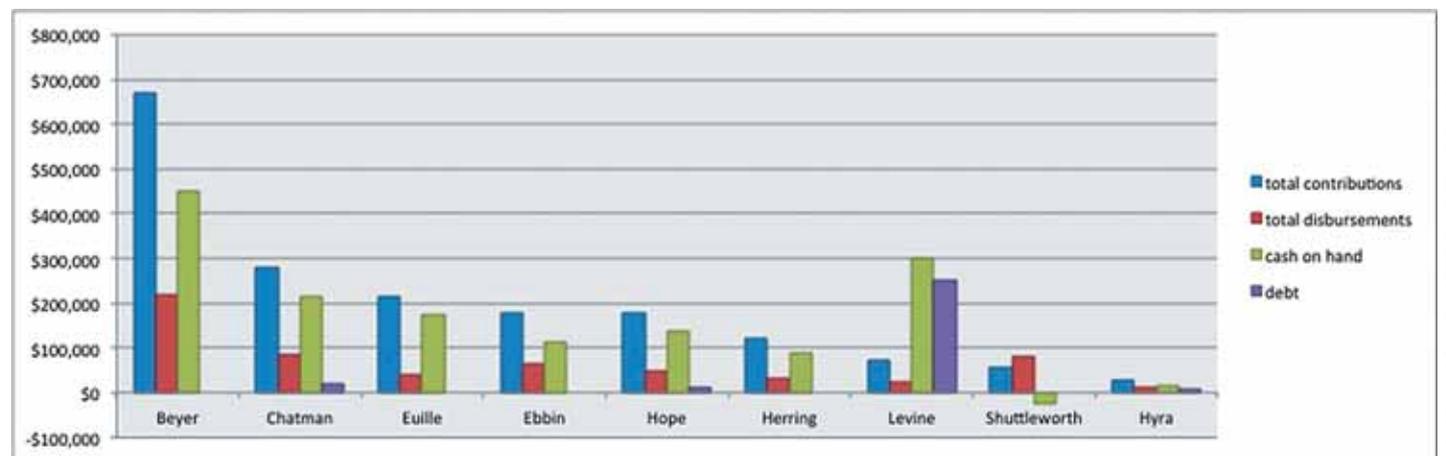
Beyer Rakes in Campaign Cash in Democratic Primary

Fundraising numbers reveal former lieutenant governor has significant edge.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Campaign finance documents released this week show Don Beyer well ahead of his competitors in the race for cash, giving the former lieutenant governor a significant edge over the nine other Democrats in the race to replace U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). Beyer raised almost \$770,000, more than twice as much as any other candidate in the race. Documents show Beyer, who owns several car dealerships in Virginia, donated \$5,200 to his campaign.

"The conventional wisdom is that Beyer is leading, and certainly the fundraising numbers contribute to that conventional wisdom," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst with the University of Virginia Center



Note: at press time, campaign documents from candidate Satish Korpe were unavailable.

SOURCE: FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

for Politics. "But whether that's actually going to be the case at the end of the day, who knows?"

Lavern Chatman, who is a former president of the Urban League of Northern Virginia, came in second place in the race for campaign cash.

Earlier this month, Chatman held a fundraising event at the Crystal Gateway Marriot with Oprah Winfrey.

Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille raised the third highest total of campaign cash, building on his experience raising significant

amounts of money to fund campaigns for mayor even when he faced little or no opposition.

"The other two people who have raised significant amounts of money or who have significant amounts of money seem to have them from a single source, either they've loaned it to themselves or they've had an Oprah Winfrey level high-profile fundraiser," said Quentin Kidd, professor at Christopher Newport University. "But I bet his [Beyer's] donor base is larger than anybody else, and that really speaks to the level

of support that people are giving you."

Aside from Beyer, the candidate with the most cash on hand heading into the June 10 primary is radio personality Mark Levine. Campaign finance records show that Levine loaned his campaign \$250,000, leaving him with almost \$300,000 heading into the second quarter. That give him a significant war chest that most of the other candidates don't have.

"He's putting his neck on the line," said Kondick. "It's possible that if he loans his campaign, that he may never get it back."



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Citizens Rally for Fire Station 204

Nearly 200 residents gathered next to Fire Station 204 on Sunday afternoon, April 13, to rally against the proposed changes to the services at the North Old Town facility.

Station 204 rally organizer Abby Spangler answers questions about the proposed changes in the services at the fire station on Sunday afternoon.



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Major General Edward Braddock portrayed by Daniel McMahon sits with the assembled colonial governors planning the military campaign against the French in the Ohio Valley.

Reenacting the Grandest Congress

Just two years after British merchant John Carlyle completed work on his new home in Alexandria, the Commander-in-chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America paid him a visit. The commander was Major General Edward Braddock. He was leading an expedition against the French in the Ohio Valley near what is now Pittsburgh. The general arrived with 800 soldiers who were billeted in the town while he chose Carlyle's home as his residence. The general called a meeting of five colonial governors to plan the military campaign and gain funding from the colonies to pay for the war. The meeting has been since known as "the grandest congress" and took place on April 14, 1755.

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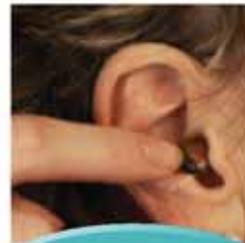


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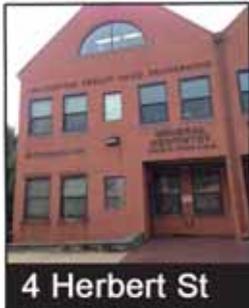
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At Home Alexandria (AHA) executive director Cele Garrett set up headquarters at the Del Ray Café. Joining Cele are Ernie and Montsia Lehmann, Bill Clayton, Don and Margaret Ford, David Butler and Alan Dinsmore.

Spring2ACTion Raises \$1,031,282

Alexandria's annual online giving day, Spring2ACTion, generated a record-breaking \$1,031,282 for 121 Alexandria nonprofits in 24 hours on April 9. More than 7,500 individuals joined forces with local restaurants and boutiques to participate in this fourth annual crowd-funding event.

Hosted by ACT for Alexandria, Spring2ACTion is the only citywide giving day in the region designed to strengthen the impact of 121 local nonprofits.

"When the whole community comes together, it's amazing what we can achieve. Achieving an ambitious goal like this requires the support of the whole community — and we are so thankful for the generosity shown by so many caring individuals" said Brandi Yee, chief program officer at ACT for Alexandria.

"The money raised goes toward so many worthy causes from food banks to mental health care to



Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator Dolores Viehman enjoys lunch at Holy Cow on Wednesday afternoon.

workforce development."

In addition to competing for

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Holy Cow was a popular lunch spot for many of the participating non-profits. Executive director of Carpenter's Shelter Courtney Bish is joined by staff members Liz Salter, Kamille Stokes and Nicole Lewis.

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Arts on the Horizon founder Michelle Kozlak and Melissa Caffrey.

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Angels: Maria Ciarrocchi, Shari Bolouri and Morgan Yarnoff.

Fundraiser Benefits Nonprofits

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\$30,000 in prizes provided by ACT and its community partners, nonprofits had the opportunity to benefit from the proceeds of sales contributed by the Old Town Boutique District as well as from local restaurants, Holy Cow, Pork Barrel BBQ and Sweet Fire Donna's.

Top Prize Winners Included: Most Dollars - Casa Chirilagua (1st), RunningBrooke (2nd), Maury Elementary PTA (3rd), King Street Cats (4th), Alexandria Soccer Association (5th); Most Donors - Homeward Trails Animal Rescue Incorporated (1st), Casa Chirilagua (2nd), Alexandria Soccer Association (3rd), Maury Elementary PTA (4th), Carpenter's Shelter (5th); Free Agent Fundraisers (Individuals

fundraising on behalf of a nonprofit) - Carpenter's Shelter-Team Development (1st), Empowered Women International-Rockstar Staff for Empowered Women (2nd), Urban Alliance-Double Down (3rd), and First Timers (Nonprofits participating in Spring2ACTION for the first time) - Homeward Trails Animal Rescue (1st), Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture (2nd), Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia (3rd).

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Gadsby's Tavern Museum director Gretchen Bulova enjoys lunch with Michele Longo, Liz Williams, Calie Staetp. The group was raising funds for the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society young docents program.

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Celebrate Earth Day

Get outside with your family, participate in group activities, or just walk in your favorite park.

Earth Day is April 22, observed April 19-27 and beyond. The City of Alexandria offers many useful and educational ways to enjoy the day. Don't miss the chance to get outside, observe the developing spring weather, flora and fauna. Here are some of the opportunities:

This year's official celebration in Alexandria will be held at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, on Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will include educational exhibits, demonstrations, hands-on activities for all ages, a tree sale, and more. This year's event will also feature the Upcycling Showcase,

where students will showcase their creative interpretation of Earth Day through literature, fashion, visual arts and performing arts. There will be more than 50 exhibitors and live music by Fuse Box.

Starting on April 22, ACTION Alexandria is asking for ideas to make Alexandria a greener, more sustainable place to "live, work, and play."

A panel of judges will review submitted ideas, and the winning ideas will be awarded up to \$2,000 in grant money from the Dominion Foundation. Submit ideas from April 22-May 9 at www.actionalexandria.org/greenideas. Then tell your friends to support your idea from May 10-May 23. Winners will be announced in early June.

The City of Alexandria's Park Operations and Natural Resources Division will hold a tree sale on Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. The goal of the sale is to promote the preservation of the Alexandria's tree canopy by encouraging the planting of trees on private property throughout the City. Trees available include several kinds of oaks,

dogwood and redbud, among others, priced at \$30-40. To reserve a tree, call the Park Operations and Natural Resources Division Office at 703.746.5499 or email dorothy.white@alexandriava.gov.

More on Alexandria's Earth Day at <http://www.alexandriava.gov/EarthDay>

Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 11, 2014, and every year at this time, The Alexandria Gazette Packet calls for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery.

Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. (We will not print your full address or contact information.) You can upload photos and information directly to our website at www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/ or email to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com

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More Parking Needed

To the Editor:

I would like to address the fact that the city is taking away so much on-street parking. Its bad enough they have decided to put bike lanes on the short stretch of King Street to Janney's Lane and eliminate parking for the homeowners along that stretch.

With the new Jefferson Houston School project, we have not been able to use the parking lot by the pool in almost a year. The lot had been open to the public after school hours for many, many years. Last spring before the project hit our end of the block, Parks and Rec decided to block the parking lot from the public altogether. I argued that with City Council and the signs came down, then within another

month the parking lot was closed altogether for construction. As they blocked the parking lot, they also put up signs taking away five parking spaces from the residents along the driveway to the parking lot. We may only be 14 homes along the stretch from the parking lot to the corner of Buchanan Street, but we all have cars, we all pay property taxes on our homes and our vehicles. We also get stuck with paying a parking fee to the city.

Cameron Street and Buchanan Street have become very overloaded with vehicles coming from other parts of the city and from other areas such as Maryland. Buchanan Street is so crowded that people are now parking on both sides of the street which was not allowed for a very long time. Cameron Street has residential parking on one side and metered parking

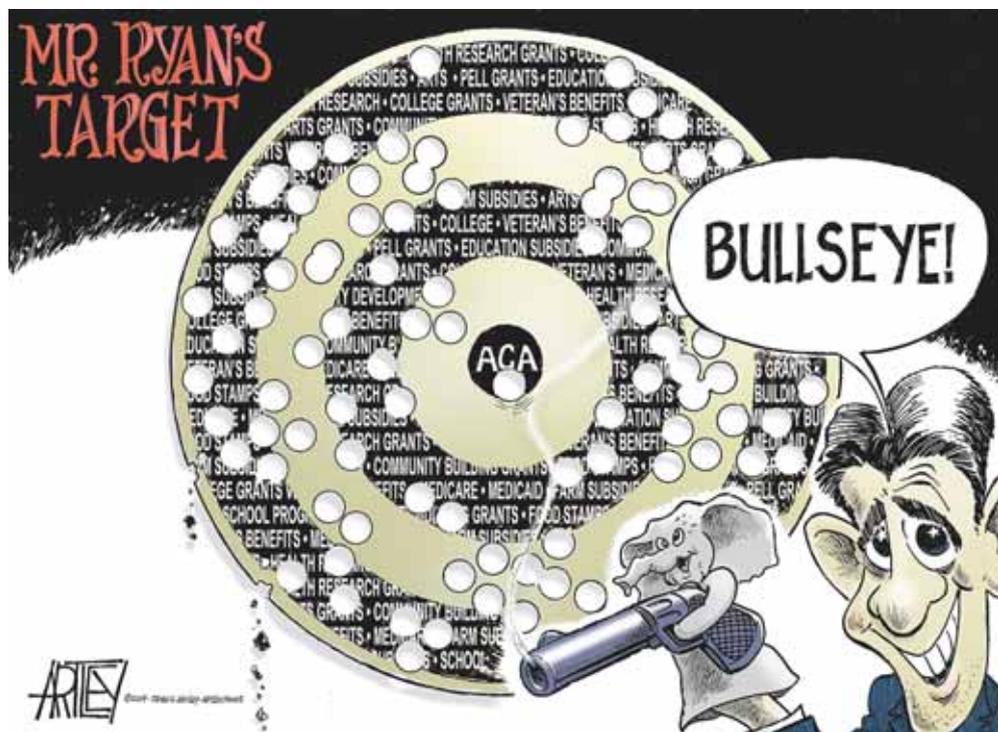
on the other. No matter what time of day people come down Cameron Street they always aim for the parking on the residential side of the street so they don't have to pay the meters. Even the Mayor does this, even when there are meters open.

It does not really concern me so much that Parking Enforcement is not continuously circling the block, what bothers me is that we have to pay to park and all those others do not.

The parking lot by the pool, the Durant Center, and behind the school had a capacity of 126 parking spaces. I have not done a current count as they took away the basketball court to make room for the teachers to park during construction. Once the parking lot re-opens these spaces should be available to the public after school hours.

The city needs more parking, not taking away parking. We, the residents of Buchanan Street and this end of Cameron, need the parking lot available after school hours. We need to be able to come home and park close to our homes. We pay for this, we should not have to park a block or more away when we have small children, or groceries, or anything else that needs to be taken to our homes.

In speaking with the Parks and Rec Rep at a school meeting the other day, he stated that the SUP is written for the lot to be strictly for the school, the Durant Center, and the pool. When they closed the lot to the public last spring, the signs read "By Permit Only" towing enforced between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. This does not help us. The signs did not even state what permit or where to obtain a permit. The lot needs to be available to the public. These restrictions need to be removed. If the city will not re-open the lot to the public then they need to stop charging the residents for parking, especially when if we can't park on the residen-



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LETTERS

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tial side of the street and we park at a meter, even with a parking sticker on our cars we get ticketed if we do not pay the meter. How can this be fair to our residents? How can "No Parking" be friendly to our visitors? You want revenue? Give us parking. People come and park at this end of the block so they can take the metro or the trolley. They are not looking for parking garages, they are looking for open parking spaces. The pool will open in a few weeks; we were overloaded last year with the Chinquapin Pool closed. Stop this now. Open the parking lot!

Bea Porter

Keep Engine 204 Staff in Place

To the Editor:

I live in the North end of Old Town amid a mix of old rowhouses, newer (1979) built townhouses, new townhouses (Old Town Commons), all of Old Town Greens and Potomac Greens north of Slater's Lane, a few high rises and many new rental apartment buildings. We are a densely populated part of the city.

We have a firehouse on Powhatan Street that houses a

truck, called Engine 204, that can pump water to put out a fire, and it is staffed by three-person teams in shifts. The firehouse also houses a hook and ladder truck which can aid in rescues and has ladders — but no hoses or water pumping capabilities.

In order to distribute Alexandria's funds throughout the city for the 2015 budget, one of the city manager's proposals is to move the 3-person teams of firefighters who staff the truck/Engine 204, the one with water pumping capabilities, to the newly-built firehouse on Eisenhower Avenue. That's nine people leaving the firehouse in the North end of Old Town and moving to the Eisenhower Valley. If that proposal is voted into the 2015 budget by City Council on May 1, it would leave the water pumping Engine 204 in the firehouse garage without people-power to suppress fires here in North Old Town (there is a fire station at Potomac Yard but it is used around the region primarily for Hazmat situations).

Assurances have been made by the city manager and some council members. Most of these have been met with skepticism, and a growing amount of concern for our safety, by increasing numbers

of North Old Town residents, as they come to understand the situation and the implications for their safety.

I understand that hard decisions must be made, but safety is one of the fundamental roles of government and should not be sacrificed.

Marianne Anderson

About Bullying

To The Editor:

Often one may have a brief conversation with his or her neighbors and sometimes the conversation leaves one with a question of what to do. And that's an issue I find myself facing.

On behalf of a child, I spoke to the mother about how the young child wanted to be transferred from the neighborhood school because of being picked on by other students and how mean they are. I briefly explained about aggressive pushing and shoving to the ground repeatedly.

At some point I spoke to the mother and all the while she wasn't aware of this was going on and she was grateful I told her. I expressed that her child learn self defense — good for discipline and balance.

Geri Baldwin



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With limited vision and hearing, Ginny* worries about tripping in the home that she's lived in for more 74 years. Esther, a 93-year-old with heart disease, needs handrails to hold on to for safety. John, a 71-year old whose roof caved in during the earthquake, could use a variety of repairs including better lighting since he can't see well.

On Saturday, April 26, these Alexandria homeowners will receive these upgrades and more during National Rebuilding Day.

COMMENTARY

Throughout this national day of service, more than 600 Rebuilding Together Alexandria volunteers will be fanning across the city to help limited income homeowners make repairs and upgrades to their homes — including fixing leaks, securing steps, and installing new doors and windows. But new this year, these homeowners will also be getting a 22 point health and safety check.

In partnership with the National Center for Healthy Housing, we developed the Health and Safety Check List, which includes the top 22 items that directly contribute to healthy and safe housing. These 22 identified hazards are common in older housing and

Health and Fitness Fair for Seniors

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA



perts on how our five senses change as we age.

There will also be a healthy cooking demonstration with Chef Hans from Inova Alexandria Hospital, different fitness programs available to seniors including tai chi and belly dancing, blood pressure screenings and more.

This event is free, open to the public and light refreshments will be served. To register go to www.seniorservicesalex.org or call Senior Services at 703-836-4414, ext. 10.

Now that it is finally Spring and the weather is warming up, it's time to get out and start moving. The April 23 Speaker Series is just the place to be. This month SSA is cosponsoring its April Speaker Series on "The 5 Senses and Aging/Health & Fitness Fair," with Inova Alexandria Hospital and Alexandria's Successful Aging Committee. It's taking place from 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria.

Participants will hear from doctors and other ex-



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Trash is strewn about April 13 in King Street Park, the City's proposed site of Fitzgerald Square.

City Should Clean Up Its Mess

To the Editor:

The city lays claim to ownership of King Street Park at the foot of King Street. This past Sunday (April 13), the park was a trash-strewn disgrace, with trash overflowing from the can and being blown about the entire park and into the river. If the city does not have the manpower nor the inclination to keep the current park clean, what makes it think it will be able to keep up with the proposed larger Fitzgerald Square?

Perhaps the city should hope the planned deal with the Old Dominion Boat Club falls apart. Fitzgerald Square appears to have been driven by developers and businesses rather than the residents of Alexandria. Primary plans for the square are a Farmer's Market (already have a great one with plenty of parking) and an ice

rink. In the 25 years I have lived here, the city has never demonstrated residents' desire for an ice rink by even erecting a temporary one; and the Market Square fountain could probably be renovated to accommodate a rink if the city was really serious about having one.

So what we will now have is another larger park that the city cannot maintain to be used primarily as a ferry terminal and a view for a couple of restaurants; all at a cost of millions of dollars to us, the taxpayers. Yes, the city should hope the deal collapses, and then settle for a nice, easily maintainable walkway along the waterfront that borders an attractive parking area for the boat club.

Dave Beck
Alexandria

Save Engine 204

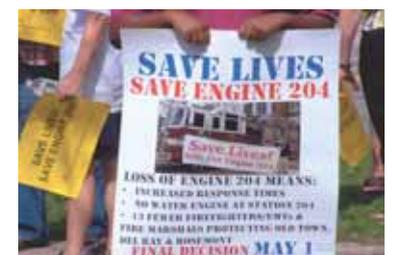
To the Editor:

Anyone who has read an editorial over the past year-and-a-half to two years in our local newspapers is aware of the disrespect and dismissive tone of our mayor, city manager, city attorney and, more disturbing, our City Council, towards its citizens.

I guess I am very confused. My understanding was that those people work for us and that they had conscience enough to be good stewards of our city and the tax monies collected.

Yet at every turn — the Old Dominion Boat Club (a \$5 million luxury), a waterfront hotel and bike lanes on King Street (you heard me right — bike lanes on one of the busiest streets in the city of Alexandria. How embarrassing.) — the will of the people is ignored.

Now with the same cocktail of ignorance and arrogance, the city manager has decided there is not enough money in the city budget for even the essential services. Yet in that same new budget, he has inserted a 6 percent pay raise for himself, taking his yearly pay from \$275,000 to \$291,500 while removing Fire Truck 204 and our firefighters from Powhatan Street. It was not that many years ago that



More than 100 people turned out April 13 for the Citizens to Save Engine 204 rally to protest the city's plans.

the old firehouse was torn down and a new building built with taxpayers' money. What about the 900 matchstick townhouses they have just built between Columbus Street and Jefferson Davis Highway, or the 200-plus units on top of the new Harris Teeter? Every square inch of land is encouraged to be developed, but now the city does not want to pay for the services required to protect the citizenry.

I would beg everyone in the city to contact City Hall regarding the threat of the loss of engine 204 because it will affect every one of us as well as our brave firefighters. You can also join our efforts at www.Save204.com.

We must stop the pigs at the trough.

Todd Healy
Alexandria



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The Inside Scoop

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, right, and ACT executive director John Porter are joined by Sheriff's deputies Robyn Nichols and Valarie Wright at Ben & Jerry's in Old Town as part of Free Cone Day, April 8. The group volunteered their time serving ice cream as a fundraiser for Carpenter's Shelter, which will hold its annual Carpenter's Cook Off April 27 at the Birchmere. Visit www.carpenterscookoff.com.

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LETTERS

Helping Those Truly in Need

To the Editor:

As part of a proposed budget Jane King and Robert Eiffert ["Mixed Messages to Seniors," Letters, Gazette Packet, April 10] have taken exception to a proposed cut in property tax assistance to seniors/disabled individuals. Instead of the proposed assistance package which imposes a \$500,000 cap on assets they want to increase that limit to a base of \$700,000 indexed for inflation. While I recognize the need to help those who are truly in need, I also think that we need to consider the total package of benefits that accrue to seniors/disabled individuals. For example, many of the seniors we are talking about already enjoy a generous \$12,000 per person deduction from the state in addition to the additional deduction they get at the federal level. There are also a number of tax deductions/credits for disabled people (like parking for free in Alexandria). In order to have these special exceptions everyone else needs to pay more, including those who are living on fixed incomes. The city has proposed a reasonable criteria to ensure that the people who are the most in need continue to receive assistance.

Asking the taxpayers of Alexandria to provide property tax assistance for individuals who live in \$700,000 homes is ridiculous. I would be interested in finding out more about how they arrived at this figure and how many more people would be eligible for assistance in maintaining a lifestyle which reportedly they cannot afford.

Micheline Eyraud
Alexandria



On the Hill: Sheena Hutchinson (Howard University-School of Divinity), Hadeel Edelman (TC King Street), Cindy Ramirez (TC King Street), Aisha Nyongo (Exchange Student from Lagos, Nigeria), Danielle Stewart (TC Williams Satellite), Mignon Clyburn (FCC Commissioner), Gaynelle Diaz (ARHA Program Coordinator), Khadijah Kuss (Leadership Participant) and Tea Gibson (TC Satellite).

TC Students Advocating on Capitol Hill

Students from T.C. Williams King Street & Satellite Campuses along with ARHA's Momentum Leadership Program attended the Third Annual BWR Women of Power Summit on Capitol last month. The Momentum Leadership Program is co-funded by the City of Alexandria's Youthfund.

Thursday, March 27, was designated as Advocacy on the Hill Day. They attended 16 scheduled bipartisan congressional meetings with members of the House and Senate.

BWR is an intergenerational group of women dedicated to bringing "voice" to issues that disproportionately affect women of color. The goal of the day was for students to learn how to advocate for issues such as women's income equality, Stand Your Ground

Laws and the Repeal of the Voters Rights Act through direct interaction with women who have been advocating for decades.

Students sat alongside Lucia McBath, mother of slain teenager, Jordan Davis of Florida as she presented the legislative requests for hearings and/or companion legislation in the Senate for the Stand Your Ground Laws with congressional staff of Bill Nelson (R-Fla.).

"I have learned more here than I think I would have at school today," said Cindy Ramirez of T.C.

Williams King Street Campus. The students from T.C. Williams (both campuses) were given assignments to summarize their experiences advocating on Capitol Hill.

"I felt like I was really doing something positive," said Tea Gibson of T.C. Williams Satellite Campus.

Students were actively engaged with congressional staff of the following senators and representatives: Senators Burr (R-N.C.), Levin & Stabenow (D-Mich.), Warner and Kaine (D-Va.), Shelby (R-Ala.), Cardin & Mikulski (D-Md.), Chambliss (R-Ga.), Sen. Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Hagan (D-N.C.), Brown (D-Ohio), Nelson (R-Fla.), Cornyn (R-Texas); Representatives Bachus (R-Ala.), Hudson (R-N.C.) and Wallburg (R-Mich.).

— MCKENYA DILWORTH

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FAREWELL TO BEV

All my memories of former Councilwoman Beverly Beidler seem to involve motion. I remember how joyfully she moved and how happy she was dancing the Virginia Reel during Marion's Music Hall, a fundraiser to help get Marion Van Landingham elected. I also remember the triumphant air with which she walked past the Old Dominion Boat Club to look at the river, opening up the path for all the rest of us taxpayers to follow.

"Whenever I think of the fight for women's rights in Alexandria, I think of Bev Beidler," said Boyd Walker. Bev worked very hard to increase the turnout for elections in Alexandria.

Beverly's family will receive family and friends on Saturday, April 26, 3 p.m., at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home on Braddock Road, Alexandria. A memorial service will take place at 4 p.m.

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2014 VALOR AWARDS

Above and Beyond Laboy to receive Gold Medal at 2014 Valor Awards.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

For most Alexandrians, Feb. 27, 2013 was a routine Wednesday when the shopkeeper of a local business placed a call to police regarding the suspicious behavior of a customer. By the end of the day, the entire Washington region would be in shock as Officer Peter Laboy lay fighting for his life after suffering a catastrophic head wound when he was shot by a cab driver during a routine traffic stop in Old Town.

Officer Frank Powers was first on the scene of the shooting — the intersection of Wilkes and South St. Asaph streets in front of Lyles-Crouch Elementary School. It was there he discovered Laboy unresponsive and bleeding profusely from the head.

Realizing the injury was critical, Powers flagged down Alexandria Fire Engine 201, whose crew stabilized Laboy's head and neck and summoned for a medical helicopter. Normal procedure would call for Laboy's motorcycle helmet to be left on, but recognizing the life-threatening extent of the head wound, they immediately removed the helmet and began providing oxygen.

Medic 202, Medic 205 and other Fire Department personnel arrived on the scene and together the medics and firefighters worked to protect Laboy's airway and prepare him for the arrival of the U.S. Park Police helicopter.

Meanwhile, radio transmissions indicated that the cab had been spotted traveling at a high rate of speed on South Washington Street into Fairfax County.

Upon hearing the emergency transmissions, Officer Kammy Stern moved in the direction of the pursuit. As she reached the Fort Hunt area, Stern noticed the taxi cab was now headed back in her direction. She activated her emergency lights and sirens and became the lead vehicle in the pursuit.

A Fairfax County police cruiser joined Stern in the pursuit that ended when the cab crashed into another vehicle and then into a guardrail where it came to a stop near Fort Hunt Road.

Sergeant Daniel Pang, Officer Jon Hartle, Officer Mark Yawornicky and Stern ran towards the cab. They grabbed the suspect, who resisted. Working together, the officers were able to gain control and arrest the driver.

The suspect, 28-year-old Kashif Bashir, of

Woodbridge, is charged with malicious wounding of a police officer. His trial is set to begin in June.

Laboy, a 46-year-old veteran motorcycle officer, has made what many medical professionals call a "miraculous recovery." For his heroism, courage and inspiration, Laboy will be presented a Gold Medal at the 2014 Valor Awards April 17 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Now in its 28th year, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards will pay tribute to 34 public safety professionals for their exceptional performance in the line of duty. In addition to Laboy, APD officers Raymond Golden and Stern will receive Silver Medals.

Fairfax County Officers Yawornicky, Pang and Hartle will also be presented Silver medals for their heroics.

APD officers Jordan Young and John Bratelli will be honored with Bronze Medals, as will U.S. Park Police officer Kevin Chittick. Additionally, 19 Life Saving Awards will be presented and six Certificates of Valor. Northern Virginia News4 Bureau Chief Julie Carey will be emcee of the event. For more information, call 703-549-1000 or visit www.alexchamber.com.



Officer Peter Laboy will be presented with a Gold Medal at the Chamber of Commerce 2014 Valor Award April 17.

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**Raymond Golden
Silver Medal**



**John Hartle
Silver Medal**



**Daniel Pang
Silver Medal**



**Kammy Stern
Silver Medal**



**Mark Yawornicky
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Bronze Medal**



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Bronze Medal**



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Bronze Medal**



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April 18: Good Friday services
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April 19: Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 pm, festive reception following

April 20: Easter Sunday services
 6:30 am: Sunrise Service in the rear garden
 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite 1
 9:15 am: Festival Holy Eucharist, Easter egg hunt following
 11:15 am: Festival Holy Eucharist

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BULLETIN

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

FRIDAY/APRIL 18

Deadline for Proposals. 5 p.m. The City of Alexandria Office of the Arts is accepting proposals for the temporary placement or experience of art in public spaces in the City of Alexandria through the Special Opportunity Grant program. Artists and artist teams can apply for grants up to \$5,000. The Office of the Arts will host a Special Opportunity Grant program workshop and webinar on Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. To attend the workshop via webinar, register in advance by email to cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/APRIL 19

Boater Education Course. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers a course that meets the boating education requirements of all states. Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia require completion of an approved course to legally operate a motor boat. Contact Rich Miller at eaglesailor75@cox.net or 703-780-3765.

SUNDAY/APRIL 20

Easter Sunrise Service. 7 a.m. at the circle in front of George Washington's Estate & Gardens, at the southern end of Mount Vernon Parkway. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Rotary Club.

TUESDAY/APRIL 22

Education Presentation. 8 a.m. at The Campagna Center, 418 South Washington St. Business Leaders Circle feature Joan G. Ogilvy Holden, Head of School at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, and Dr. Alvin L. Crawley, Superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools. Networking breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Register at www.campagnacenter.org/events/blc. Call 703-549-0111.

Application Deadline. Washington Regional Alcohol Program is honoring high school student groups in efforts to fight underage drinking. Applications available at www.wrap.org/files/youthoutreach.htm and due April 22. Groups are judged on leadership, effectiveness, innovation and involvement of student body and community.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 23

Senior Health and Fitness Fair. 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. "5 Senses of Aging" with fitness and cooking demonstrations and doctor presentations. Free with light refreshments. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414.

Alexandria Historical Society Awards. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. This year's honorees are author Steve Vogel, the Carlyle House's Mary Ruth Coleman and four Alexandria high school students. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 24

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. "Free Market Warrior" author Loren Spivack keynotes the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Spring Program. Buffet at 7 p.m., presentation at 7:45. Visit www.alexandriacrwc.org.

Candidate Forum. 7-9 p.m. at Antioch Church of Christ, 1120 Queen St. Candidate forum for 8th Congressional District sponsored by Alexandria NAACP. Visit www.fairfaxnaacp.org.

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ONGOING

Art Exhibit. See "REVOLUTION: Art and Technology" art exhibit through April 27 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists explore their relationship with technology in computer-created art, digitally manipulated art, art made from electronic parts, mixed-media pieces expressing feelings about technology, and more. Hours are Thursdays noon-6 p.m.; Friday & Saturday noon-9 p.m.; Sunday noon-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Sculpture Exhibit. Through Sunday, April 27 at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. See Edmond Nassa's "Innermost Evocations." His website <http://edmondnassa.com/showcases> some of his work. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during performances. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Art Exhibit. May 2-June 8 at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Meditations on the Boundless, an exhibit of acrylic paintings on yupo paper by Arlington artist Kimberly DiNatale. Opening reception Saturday, May 3, 4-6 p.m. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Art Exhibit. See "LOULOU DI Flower/To Flower" at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The exhibit explores the natural process of flowering and its metaphorical context through object making and installation. Free. The exhibit runs through May 4. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

Art Exhibit. "Words and Letters" May 8-June 22 in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. This multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Opening reception Sunday, May 11, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Art Exhibit. "Sound of Butterfly," a solo exhibition of new work by Soomin Ham, a photographer and multimedia artist. Through May 11 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Studio 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. except Thursdays, 1-9 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Photography Exhibit. "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan in sets of three stand-alone images. On display in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria, May 13-June 22. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursday, 2-8 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.

Art Exhibit. See "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore through May 18 in the Crossroads Gallery, located in Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free.

Theatre One-Man Shows. Through May 25, two shows will be performed in repertory at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. The Thousandth Night by Carol Wolf and starring Marcus Kyd, and Underneath the Lintel by Glen Berger starring Paul Morella will be performed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 or 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25) at 800-494-8497 or

www.boxofficetickets.com. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

Children's Theater. Arts on the Horizon presents "Sunny and Licorice" at The Lab at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Show is 30 minutes and best for ages 2-5. Performances are 10:30 a.m. May 30, June 4-6 and June 11-13; and 10 and 11:30 a.m. May 31, June 7 and June 14. \$8 tickets, purchase online or at the door. At each show the group will collect non-perishable food and canned good for Community Lodgings. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-and-licorice or call 703-967-0437.

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 or 703-746-4242.

Spy Program at Mount Vernon. 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 1. Learn about spying during the Revolutionary War, including concealment codes, invisible ink and double agents. Self-guided programs with map provided. Free with admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/spy.

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 through June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Historical Exhibit. Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sit-in as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html.

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 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 for more.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every



'Jane Eyre' Comes to Life in Alexandria

Alexandria City's George Washington Middle School will present two weekends of theater beginning Friday, April 26. Charlotte Bronte's magnificent gothic story comes to life on the GW Stage. This adaptation captures the mystery, romanticism, and brooding atmosphere of the novel set in the burnt out remains of Thornfield Hall. Jane Eyre eventually unravels the secrets of this haunted mansion and finds her own sense of peace with her past through honesty, courage, and sacrifice. This is a moving story for all times and all ages.

Graduates from Lyles Crouch, Mount Vernon Community School, Maury Elementary, George Mason and more fill the stage and promise an evening of theater sure to enchant.

Jane Eyre will be performed April 25-26 and May 2-3, Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 1 and 7 p.m. Seating begins 30 minutes before curtain rises. Tickets \$5, cash and check, no credit cards. Concessions are available.

George Washington Middle School is located at 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-706-4500.



month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Songwriter's Showcase. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for tickets.

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.

Art Exhibit. See "Sit Down and Take a Stand: Samuel W. Tucker and the

1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In" at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The exhibit focuses on the life of famed civil rights attorney Samuel Wilber Tucker, and highlights the role of Robert Strange, who was a runner between the library and Tucker's office, keeping Tucker abreast of developments. The exhibit runs through August. Free. 703-746-4356.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Art at the Center spring classes are now open for registration. The spring session runs April 21-May 30. Visit www.artatthecenter.org or call 703-201-1250.

Pre-School Studio. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. June 9-19, Mondays-Thursdays children ages 4-6 attend for explorations of clay, collage, drawing and painting as well as creativity, problem solving, collaboration and fun. Call 703-201-

1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

Youth Summer Classes. Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit, www.metropolitanarts.org.

Martial Arts Camps. Potomac Kempo teaches Shaolin Kempo, a blend of Japanese Karate and Chinese Kung Fu. Potomac Kempo's locations will host a camp "virtual tour" of China July 14-18 at the new Huntington location, 5914 N. Kings Hwy.; and Japan, July 21-25 at the Foxchase location, 4617 Duke St. For children age 5-12. Campers will learn about art, cuisine, history and language. Morning and afternoon sessions or all-day option. Visit www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp or call 703-206-8064.

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Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. 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.

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. To register, visit www.mvccct.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 17

Model Railroad Club. 10 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The club presents "Island Railroad Operations in Hawaii, Bermuda and Ireland" with film clips and light refreshments. Free.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Lily Costner opens for Kevin Costner & Modern West. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets. Visit www.kevincostner.com.

Band Concert. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The U.S. Air Force Band plays A Quartet Celebration; Clarinet Quartet vs. Tuba Quartet. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

FRIDAY/APRIL 18

Easter Egg Hunt. 3:30 p.m. at The Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Children 12 or younger are eligible to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Older children and adults are welcome to enjoy all other activities.



Native Plant Sale

Native Plant Sale in Parkfairfax, Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Largest native plant sale in DC Metro Area hosts a record 16 vendors from four states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade in historic Parkfairfax. 3601 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Call 571-232-0375 or visit www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org.

\$12 for children aged 0-12, \$5 for others. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Third Friday with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Refreshments provided. \$4. Visit www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org/eventsprograms.

SATURDAY/APRIL 19

Civil War Sesquicentennial Event. 8 a.m. in the Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Grant Takes Command of the Union Army, Battles Lee at The Wilderness, Spotsylvania. Contact dhakenson@cox.net1 or call 703-971-4984.

Boundary Stone Bike Tour. 9:15 a.m. at entrance to East Falls Church Metro on Sycamore Street. Leisurely 35-mile tour with many stops. See 12 historic D.C. boundary stones in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax County along the Mount Vernon, Four Mile Run, Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Bike Trails and area streets with a few long uphill climbs. Canceled if 55 percent or more chance of rain. Bring lunch, water, and any type of bike. \$2, no reservations necessary. Sponsored by Center Hiking Club, visit www.centerhikingclub.org.

Easter Egg Hunt. 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. at The Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco Street. All children of elementary school age or younger (children aged 0-12) are eligible to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Older children and adults are welcome to enjoy all our other activities. Tickets are \$12 for children aged 0-12, and \$5 for all others. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m. at The Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave. Refreshments at 11 and egg hunt at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome with advanced reservations, 703-845-5000.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30-10 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association hosts lessons 6:30-7:30 p.m., dancing 7:30-10 p.m. with DJ. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Liz Longley will open for Johnnyswim. Visit www.lizlongley.com or www.Birchmere.com.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Cleve Francis and his large band perform country, folk, blues, light rock and jazz. \$42. Tickets at www.ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000. Visit www.clevefrancis.com for more.

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THURSDAY/APRIL 24

Spring Book Sale. 4-8:30 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. \$1 for paperbacks, \$3 for hardbacks, kids books for less. Members only preview, membership at door \$10. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702.

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. at Old Town Theatre, 815-1/2 King St. Screening of "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," with cocktail reception, exhibition of clothing worn on the film set and a pre-screening film discussion. Tickets \$45+, benefiting American Wounded Warriors and British Help for Heroes. To purchase tickets, visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov> or www.theoldtowntheater.com, or call 703-746-4242 or 703-549-1025.

String Quartet Concert. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The U.S. Air Force Band chamber players present an evening of music for string quartet, featuring music by Olivier Messiaen. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafb.af.mil.

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Spring Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. \$1 for paperbacks, \$3 for hardbacks, kids books for less. Open to general public. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702.

Middle School Play. 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre. Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

Magic Show. 7:30 p.m., Bishop Ireton High School theater, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Visit <http://magi-whirl.org>.

SATURDAY/APRIL 26

Herb and Craft Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate spring with the Friends of Carlyle House's Annual Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale. Free. Admission for the House tour is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12 years old, free for children 4 and under or free with your Alexandria Garden Day ticket. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park for more.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Hollin Hall Senior Center Advisory Council Flea Market, proceeds to benefit programs at the center.

Bike Collection. 9 a.m.-noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Donated, gently used bikes go to people in developing countries through Bikes for the World. \$10 cash donation requested to help defray shipping costs. Visit <http://b4w.org>.

Parkfairfax Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 3601 Valley Drive. Largest native plant sale in area with 16 vendors from four states selling native perennials, shrubs and trees. Call 571-232-0375 or visit www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org.

Raptor Rapture. 10 a.m.-noon at Belle Haven Park off the George Washington Memorial Parkway, south of Old Town Alexandria. See raptors up close, birds of prey that have been rehabilitated but cannot survive on their own. Call 703-765-5233.

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Alexandria Earth Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Theme is "Are you an Eco-Citizen?" Event includes an upcycling showcase, featuring Alexandria City Public School students' upcycling fashion creations. Also includes Earth Day tree sale, live animal exhibits, tree planting and live music. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Earthday.

Alexandria Historic Homes & Garden Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Old Town Alexandria. Celebrating the 81st anniversary of Historic Garden Week. \$35 in advance; \$40 day of; \$20 for single sites. Visit www.VAGardenWeek.org or come to the visitors center at 221 King St.

Interactive Children's Performance. 11 a.m. at Old Town Theatre, 815 1/2 King St. In "Now This! For Kids," children shout out ideas and the cast turns them into songs, comic sketches and musical fairy tales. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com or call 703-549-1025.

Middle School Play. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre. Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

Firefighting History Walking Tours. 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Explore Alexandria's firefighting history through a tour. Learn about three major fires, the five volunteer fire companies and more. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994.

Poetry Salon. 2 p.m. Picture my Words: Poets will share their poetry along with corresponding visual images. Free. Contact admin@nvfaa.org.

Awards Gala. 6-9 p.m. at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club, 8450 Beulah St. Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations will recognize and honor the Mount Vernon Magisterial District Citizen, Organization and Student of the Year. \$55. Visit www.mvcca.org.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. QuinTango, piano and strings; Latin dance meets chamber music. Tickets \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$10 students and teachers. Call 703-765-4342.

Magic Show. 10 p.m., Bishop Ireton High School theater, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Visit <http://magi-whirl.org>.

SUNDAY/APRIL 27

Cook Off. Noon-3 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Carpenter's Shelter is bringing together new and old restaurants. Contributions from other organizations help Carpenter's serve more than 1,000 homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families, provide shelter for more than 300 individuals, and open the Homeless Services Assessment Center to serve and place homeless individuals in shelter faster. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Visit www.carpenterscookoff.com or www.carpentersshelter.org.

Cleanup Registration. 12:30-4 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park. Friends of Fort Hunt Park will hold a cleanup day in conjunction with National Parks week. Contact owenhammett@cox.net or 703-339-6539.

Poetry Salon. 1-2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Picture

my Words: Poets will share their poetry along with corresponding visual images. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Spring Book Sale. 1-4:30 p.m., at the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. \$1 for paperbacks, \$3 for hardbacks, kids books for less. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Jazz Concert. 4 p.m. at Meade Church, 322 North Alfred St., Alexandria. Jazz at Meade features the Sandra Y. Johnson Quintet. Light refreshments. \$15 donation requested. Call 703-549-1334 or visit www.Meadechurch.org.

MONDAY/APRIL 28

Biography Book Club. 7-8 p.m., at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us, www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

The Art of Ballroom Dance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Meringue, Rumba, Cha-Cha, and Samba. Come with or without a partner. Beginner (7-7:45 lesson) and advanced (7:45-8:30 lesson) dancers welcome. Practice 8:30-9 p.m. \$15 per lesson. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 1-2

Theatre Performance. 5 p.m. at West Potomac High School's Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. A Lot of Medieval Merry Making Set for the West Potomac Theatre with Monty Python's "Spamalot." \$10/ students and \$12/adults. Visit wphs-spamalot.brownpapertickets.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 2

Middle School Play. 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre." Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

SATURDAY/MAY 3

Free Comic Book Day. The goal of Free Comic Book Day is to promote the comic book medium to new customers young and old and celebrate independent comic book retailers and their stores. Visit www.freecomicbookday.com or <http://bit.ly/FCBDStoreLocator>.

Morning Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Epiphany Weekday School, 5513 Old Mill Road. Crafters & home business owners welcome. Enjoy crafts, yard sale finds, and other items. Baked goods & refreshments. Contact ewsmorningmarket@gmail.com.

Children's Music. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Theatre, 815 1/2 King St. "Uno, Dos, Tres con Andrés," interactive, bilingual movement-and-music show with Andrés Salguero, full band and guests. Opening act The Uncle Devin Show. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com or call 703-549-1025.

Middle School Play. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre." Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

Food History Symposium. 1:30-5 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Four presentations by local food historians and business people, a post-symposium book signing, and tasting of Shuman's famous Jelly Cake. \$50, advance registration encouraged. Visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx> or call 703-746-4994.



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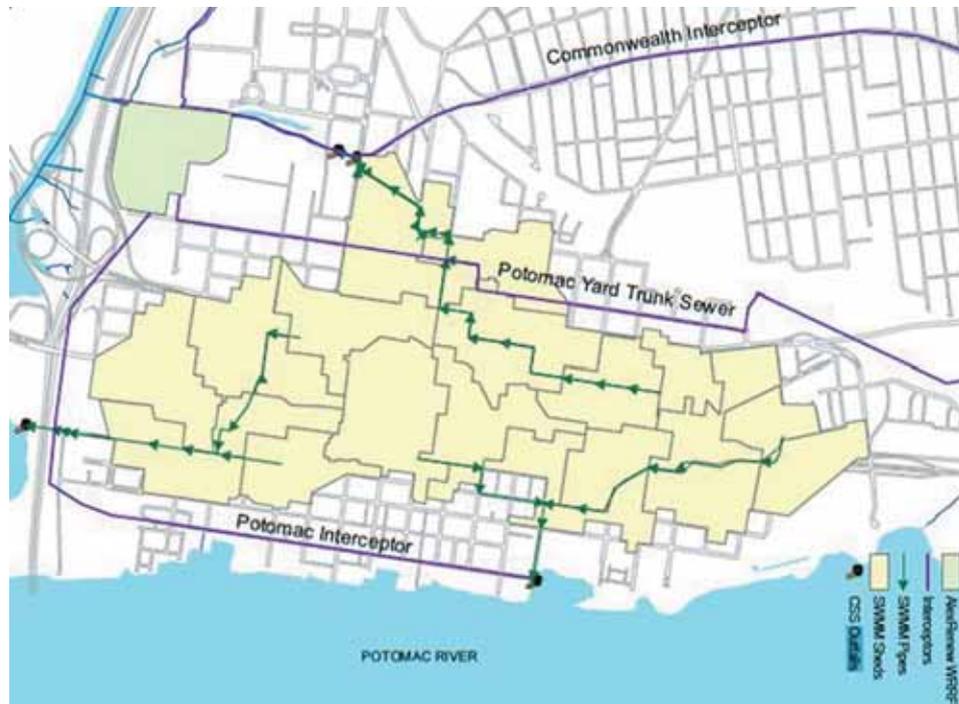
Keeping Sewage out of River by 2035

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calls itself an Eco-City when it dumps raw sewage into the Potomac.”

The problem dates back to the 1890s. That’s when city leaders created a combined sewer system, sometimes known by the acronym CSO. The idea was simple. Mix stormwater runoff with raw untreated sewage in underground pipes leading to a treatment plant. When rain flooded the system, the mixture was dumped into the river at four outfall points. It was cutting edge and modern for the 1890s. But it’s outdated today, and city leaders have the next two decades to fix it.

“From an environmental perspective, we want to get this addressed a lot sooner,” said Rich Baier, director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. “That’s why we are choosing to take projects on right now in advance of being required to do them.”

From the green roof at T.C. Williams High School to rain barrels across the city, Alexandria officials have been trying to find ways to work against the problem. When redevelopment projects are approved in Old Town, for example, part of the development special use permit requires developers to separate the combined sewer system. And members of the City Council have already approved \$3.5 million worth of combined



Old Town has a total of four outfalls, three of which dump raw sewage into Hunting Creek. One is on Royal Street and two are on Duke Street.

sewer separation projects over the next decade, including the one now taking place on West Street. None of these efforts will fix the bigger problem, though, of finding a solution to the 540 acres in Old Town that

have a combined sewer.

“We’ve been kicking this can down the road for many years,” said Bill Dickinson, a member of the Alexandria Renew Enterprises board of directors. “We’ve known for

years that we are going to have to do something.”

New federal requirements limit the amount of bacteria that can be dumped into Hunting Creek, setting the stage for a long-term solution to the problem. Last year, state regulators issued a new permit that would allow Alexandria to continue dumping raw sewage into the river as long as it created a plan to fix the problem by 2035. Now city leaders are facing a public-works project that could be anywhere from \$200 million to \$300 million.

“Unfortunately, the last few Congresses have cut discretionary funding, particularly for the EPA,” said U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). “They’ve cut infrastructure investment for our pipes underground by about 80 percent, and the municipalities don’t have the money to make up that difference.”

AN EPA REPORT to Congress back in 2004 estimated that 850 billion gallons of stormwater mixed with raw sewage pour into U.S. waters every year from combined sewer systems designed to overflow in wet weather. The report also revealed that an additional 3 billion to 10 billion gallons of raw sewage spill accidentally every year from systems designed to carry only sewage. Federal authorities have issued consent

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Sergeant Morton Marshall Ford III, 2011

Morton Marshall Ford III was born Sept. 18, 1946 in Roncverte, W.Va. He served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1969. On Dec. 21, 1969, Morty became an Alexandria Police patrol officer.



On Nov. 26, 1974, Ford responded to a robbery. He observed two subjects running toward a parking lot. As Officers Ken Howard and James Ammons arrived in separate cruisers, they were fired upon by the fleeing suspects. Ford and Howard rammed the vehicle and returned fire. Ford suffered a gunshot wound to the chest before the two suspects were apprehended.

At Alexandria Hospital Ford underwent surgery and received multiple blood transfusions. While initially surviving the shooting and returning to duty, he suffered serious health problems related to Hepatitis C from infected blood in a transfusion.

Ford was promoted to sergeant and retired from the Alexandria Police Department on Sept. 18, 1996. His health continued to deteriorate and in early 2011, he was diagnosed with liver cancer as a result of Hepatitis C. Sergeant Ford died on June 18, 2011.

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From left: Ron Taylor, owner of Wheel Nuts Bike Shop, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), Kimberly Williams of Environment Virginia and Nancy Stoner, acting assistant administrator for water.

Stream of Conscience

Environmental advocates celebrate new rule protecting streams.

When does the federal government have authority over a body of water? That's a question that can be as murky as a polluted waterway, especially after two Supreme Court rulings in 2001 and 2006 cast doubt as to whether or not federal authorities have dominion over waterways that are not navigable. Now the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have issued a proposed rule to clarify that streams and wetlands are protected under the Clean Water Act. Environmental advocates staged a press conference in Market Square this week to declare victory.

"Nobody should be allowed to treat our waterways like their own personal sewer," said Kimberly Williams, clean water associate with Environment Virginia.

This week, Environment Virginia released a letter signed by 115 small business owners throughout the region supporting the proposed rule, urging federal authorities to finalize protections on smaller waterways. Supporters estimate that the new rule will protect more than 38,000 miles of streams throughout Virginia and Maryland. Without the rule change, they argue, 57 percent of streams in Virginia are at risk of unchecked pollution.

"This is a watershed event," said U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). "We know that the federal government needs to have a role in protecting the health of our nation's water systems."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Looking Forward to Earth Day 2035

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decrees in Atlanta, San Diego, Louisville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn. Here in Virginia, other legacy combined sewer systems are in Lynchburg and Richmond.

"There are actions that have been brought against medium to small size cities as well that have combined sewer systems," said Nancy Stoner, deputy assistant administrator for water at the Environmental Protection Agency. "The sewer overflows can cause a public health problem in those communities as well."

This October, city officials expect to present Alexandria residents with a series of options for fixing the combined sewer problem. One potential solution would be ripping up every street in Old Town and separating the pipes, a fix that seems unworkable considering the opposition it would create. A more likely solution would be to construct massive storage tanks underground, which is the solution currently under contraction across the river in Washington, D.C. City officials say a third fix is also theoretically possible, which is to disinfect the bacteria and fecal coliform as they are dumped into the river.

"In Richmond, they are using old rail tunnels, but we don't have that kind of infrastructure," said Baier. "So if we have to go with underground storage then we would likely go where we can in areas that are being redeveloped."



The city's combined sewer system includes 540 acres, which are divided into three drainage areas city officials call sewersheds.

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Arlington mother Holly Karapetkova reserves time for reading in the schedules of her two young children. It has become such an important part of their daily routine that it is a treasured family activity. It is also vital to her children's development says Karapetkova.

"Reading is an extremely complex mental activity that engages a child's — or adult's — brain much more intensively than television or video games," said Karapetkova, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Literature at Marymount University in Arlington. "When you read, you employ higher-order cognitive skills. You learn to imagine things that you have not yourself experienced."

CHILD DEVELOPMENT and literature experts say that reading helps children develop imagination skills and an ability to learn and think in new ways. It also boosts emotional development.

"You learn to empathize with others, and so you are able to grow emotionally as well," said Karapetkova. "Critical thinking, imagination, and empathy are all qualities that are essential to our nature as human beings, and essential to our success in the world."

Fred Bemak, Ed.D., Professor and Academic Program Coordinator, College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University, says that even a few minutes each day can have a significant influence. "Reading to a child 20 minutes a days will increase their ability to read and think above grade level," he said. "That is just a matter of sitting with a child and reading with them, but it has a such profound influence."

A lack of reading time also

makes an impact on children. "When a child doesn't have access to books or when a parent doesn't have knowledge about reading to a child, that is where we see an achievement gap," said Bemak.

Mary Catherine Coleman, Lower School Librarian and JK-12 Library Department Chair at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, said reading offers children a broad view of the world. "I think, and research shows, reading helps to develop children's thinking because it helps to develop a background knowledge about the world," she said. "Reading also helps children to see the world from a different perspective, helping children develop an understanding, empathy and compassion for others and the world. It challenges children to look at events, people and things in a different way."

"When it comes to imagination, books challenge children to create a movie in their minds," said Coleman. "They need to imagine a world, characters and experiences that they are not familiar with."

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PHOTO BY KATIE PEEBLES

Marymount University professor Holly Karapetkova reads with her 4-year-old daughter. Experts say that reading is a complex mental activity that engages a child's brain more intensively than watching television or playing video games.

Coleman. "It also teaches children how to be storytellers, how to share experiences and fosters creativity."

Karapetkova said that reading is more open-ended than other media and challenges a child's cognitive abilities. "When you read, even when they are pictures, your brain has to do a great deal of work to process information and piece the story together," she says. "In a movie or video game, everything is predetermined and spelled out for you, and there's a lot less room left to the imagination to make leaps and discover things on its own."

Karapetkova has experienced this in her own life. "I have found with my older child that one book often leads to another," she said. "We might read something that piques his interest and sends him back to the li-

Book Suggestions

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE:

"Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library"
by Chris Grabenstein
"Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy"
by Karen Foxlee
"Capture the Flag"
by Kate Messner

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE:

"Doll Bones"
by Holly Black
"Under the Egg"
by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
"Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin"
by Liesl Shurtliff

brary for more information, and the information he can find in the library is seemingly endless."

The same is not true with television or video games. "When he watches a film or plays a video game, he never says to me, 'I want to find out more about organisms deep under the sea because that's where Spongebob lives,'" said Karapetkova. "But when he reads a book, he asks questions and his curiosity and imagination open up."

Michael Moynihan, Upper School Head, The Heights School in Potomac, Md., believes in eschewing some electronic media and promoting "a renewed culture of reading...[and] conversation".

SO WHICH BOOKS do experts recommend? "Really, anything you and your children enjoy reading together will do the trick," said Karapetkova. "My children are several years apart. My daughter is 4 and my son is 9, and I have been amazed by how much each enjoys the books I pick out together for the other. I'll sit down with my daughter to read 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' or another picture book and my son will stop whatever he is doing to join us."

"And my daughter also enjoys listening to what my son and I are reading aloud together," said Karapetkova. "We've been reading a variety of books this year, including things like Harry Potter and C.S. Lewis, and she listens and grasps part of what is happening. So their interest in each other's books reminds me that children can be drawn to and learn from a great range of books."

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Movement

Take unto the roads,
these places of between,
and revel in the moments of going.
With the rumble of wheels,
the sound of passing worlds,
drink in the limbo moments —
not yet where you will be,
no longer where you’ve been.

Tori Lane, Poet Laureate
City of Alexandria

New Tricks

“Leave the car” she shouted as they dashed out the door.
The bus, he thought, I’ve never taken the bus.
On time, clean, and cheap. He was impressed.
Maybe he didn’t need to buy that electric vehicle after all.
“But how’d you figure this all out?” he asked, really wondering
when his 12-year old daughter got so much smarter than him.

Pete Raack

A DASHing Sonnet

Like swimmers in Alexandria streets.
DASH buses color-coded make their way.
These hippos glide forth every single day
In spite of weather—whether rains or sleets.
I enter as the friendly driver greets
Me, navigating though the frenzied fray
Of little cars who honk as if to say,
“Get off my road! A curse on you, big beast.”
Yet in the shell we riders drink the calm.
We sleep; we read; we text; we game; we work,
As chaos grows around us. Yet a psalm
Forms in my head and brings a tiny smirk.
The belly of this beast is where there’s peace
“cause holy DASH makes traffic woes all cease.

Barbara Karn

Homeward Bound in Del Ray

Our eyes meet,
me walking along the avenue,
your forehead pressed on the wide bus window.
I wonder about your day in this blue dusk, orange threaded
light before the dark cloak of night wraps itself around us.
Have you swept offices, helped the sick,
ticked words onto your computer, served coffee today?
Are you going home to your hound
who sits sleeping by the door
awaiting your footsteps?
Do you too, wonder about me?

Wendi Kaplan

Favorite Seat

Right here,
From this spot,
For how many years,
Have your eyes,
Spied new babies,
First buds, last leaves,
Broken hearts, fresh starts,
and headlines in progress?

Amy Thomas

Poem Taking Place on a Bus

If you are riding this bus, you might be reading a novel-of-considerable-length.
You might feel the weight of its spine in yours as you stand or sit.
Or you might be reading an eBook whose weight is imperceptible.
If not, you might be reading these words as they move along this line.
It might be rush hour. You might be stopped. In traffic. Idling.

Amy Young

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TC Crew: Another Strong Performance

Two boats take 1st, other four take 2nd at Winslow Regatta.

The T.C. Williams crew team turned in another strong performance this past weekend, with two boats claiming victory and four boats capturing second place at the Darrell Winslow Regatta.

Raced on the Occoquan Reservoir 15 miles south of Washington, D.C., the Darrell Winslow is one of the largest regattas of the early spring season. More than 1,500 rowers took to the water this past Saturday, representing schools from around the area. Against this large, competitive field, the Titan Crew team rose to the top.

The girls' second varsity 8 led the way for T.C. Williams. After coming in second in their qualifying heat earlier in the day, the 2V turned on the afterburners late in the afternoon, sprinting down the 1,500-meter course with a time of 5:17.80 to win the final race, which was nearly two seconds faster than the runner-up boat from Yorktown.

Members of the TC girls' second varsity 8 include: Coxswain Maggie Chamberlain and rowers Rachael Vannatta, Abby Prall, Ilianna Herrman, Alyssa Forbes, Lynn Stevens, Harper Jensen, Sarah Scroggs and LeeAnn Richards. The Second Varsity is guided by T.C. Williams head girls' crew coach Pat Marquardt.

Joining the 2V on the winner's dock at Darrell Winslow was the TC girls' freshman



Coxswain Elizabeth Roda steers the T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 down the race course at the Darrell Winslow Regatta on April 12. The frosh 8 crossed the finish line in first place to win the race.

8, who crossed the finish line with a time of 5:31.60, over three seconds faster than the boat from runner-up Washington-Lee. Members of the TC girls' freshman 8 include: Coxswain Elizabeth Roda and rowers Anissa Ashraf, Olivia Anthony, Reed Kenny, Caroline Hill, Lily Warden, Katie Murphy, Sierra Arnold and Emily DeBodene. The freshman 8 are also guided by Marquardt.

In addition to having two boats win their races at the Darrell Winslow regatta this past Saturday, the Titans also had four boats that placed second, including: the TC girls' varsity 8, who came in just behind the defending state and national champion girls' crew from Madison to finish with a time of 5:01.11; the boys' lightweight 8, who

crossed the finish line just behind Lake Braddock with a time of 4:46.63; the boys' freshman 8, who captured runner-up honors in their final with a time of 5:15.50; and the boys' novice 8, who finished second with a time of 5:18.49.

The Titans are guided by boys' head coach Pete Stramese and girls' head coach Marquardt. The Crew is spending their spring break this week holding two-a-day practices on the Potomac and return to the Occoquan this Saturday for their next race, the Smokey Jacobs Regatta.

For more information on the team and the schedule for the rest of the season, visit www.tccrew.org or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters>.



The T.C. Williams girls' second varsity 8 sprints toward the finish during their qualifying heat at the Darrell Winslow Regatta on April 12. The girls placed second in the heat to advance to the final, where they captured first place. Members of the 2V include (from left): Coxswain Maggie Chamberlain and rowers Rachael Vannatta, Abby Prall, Ilianna Herrman, Alyssa Forbes, Lynn Stevens, Harper Jensen, Sarah Scroggs and LeeAnn Richards.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Jacqueline Bouffard, Freddie Perez, and Jerome Mitchell have been named to the dean's list at The University of Hartford.

Michael Thomas Johnson graduated from

Missouri University of Science and Technology. Johnson earned a master of science degree in engineering management.

Julia A Eckardt was named to the dean's list at Baylor University.

Kyle Travers has been named to the Champlain College dean's list. Travers is majoring

in secondary education-English.

Stephen T. Kuhn completed his graduate studies at SUNY Oswego in literacy education with a master of science in education degree.

The following Marymount University students are recognized in the 2014 Edition Of "Who's Who SEE SCHOOLS, PAGE 31



Charlotte Sofield and the Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team are off to a 9-2 start.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ireton Girls' Lacrosse Starts 9-2

The Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team won its first seven games of the season and sits at 9-2 after a 17-7 loss to Brighton High School on April 14.

The Cardinals finished the 2013 season with a 17-6 record, reaching the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference finals and the VISAA state semifinals. This year, Ireton's resume includes a 13-12 win over Georgetown Visitation on April 7.

Ireton will host Springfield High School at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 before traveling to Milton, Ga., for three games April 25-27.

TC Boys' Soccer Enters Spring Break Undefeated

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team defeated West Potomac 4-1 on April 9, giving the Titans a 6-0 record entering spring break.

TC is 2-0 against Conference 7 opponents, including a 2-0 win over South County on April 4.

The Titans return to action at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 against Lee at home.

TC Girls' Lax Has Winning Record

The T.C. Williams girls' lacrosse team beat Stuart 20-2 on April 11, improving its record to 4-3.

The Titans also have wins against Mount Vernon, Edison and South County. TC suffered narrow defeats against Lake Braddock (18-17) and West Potomac (15-13).

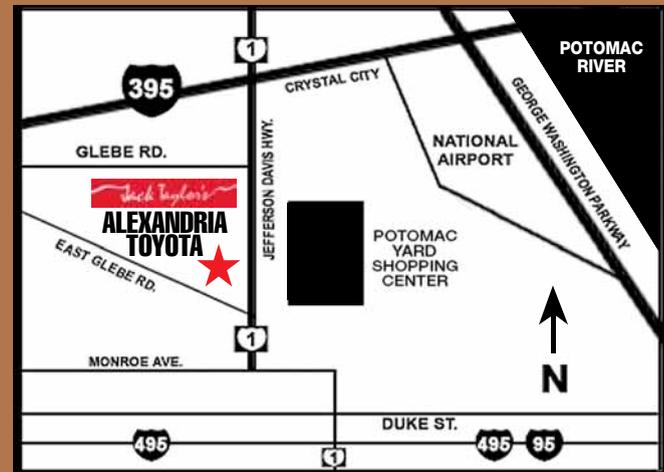
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VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM (VRP) ACTIVITY
VDEQ VRP Case 609
Potomac Yard, Landbay J, Block 10, Lot 1
1800 Main Line Boulevard
City of Alexandria, Virginia

Participant

WP East Development Enterprises, L.L.C.
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The subject property is participating in the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) administered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The property was the former location of the Central Operations Area of the Potomac Yard rail yard, which operated from 1906 to 1990 and was used for locomotive repair, maintenance and fueling. Environmental investigations found petroleum and metals contamination of soil and groundwater. The petroleum constituents are associated with diesel and heavy oils, and the metals are associated with cinder ballast ash fill material. Remedial actions to mitigate potential risks to human health and the environment from the contaminants have been proposed by WP East Development Enterprises, L.L.C. and accepted by DEQ. The remedial actions consist of: an environmental health and safety plan; dust and odor control; soil excavation and disposal; utility clean corridor preparation; construction dewatering; clean fill/surface cap; vapor mitigation; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) screening of groundwater; and a groundwater use restriction. A Certification of Satisfactory Completion of Remediation has been requested of the VDEQ VRP for the site. Questions or comments regarding this notice will be accepted for 30 days from the date of publication and should be addressed to the contact below:

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among Students": **Patrick Townsend**, with a major in psychology; **Anthony Seiler**, with a major in information technology; **Ashley Smith**, with a major in nursing; **Ana Funes-Hernandez**, with a major in biology; **Chelsea Hendrix**, with a major in interior design; **Maureen Dixson**, with a major in art; **Hung Nguyen**, with a major in nursing; **Ana Rosales**, with a major in business administration; **Faris Alotaibi**, with a major in Information technology; **Paige Creamer**, with a major in business administration; **Mary Garcia**, with a major in psychology; **Adely Gomez**, with a major in business administration; **Rachel MacLean**, with a major in nursing; **Saher Sohail**, with a major in biology; and **Beverly Sanchez**, with a major in nursing.

Aneta Nikolic graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from James Madison University.

Fiona L. Carroll, a member of the class of 2016 at Stonehill College, was named to the dean's list.

Sarah Knenlein, a member of the class of 2016 at Washington and Lee University, has earned honor roll status for the recently ended winter term 2013.

Sarah Sapirstein has been named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont. Sapirstein is a sophomore political science major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

The following Washington and Lee students have earned dean's list status for the recently ended winter term 2013: **Catherine Fonville**, a member of the class of 2017; **Alexandria Garcia**, class of 2015; **Sarah Knenlein**, class of 2016; **Timothy Lindsay**, class of 2017; **Caleb Russell**, class of 2014; **Nicholas Smith**, class of 2014; and **Arthur Stier**, class of 2015.

Rui Bai from Alexandria was named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Wake Forest University.

The following area students made the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2013 semester: **Wesley Allin**, a junior; **Robert Banez**, a sophomore; **Jordan Barber**, a senior; **Fabiolla Brennecke Da Silva**, a junior; **Meredith Carothers**, a sophomore; **Kelly Cavanaugh**, a senior; **Coleman Coder**, a senior; **Isabella Davenport**, a senior; **Kathryn Fehrenbach**, a junior; **Emmy Freedman**, a sophomore; **Joan Hadeed**, a senior; **Katharine Hardy**, a sophomore; **Danielle Johnson**, a senior; **Courtney Lear**, a senior; **Eun Lee**, a senior; **Kathryn Pearson**, a junior; **Meredith Pilcher**, a senior; **Marisa Righi**, a sophomore; **Yosyp Schwab**, a junior; **Sean Townsend**, a junior; **Ian Vinson**, a sophomore; **Anastasia Wagner**, a sophomore; **Ryan Watson**, a senior; and **Hannah Wilson**, a sophomore.

David W. Heller of Alexandria was named to the president's list at the University of Mary Washington. Heller is a senior.

Wheaton College student **Theodora Beschel** was named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester.

The following students were named to the dean's list at The University of Mary Washington: **Jessica C. Bittner**, a junior; **Elizabeth A. Castillo**, a senior; **Catherine A. Chase**, a senior; **James T. Clark**, a junior; **Abigail G. Cox**, a junior; **Emily A. Davis**, a senior; **Taylor D. Dohmen**, a sophomore; **Rebecca E. Goldwater**, a junior; **Katherine F. Ingebretsen**, a sophomore; **Taylor L. Knight**, a senior; **Thomas M. Miserendino**, a senior; **Carey T. Natoli**, a senior; **Kara L. Ness**, a freshman; **Thomas R. Starrs**, a senior; **Eva M. Turcios Corea**, a freshman; and **Natascha L. Zelloe**, a freshman.

William Donahoe, **Natalie Felice**, **Isabelle Marie Marquez** and **Stephanie Restifo** have been named to the University of Delaware's dean's list for the 2013 fall semester.

Hailee Reeder, a freshman studio art major, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at McMurry University.



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