



One of the new arrivals, a brindle named Coco, watches the activity in the dog kennel as the other traveling crates are unloaded and the new arrivals are settled in.



The 12 dogs and puppies along with an additional 13 will be housed in Alexandria and area rescue shelters while they are being evaluated and cared for.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

## Saved from Dog Meat Farm

### Rescued dogs from Korea arrive at animal shelter.

The vans pulled up a little after 8 p.m. at the delivery doors of the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter on Monday evening, Jan. 5. Eleven large traveling crates were removed and brought indoors. One by one the crates were opened and the live cargo was coaxed out into a bright pen complete with a large doggie bed, blanket, assorted toys and a variety of dog treats and biscuits and a large bowl of water.

Twelve dogs traveled from Seoul Korea to Dulles International Airport over this past weekend. A second delivery of 13 more puppies and dogs are expected at the Alexandria shelter on Tuesday.

The 23 dogs were rescued from a dog meat farm in Seoul by Humane Society International. HSI worked with the farm owner to remove the dogs and close the doors of the farm for good. As part of the plan, HSI compensated the farm owner once he signed an agreement to stop raising dogs for food and move into crop farming. The Humane Society's U.S. emergency placement partners, including Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Animal Welfare League of Arlington and the Washington Animal Rescue League, are taking in animals. The groups will find them forever homes.

HSI, the international affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States, is working to reduce the dog meat trade in Asia, including South Korea where dogs are farmed for the trade. HSI will work with any and all dog farmers who agree to get out of the dog meat trade permanently and transition into other trades, like crop growing.

— LOUISE KRAFFT



Two dogs, Abi and Billy, reunite after the long trip from Seoul.



Eleven traveling crates carrying 12 puppies and dogs (two sibling puppies traveled together in one crate) arrived at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter on Monday evening after a long flight from South Korea.

## Budget Looms Over 2015 Plans

### Alexandria city officials discuss goals and funding for 2015.

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

For Alexandria City Council, 2015 kicks off with a continuing discussion of the budget and the city's priorities. With an anticipated decrease in federal spending, city officials are preparing for a difficult budget process.

"We're dealing with a revenue shortfall as a result of the federal government not spending to the level they have for the last five years," said Mayor William Euille. "That's impacting revenues and trends in the city. But that's something we'll get through."

Euille said that, with the bud-

get process, the council will be forced to have a tough discussion on funding priorities.

"We're a growing city, a very diverse city, and we have a lot of big ticket items from budget to transportation," said Euille. "Those were all issues we dealt with in 2014 and those will be pretty much the same issues in 2015."

"Some of the biggest challenges we had last year we face again this year," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg. "The budget continues to be very tight and we need to grow our commercial base. We need to do what we can to support our existing businesses as the country comes out of the recession."

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## Civil Rights Pioneer Ferdinand Day Dies

### The force behind the philosophy of "Every Student Counts."

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

When Ferdinand Day was born in 1918, Virginia had just passed its first compulsory school attendance law for children ages 8-12. But with legalized segregation, funding for the education of African American students was sorely limited, with only four black public high schools in the entire state. It would take decades before one existed in Alexandria.

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Ferdinand Day, the first African American School Board chair in the state of Virginia, passed away Jan. 2 at the age of 96.

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## Bishop Ireton Student Arrested for Weapon Possession

The Alexandria Police Department has arrested a 16 year-old male for possession of a weapon on school property. The juvenile was a student at Bishop Ireton High School.

On the evening of Jan. 6, police detectives were notified by Bishop Ireton administration of reports about a student who brought a weapon to school that day. The juvenile did not make any threats towards any student or the school.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Sergeant Bart Bailey at 703-746-6856.

## Police Investigate Robbery At 7-11 on Kenmore Avenue

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating the robbery of a 7-11 convenience store located in the 4600 block of Kenmore Avenue.



**Suspect in store robbery.**

Around 8:30 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 11, a man approached the checkout counter and handed the clerk money for several items. When the register opened, the suspect jumped up onto the counter and struggled with the clerk before grabbing cash from the register drawer. The suspect then fled the scene. The female clerk was not injured.

The suspect is described as a black male between 25 and 35 years old, 6', 210 lbs., with a shaved head and a goatee. He was last seen wearing a black jacket, black pants, and black shoes.

The robbery was captured on surveillance video and can be viewed on the Alexandria Police Department's YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/AlexandriaVAPD](http://youtube.com/AlexandriaVAPD).

Anyone with information about this incident or who recognizes the suspect is asked to call Det. Dan Gordon at 703-746-6685.

## Stabbing of Teens Occurs At Hilton Hotel Party

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a felonious assault that occurred at the Hilton Hotel in the 5000 block of Seminary Road.

Around 1:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, police responded to a party in a hotel room for the report of a stabbing. Three people, two 18-year-old males and one 17-year-old male, were transported to the hospital with severe lacerations. One 18-year-old is in serious condition and the other two victims sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Police determined that numerous people at the party were under the age of 21 and consuming alcohol. These individuals were charged with possession of alcohol by a person under 21. Witnesses state that two suspects were involved in the assault after an argument over liquor.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to call Detective Will Oakley at 703-746-6606.

## City To Host Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Program

The City of Alexandria will honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a community program on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The program, "Moving the Dream Forward," will be held at the First Christian Church, 2723 King St.

This event, presented by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Planning Committee, will include welcome remarks by Mayor William D. Euille, a keynote address by Alexandria Circuit Court Judge Nolan B. Dawkins, and music by the St. Joseph Catholic Church Gospel Choir.



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER

**Fireworks light up the sky over the Potomac River to ring in 2015 as part of the 20th anniversary celebration of First Night Alexandria.**

## Ushering in the New Year

### First Night fireworks light up Alexandria.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**ireworks lit up the sky over the Potomac River to usher in 2015 as part of the 20th anniversary of First Night Alexandria.

"It was a great day overall," said First Night executive director Ann Dorman. "The weather was perfect for Dec. 31 — cold and clear with a bright moon in the sky."

Festivities began early in the day as thousands of people flocked to the city to participate in the Sixth Annual Fun Hunt, art activities at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, the Art League and the Alexandria Archeological Museum.

"We had 22 venues in Old Town and one in Del Ray where adults and children enjoyed 134 performances as well as an old fashioned carnival," Dorman said. "By 10 p.m., lower King Street was packed with dancing in the streets to the tunes of DJ Ray Casiano."

At midnight, Mayor Bill Euille led the crowd in a countdown to begin the fireworks over the Potomac River and usher in 2015. Among those enjoying the show was entertainer Harry Connick Jr., who



BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

**First Night board member Howard Bergman jokes around with Fun Hunt mascot Professor Arts Safari (aka John Bordner) at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center.**

Tweeted a photo of he and his wife Jill aboard the Potomac Riverboat Company's Commander Jacques with Alexandria's fireworks display in the background.

"The overall crowd throughout the day is estimated in excess of 10,000," Dorman added. "Happy New Year to all those who attended and we look forward to seeing you again next Dec. 31 for another great First Night Alexandria."



**Wyatt Sutton, 3, won second place in the children's Fun Hunt.**



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**Entertainer Harry Connick Jr. tweeted an Instagram photo of he and his wife Jill watching Alexandria's First Night fireworks aboard the Potomac Riverboat Company's Commander Jacques.**

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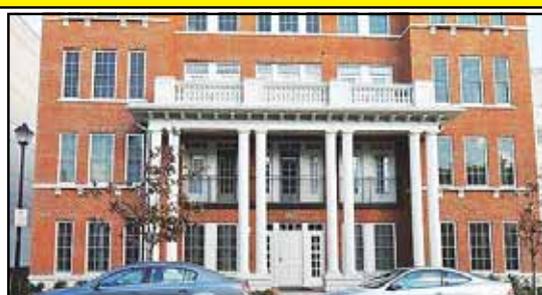
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# Budget Looms Over 2015

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sion. The issues of 2014 will be the same challenges of 2015, especially with the budget and the debt.”

The budget process takes up much of the City Council’s focus in January and February, with the upcoming fiscal year budget typically proposed by the city manager at the end of February. This process is complicated in 2015 by the recent resignation of Alexandria City Manager Rashad Young.

“The City Council will have to deal with finding a replacement for the city manager, but right now we’re happy and pleased with Mark Jinks as acting position,” said Euille. “I’m hopeful we’ll be able to bring closure and bring a final decision later in the process.”

“I’m looking forward to continuing the work we’ve started on major projects like waterfront improvements, a new Potomac Yard Metro Station, Eisenhower West planning, and more,” said acting City Manager Mark Jinks in an email. “I’m also committed to developing a budget for next year that makes the best use of limited resources.”

As the 2016 budget process starts, there’s a quiet conflict looming in City Council over a potential tax increase.

Last year, the council voted to raise property tax by one half-cent. In November, the council was split over whether to authorize the city manager to consider tax increases. Ultimately, the council voted to allow tax increases to be taken into account in the budget calculations.

While tax increases could be dangerous in an election year, it would help alleviate the funding concerns recently raised by Alexandria’s law enforcement and public schools. For Alexandria Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Alvin Crawley, funding will be crucial to accomplishing the schools’ 2015 goals.

“Fifteen of our 16 schools are accredited, but four of them are accredited with warning in one or more of the four core areas of instruction (reading, math, science and social studies),” said Crawley in an email. “We can also see that many of our students with disabilities and students who live in poverty are under-achieving.”

Crawley said the schools needs to focus on raising expectations across the board in 2015 with better feedback and goal setting, particularly with interventions individualized to meet the needs of struggling students.

“We will also continue to explore social services and supports that will assist families in addressing needs that impact their student’s success,” said Crawley. In 2015, Crawley added that he hopes to reduce the number of assessments administered during the school year and reduce suspension rates while increasing student participation in Advanced Placement classes. One of the larger projects the schools are looking into is the development of “world language instruction” at an elementary level.

“We are making good progress on meeting these goals,” said Crawley. “We have reduced the number



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**In 2015, the Alexandria City Council faces the continued impact of reduction in federal spending.**

of tests by 40 percent and instead, will be developing more performance-based and project-based assessments ... [and] we are seeing positive trends in the reduction of short term suspensions across the division.”

According to Euille, moving forward with the Waterfront Plan is going to be one of city’s biggest projects of 2015. However, with the Virginia Supreme Court’s decision in November to hear an appeal by three Alexandria residents challenging the city’s approval of hotels along the waterfront, the issue is not entirely settled.

“We need to continue discussions on the Waterfront Plan, and the things that are built in Old Town along the waterfront deserve our special attention,” said Silberberg. “Is it appropriate? Is it to scale? We’re going to have to look at these things with Robinson Terminal North. When we build new, are we taking into consideration the neighborhood? How does it fit in?”

While the developments along the waterfront are a priority, Euille said the council cannot lose focus on affordable housing issues in the city.

“Affordable housing is always of concern,” said Euille. “I think we’ve used all of the tools we have in our toolbox, but that doesn’t mean there’s not something out there that will become available. This is a national issue. No matter where you go in this country, you’re going to hear mayors and city councils talking about affordability.”

Euille highlighted the anticipated 64 new affordable apartment units in development at Potomac Yard.

According to Euille, a large part of the success of the Potomac Yard development hinges on the city being able to work with Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority to get a new metro station installed nearby.

“We need to make a decision no later than April regarding the new metro station in Potomac Yard,” said Euille. “It is vital to the economic progress of Potomac yard and it’s been an item in the forefront of each year.”

The Alexandria City Council’s first meeting of 2015 will be on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

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## PEOPLE

# Sweets at the Sugar Cube

Finding the right candy from throughout the U.S.

BY SHIRLEY L. RUHE  
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“Please pass the M&Ms,” a small voice pipes up from his seat at the end of the table. He stares at his large white sugar cookie a moment before beginning his masterpiece. “M&Ms are new this year,” says Alyssa Theodore, owner of The Sugar Cube on King Street in Alexandria. “I’m pretty sure they’ll be the hit.”

“We’re having a contest,” declares another member of the cookie decorating group who had come from Massachusetts to visit friends for the New Year’s Eve First Night Alexandria Festivities. Their mother added, “This is our first stop and then we’re headed to the scavenger hunt at the Torpedo Factory.” Theodore is having a special cookie decorating event from 2-5 p.m. for children up to 15 years.

Theodore fills a box with chocolates from the glass case as a customer investigates the wall lined with large bars of candy with names like “The Wild Thing” 68 percent dark chocolate from the jungles of Bolivia or Ethereal, 80 percent cacao with notes of vanilla, pineapple and honey or the Chuao maple bacon from San Diego.

“When I’m here alone I wait on customers,” she says. But when I have help, I’m up front in the office taking inventory or doing paperwork.”

Theodore says when she has a few free hours she makes fudge and sea salt caramels, at least once a week during the year but sometimes every day during the holidays. “And because it is wintertime we make marshmallow chocolates. I should be making caramels right now except I’m out of butter.”

Theodore reaches to the bottom shelf. “These,” she



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**Alyssa Theodore reaches for the dark chocolate two-inch peppermint patties, a customer favorite, made in Philadelphia where she goes to pick them up.**

says. “are two-inch peppermint patties from Philadelphia. We also drive to Philly to get our Easter eggs. And we had to get someone to travel to New York for our old-fashioned ribbon candy because it is too fragile to ship through the mail. It’s ridiculous what we do.”

She says she gets ideas for new and unusual candy by scouting out other stores or sometimes from her customers. “For instance, we have Kohler candies. You know the man who makes ....” She stops in mid-sentence. “Well, a customer told us about Mr Kohler who has a passion for chocolate and his toffee is delightful.”

Her favorite kind of candy? “Well, you have to give me a category. I guess I would say I mostly snack on the dark chocolate almond caramel patties.”

Most of the candy is from the United States including as far as Oregon where the LilleBelle Lavender sea salt caramels are made. But she points up a few stairs where gummy jars of all shapes and flavors circle a large table. “These Haribo ‘pick n mix’, as they call them, are from Sweden and have quite a following here.” The jar labeled “tangy octopuses” is empty.

She points to several shelves of glass jars topped with silver lids. “All of these up here are pan chocolate tumbled in large drums with fine jets spraying the chocolate so there is an even coating all around the center. See the difference.”

Theodore has owned The Sugar Cube for 8 years, 3 years at this location. Prior to this she spent a number of years as an editor in the trade press, then moved into the digital world where she edited rare religious tracts from the 16th-17th century. “I had a good intuitive feeling for corrupt Latin. But I wanted to start a business, and the idea appealed to me of working for myself.” Theodore said her sister came up with the idea of candy because her sister had worked for a candy store in their small hometown of Milford, Pa. when she was going to school.

The first wave of children gathers up coats and gets ready to leave as more children stream in the door to take their place. Theodore has prepared for 100, having learned her lesson the first year when she was overwhelmed with more excited children than cookies to decorate. “Are you kidding?” one 10-year-old boy declares as he stuffs the last bite of cookie into his mouth, dripping crumbs on the table. “No carry home sack for me.”



**The first wave of cookie decorators individualize their creations with sprinkles and M&Ms while parents scan the program for First Night Alexandria activities.**



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## Warm Welcome

**Owner Laurent Janowsky, left, welcomes California winemaker Merry Edwards to La Bergerie restaurant Dec. 9. Edwards, winner of the James Beard Award for Best Wine, Beer or Spirits Professional in the U.S. and 2013 inductee into the Culinary Institute of America’s Vintners Hall of Fame, made the Old Town restaurant her only mid-Atlantic stop to personally host a wine pairing dinner. Edwards and her husband Ken Coopersmith are managers of five West Coast estate vineyards: Coopersmith, Cresta d’Oro, Flax, Georganne and Meredith.**

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**Bethany House of Northern Virginia** has been awarded a \$5,000 grant for its Trauma Recovery Program from Verizon. Bethany House is a private, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that helps women and children who have suffered from domestic violence regain health and dignity and become re-established in their community by providing temporary housing and support. In FY 2013-2014, Bethany House provided emergency and crisis intervention services to 470 adults and 576 children. During the same period, Bethany House housed 47 households (47 women and 61 children) in its emergency shelters, compared to 42 households the previous fiscal year. Visit [www.BethanyHouse.org](http://www.BethanyHouse.org) or call 703-658-9500.

PCI Senior Vice President **Edith Bullard** has been selected to join the board of directors of Alexandria-based not-for-profit, Carpenter’s Shelter. Under a three year term, Bullard will provide strategic marketing and communications guidance to help Carpenter’s Shelter transform the lives of homeless individuals and families in Alexandria.

Carpenter’s Shelter offers continuous services, aiding the chronically homeless and shelter residents through their transition back into independent living. Carpenter’s Shelter empowers more than 1,000 homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families each year to address the issues which led them to homelessness, and provide the tools necessary to achieve lasting independence.

The **Alexandria/Old Town office of Weichert, Realtors** was recognized for outstanding performance in October. The office led the region,

which is comprised of offices throughout Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier and Delaware counties, for resale listings.

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**PCI**, a marketing agency, has selected Bethany House of Northern Virginia as its pro bono client for 2015. PCI will provide Bethany House with a strategic communications plan, social media support, and key outreach materials for partners and donors to support the renovation and expansion of its housing facilities. Bethany House is a private, nonprofit organization providing emergency shelter and support services to victims of domestic violence throughout Northern Virginia and surrounding DC metro communities.

At Halt, Buzas and Powell, Ltd., Senior Accountant **Lisa Wheeler**, CPA has received her certification as a ProAdvisor in Intuit’s QuickBooks Online platform. Wheeler has been a certified ProAdvisor in Intuit QuickBooks for the past three years.



# Civil Rights Pioneer Ferdinand Day Dies

FROM PAGE 1

“In my day, Alexandria was a typical southern port city,” Day said when he was named a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2007. “There were admittedly many injustices and shameful

wrongs to be corrected .... Most of the problems then inherent in the Deep South were prevalent here in Alexandria.”

With no public high school for blacks in Alexandria, Day journeyed daily with many of his peers to Washington, D.C., where he graduated from Armstrong Technical High School in 1935. In the 1950s and ‘60s, he became a driving

force behind the integration of Alexandria’s schools and made history in 1971 when he became the first African American to serve as chairman of a Virginia public school board. On Jan. 2, the Civil Rights icon and education pioneer died at his home in Alexandria. He was 96 years old.

“America lost a giant this week,” said U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) in a statement. “Mr. Day was an early and powerful leader in the successful efforts to integrate the leadership of Alexandria. As the first African-American appointed to the Alexandria School Board – and later as its chairman – Mr. Day was essential to the expansion of equal educational opportunity for all our children.”

**“Mr. Day was behind the creation of an ‘Every Student Counts’ culture that is the norm today.”**

**— ACPS board chair Karen Graf**

Known to his friends as Ferdinand T. Day was born Aug. 7, 1918 in Alexandria. He attended the segregated Parker-Gray Elementary School through seventh grade, graduated from Armstrong Technical High School in 1935 then earned a B.S. degree, with a major in geography and history, from Minor Teachers College in Washington.

Unable to teach in his hometown, Day took a job with the Federal government. He completed advanced management courses at the Foreign



**Throughout his retirement, Ferdinand Day devoted many hours talking to school children about Civil Rights and the desegregation of Alexandria schools.**



**Ferdinand Day, with Vola Lawson in the fall of 2013, was instrumental in advancing Civil Rights in Alexandria in the 1950s and ‘60s.**

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Service Institute and retired from the U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Reserve Officer in 1978. Throughout his lifetime, his focus was on education.

“Mr. Day’s legacy, which involved planning for the needs of every student, informs every decision we make today,” said School Board chair Karen Graf. “Mr. Day changed the whole nature of the school system and was behind the creation of an ‘every student counts’ culture that we widely accept now as the norm. I’m humbled to stand in the shadow of his legacy.”

Ten years after the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954, City Council expanded the school board from six to nine members. Day was appointed one of the three new members and on July 1, 1964, he made history when he became the first and only African American on the board. Thus began the process of integrating Alexandria’s public schools, culminating in 1971 with the opening of T.C. Williams High School and portrayed in the 2000 Disney Studios film “Remember the Titans.”

Day went on to serve as vice chairman of both the Northern Virginia and Virginia State Boards of Community Colleges. In

1985, he was selected by the Secretary of Education to assist in the further implementation of the Virginia desegregation plan for higher education.

In addition to being named a Living Legend of Alexandria, Day was recognized for his community service by organizations such as the Alexandria Olympic Boys and Girls Club, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Departmental Progressive Club, Elks Lodge, Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, Hopkins House Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Society for Personnel Administration, Northern Virginia and Washington Urban Leagues, the Virginia Community College System and the U.S. Department of State.

“Mr. Day was a great mentor to many,” said Lynnwood Campbell, a former School Board member and civic leader who grew up a block away from Day and attended Saint Joseph’s Catholic School with Day’s daughter Gwendolyn. “He always told me he was available to help. I sought his advice many times but he never told me how to vote on a single issue. He once suggested I drop an issue for fear it would prevent me from being re-appointed to the school



**Ferdinand Day chats with former school board member Arthur Peabody at a Senior Services of Alexandria fundraiser in 2013.**

board. I refused to back down because I believed I was doing the right thing. Mr. Day called to let me know that I was going down in flames and that he was going down with me. He supported me 100 percent despite the firestorm.”

Campbell, who served on the Urban League board with Day, recalled a lighter moment when he took Day for a ride on his boat.

“I asked him if he would like to drive the boat,” Campbell said. “He immediately said ‘Lynnwood, you know I cannot drive’ so I told him he has to either drive or swim. So he piloted the boat from National Airport to Fort Washington and could not wait to get home to tell his wife, Lucille, about how he captained the boat. He ran into his house yelling, ‘Lucille, Lucille, I drove the boat!’ I had to convince her that ‘Captain Day’ indeed had driven the boat.”

Day was predeceased by his wife Lucille in 2003 and is survived by their daughter Gwendolyn Day-Fuller, grandchildren William Fuller and Shanna Ringer, and great-granddaughters Imani Fuller, 8, Brianna Ringer, 6, and Chloe Fuller, 6.

“Most of us only get to read about our heroes,” Campbell said. “But I had the pleasure to know and at times stand on the same stage with Mr. Day, my hero from childhood.”

**“Mr. Day was essential to the expansion of equal educational opportunity for all our children.”**

**— U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8)**

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## Citizens Rise up

To the Editor:

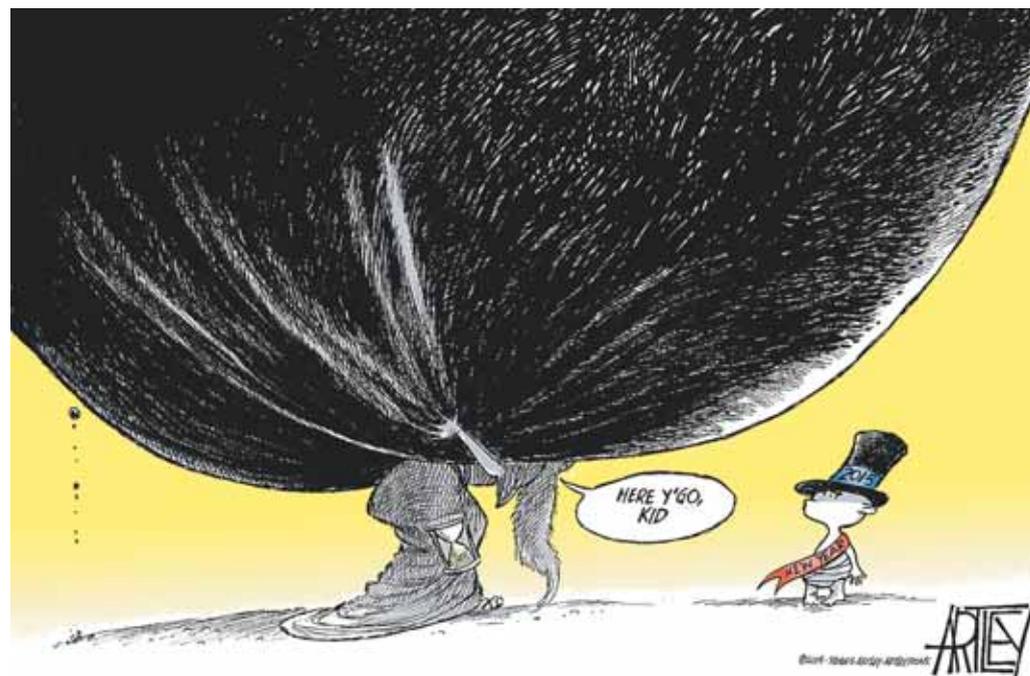
It has become increasingly apparent that the school board and the city council do not rep-

resent their constituents but rather act independently quite often counter to what residents may wish. The issues with the Brac, school projects such as the construction of Jefferson Houston, and building on the waterfront have

all been promoted by the city despite opposition from neighborhoods and the general population. While issues can be discussed at School Board meetings and Saturday City Council forums these 3-minute speeches by citizens serve as good theater, a mere token nod to the citizenry by the board. Let's be clear about one thing: The School Board and the City Council have their own agenda and your needs are not part of that agenda.

I feel there is a need for the formation of a diverse representative citizen committee assembled from the talent of local civic associations and other passionate citizens to take the pulse of city projects and reach out to advise city officials, thereby establishing a consensus as to build or not to build. Projects should be subject to review by this board for its need and impact on the city and its neighborhoods. An independent auditor should also be engaged to establish exact guidelines for costs so the constant overrun in costs experienced in other recent projects would no longer prevail. (T.C. Williams High School, TC tennis, etc. all grossly over budget.) No longer would the city need to make funds magically appear for a given project, the exact costs would be known

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upfront. No longer would citizens be forced to accept a project 60 percent over budget (tennis courts). Let the council and the School Board get it right the first time. We will build based upon need, neighborhood impact and actual cost figures furthering the notion of a consensus before major projects are undertaken. There will be meaningful, direct and constructive dialogue with the council and School Board on issues of importance through this citizen representative body and their views will be heard and acted upon. There will be no meaningless 3-minute timed speeches to state our opinions.

There is growing concern among the residents of Alexandria that their voices are not heard and their needs remain unfulfilled. There has been much displeasure voiced concerning the city's preoccupation with their agenda and a general indifference and lack of clarity on such important issues as school maintenance, school overcrowding, scholastic ineptitude, neighborhood tranquility and debt issues. For instance, over the past 10 years as city's debt has grown at a rate of 15+ percent per year there is general feeling among the citizens that we are mortgaging our future while Mayor Euille says simply, "We have built a lot." A total disconnect here?

So what is the plan? I believe it imperative that the citizenry actively participate in the governing process firsthand and strategize our course for the next 50 years. No longer can we depend upon our elected officials for their representation; their interest is more concerned with legacy. We have excellent and experienced citizen leadership waiting in the wings to help. Citizens of Alexandria rise up, be heard and make a difference. Let's change the system through a representative citizens oversight committee you can take

back your city and control your future. Now.

**William Goff**  
Alexandria

## Sacrifice Forgotten

To the Editor:

Following the brutal murder of two NYPD police officers, Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille sent the following email to city department heads and employee group leaders: "The event this afternoon in Brooklyn in the ambush shooting of two officers sitting in their cruiser, a lone individual, who ultimately took his own life in a subway station, is indeed another tragedy and is another reason why as a society, we need to find ways to improve police and community relations. I am so pleased that incidents like this do not happen in our city, whether a police or a citizen. Nonetheless, we all feel the pain. This is the reason I believe that Alexandria can be a positive example for others to follow as to our strong police and community relationships. Yet, we have can always do better and we will.

My prayers go out to all police officers and their families during this time grief. This is a call for our communities and the nation to come together, talk, reflect and seek positive resolutions. Bill"

His email implies that the senseless slaying of these NYPD officers is as a result of the agency's failure to have positive police and community relations — how insulting. But much worse is his complete disregard for a similar incident which did occur in Alexandria: the attempted murder of Officer Peter Laboy on Feb. 27, 2013. Only by the grace of God is Officer Laboy still with us, though his and his families' lives will never be the same. Shame on you, Mr. Euille, for so easily forgetting the sacrifice.

**Jennifer Adcock**  
Alexandria

## Commonsense Gun Laws

To the Editor:

I'm confused. The pro gun activists who have been very visible in Alexandria recently have a favorite orange sticker they often wear and pass out. It says: "Guns save lives." Really?

Then how is it that 335,609 people in this country died from gunfire between 2000 and 2010? Stated another way, 1 person every 17 minutes, an average of 87 a day or 609 in a week, die as a result of gunfire. And 82 children under 5 years old died from firearms in 2010. The above statistics are from data submitted by the FBI, the Children's Defense Fund, the Center for Disease Control and the Census Bureau. The most recent horrific gun news came from an Idaho Wal-Mart, where a 2 year old pulled his mother's gun out of her purse and accidentally shot her to death. I fail to see how that gun, or thousands like it, saved any lives.

It's past time for our elected leaders to enact meaningful, common sense gun laws. Tell them that and tell them if they don't, you will do your best to vote them out of office at the earliest opportunity.

**John K. (Kevin) Bergen**  
Alexandria

## Enough Is Enough, Agreed

To the Editor:

Response to Jimm Roberts' letter to the editor, page 13, Dec. 18-24 issue:

I absolutely agree with Jimm Roberts. I have been meaning to sit down and respond to another letter written about the decline to open Del Ray's neighborhood to Route 1, but there is just too much to address regarding the fiscally irresponsibility of the representatives in this city. Thankfully, the



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## Snapshot

**First Night Alexandria gets underway in the afternoon at the Torpedo Factory on Dec. 31. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria partnered with the UpCycle Creative Resource Center in Del Ray to provide a craft workshop for visiting children of all ages in hallway of the Torpedo Factory. The visitors were tasked with making pictures or mixed media cards announcing candidates for adoption at the Alexandria shelter. Volunteers from the shelter brought over parakeets Tweets and Flake, Moe the dog, Spike the guinea pig and Pinky the ferret.**

city will not be opening Del Ray as an outlet to the congestion of Route 1. I will start with the negative effect that Mayor Bill Euille's planning decisions, along with the previous city manager's (who left before he had to take responsibility for them), have had on the City of Alexandria. Where to begin? Jimm is right, the more the city builds, the more expensive this city becomes, and who is paying for it? This has got to stop!

City Council doesn't care. The senators and the members of Congress who represent us don't care. We need to promote leadership that does care. I have not heard of the newly appointed acting city manager, and I have lived here since 1987, but the fact that he is backed by Bill Euille, makes it clear what direction he will continue to take this city.

I know that I cannot afford to pay higher taxes, nor can anyone else. Between the state and federal government taxes, half my paycheck is gone before I get it. These decisions, such as building a cement wall (the new residential monument) in Potomac Yard that covers Del Ray in a shadow, have been costly and fiscally irresponsible. The Potomac Rail Yard could have been the "central park" of Alexandria, if the city leadership had vision and had invited its residents to join in the plan for that space. That idea would have benefited its residents continually. The only time the city invites its residents to join the decision making is when a decision has already been made, and then they ask us, what do you want the structure to look like, because the decision is

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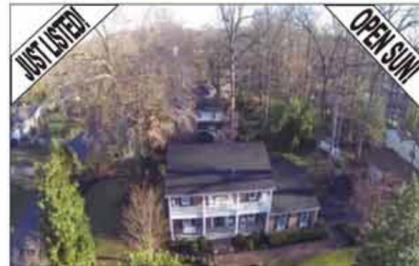
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**6213 ARKENDALE RD - NEW PRICE!** This home is a must see. Comprehensive, high-end renovations provide for spacious BR, comfortable living space and ample room for entertaining or just relaxing with the family. Elegant fixtures/upgrades thru-out and more!



**Kim Muffer 703.282.7739**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Canal Place \$ 389,900**

Rarely available 2BR/1BA condo in pristine condition just 1 block from the Potomac. Hardwoods thru-out, new kitchen with SSA and breakfast bar. Updated bath, newer HWH, windows. Great location with serene views. Walk to Metro, shops, eateries / 1 light to Reagan.



**Kendra Carey 703.887.2117**  
**ARLINGTON / Forest Hills \$ 734,900**

Spacious end townhouse with 4BR/3.5BA, garage, elevator, and private back patio. Minutes to Reagan Airport, Pentagon, Army Navy Club, DC and Alexandria. Commuting options: bus service, Pentagon and Crystal City Metros, easy on to I-395.



**Mary Lou Sage 703.851.5441**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Parkside at Alexandria \$ 300,000**

2BR/1.5BA with nice patio for a BBQ. Ample parking, pool, fitness and community center, Metro bus at front of subdivision. Minutes to Pentagon and DC. New carpet, paint and fixtures. Ready to move into... EZ to Mark Center, 395 and 495.



**Gary Ansley 202.288.7946**  
**ARLINGTON \$ 272,500 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4**

3373 S. STAFFORD ST #B1 Gorgeous 1BR/1BA unit with finishable attic area. New kitchen with granite and SS appliances. Bathroom gutted to studs with large walk-in shower. Bus stop right outside - 8 minute ride to Pentagon. New windows, hardwoods and HVAC.



**Sheryl Lambson 703.217.7012**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Seminary Walk \$ 269,900**

Pristine 2BR/1BA condo with new kitchen cabinets, granite, new gas range and microwave, renovated bedroom; hardwoods in living/dining rooms, W/D in unit, new carpeting and more. Huge balcony off living room overlooking trees. Storage galore. Minutes to eateries/shops.



**Ben Grouby 703.362.2891**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Templeton \$ 255,000**

Move-in ready 1,436 sq ft, 2BR/2BA condo has huge wrap-around balcony with great views. Renovated baths and kitchen, new paint, and Corian counters. 2 new HVAC units. Well maintained unit, building/pool plus amazing in-progress deck renovations. Pet friendly.



**Suzanne Backus 703.338.3594**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 1,125,000**

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**Michael Manuel 703.615.6317**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Old Town Village \$ 599,900**

Rarely available top floor corner condo with 3BR/2BA plus loft. Warm wood floors, gas fireplace and private balcony. Freshly painted, SS appliances, W/D, off-street parking. Access to gym/pool. Easy commuting. Superb Old Town area close to eateries and shops.



**Susan Haughton & Mindy Brubaker 571.242.9913**  
**ALEXANDRIA \$ 625,000 OPEN SAT. 1 - 4 & SUN. 2 - 4**

170 BARRETT PL Cameron Station - new on market this week. 4BR/3.5BA end unit on quiet side street. One car garage. www.novapropertyshop.com



**Ann Logsdon & Emily Capelli 703.568.8433**  
**FAIRFAX CITY \$ 400,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4**

10328 SAGER AVE, #312 Rarely available 1BR/1den in Providence Square. Light, bright unit features open floor plan, custom plantation shutters, fully equipped kitchen with granite counters and low, low utilities. 2 garage spaces convey.



**Marcy Bates 703.606.7605 & Laura Dunkel 703.217.8971**  
**ALEXANDRIA / Wellington \$ 1,475,000**

Gorgeous new 6BR/5.5BA Craftsman-style home in Wellington just steps from GW Pkwy. Master suites on main and upper levels, finished basement with 9 ft ceilings, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors and garage space for 4 cars! Option to finish second upper level.

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## ONGOING

### Mount Vernon Virtual Tour.

Website users can now transport themselves to George Washington's Mount Vernon through a new virtual tour. Featuring twenty-nine 360-degree panoramic images, more than 200 points of interest, and dozens of in-depth videos highlighting architectural details, objects and anecdotes, the tour recreates the experience of being at the estate. [www.mountvernon.org/virtualtour](http://www.mountvernon.org/virtualtour)

### Tavern Toddlers.

Weekly open playtime continues every Monday throughout holiday season. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, North Royal Street, Alexandria. Caregivers, toddlers (walkers through 3 years) and visiting relatives are welcome to play, read, dance and color in the historic ballroom. No reservations required. Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are \$3. A three-visit pass costs \$18. On Monday, Feb. 16 Tavern Toddlers will be closed due to President's Day. [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or 703-746-4242.

### "The Space Between."

Through Feb. 22 at the Multiple Exposures Gallery, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St., Studio 312. Photographer Janet Matthews presents a portfolio of new work in this solo exhibit at the Multiple Exposures Gallery, looking beyond the literal representation of objects to explore their edges and the space that surrounds them. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) or call 703-683-2205 for more.

### "Beyond the Board" Art Exhibit.

Through Feb. 22. Prudential PenFed Realty, 4900 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans' presents "Beyond the Board." A portion of artists' sales go to the PenFed Foundation, supporting active military families, veterans and their families. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org/shows/gww/](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/shows/gww/) for more.

### New Exhibit.

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

### Alexandria Cars & Coffee

invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

### 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



PHOTO BY ERIC ZITZ

Michael Cartwright, Katie Courlander and Justus Hammond will appear in "Smellin' Up the Den" at Port City Playhouse.

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The classiest potty humor in the DMV. "Smellin' Up the Den," by Scott Courlander and David Juliano, was originally produced at Amy Poehler's Upright Citizens Brigade Theater in New York, and was a favorite of crowds and critics at the 2013 Capital Fringe Festival. Audiences will be treated to an hour-long whirlwind of hysterical vignettes. \$18-\$24. At Port City Playhouse, 1819 Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Visit [www.redknightproductions.com](http://www.redknightproductions.com) or [www.portcityplayhouse.com](http://www.portcityplayhouse.com).

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. Visit [www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org).

### Fifty Years of Collecting.

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit [www.forward.org](http://www.forward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

### Dinner for the Washingtons.

Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

### Second Thursday Music.

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

### The Monday Morning Birdwalk

has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Tavern Toddlers.** Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have

fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit [www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern](http://www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern) or call 703-746-4242.

### 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.

### Life Drawing.

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

## THURSDAY/JAN. 8

### Second Thursday Live: Cynthia Marie Concert.

7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Cynthia Marie returns with her soulful voice and piano playing. Special guests join her this evening. Admission \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## JAN. 8-FEB. 22

**Exhibition "Unearthed | Unleashed."** In the Athenaeum Gallery 201 Prince St., Alexandria. An exhibition of the works of Michael Gessner and Joanne Kent. Gessner's mixed media sculptures reference a variety of natural forms. Kent's minimal works with thickly applied paint and wax appear to be a reflection on organic elements and artifacts. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## SATURDAY/JAN. 10

**Family Fun: "Desert Dreams."** 1-2

p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Green Spring Gardens invites visitors to investigate the deserts of the Southwest in the park's glasshouse. Participants will hear a story, sample a tasty cactus treat, and take home a plant to remind them that warmer days lie ahead. Desert Dreams is a family-friendly program suited for children ages five and older with a registered adult. The cost is \$6 per person and registration is available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ed-children.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ed-children.htm) or by calling 703-222-4664.

### Chords of Courage Benefit Concert.

7 p.m. at Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Chords of Courage, founded by Caron Dale, tells the stories of people who have performed an act of courage and suffered in the process or performed an act of inspiration born of tragedy. She will be joined by fellow folk musicians Kevin Dudley, Laura Baron, Bain Ennis and Matt Kohut, and members of the band R.S.V.P. With special guest Allison Silberberg. \$18/\$15 in advance. Call 703-380-3151 or visit [www.focusmusic.org/venue\\_alexandria.php](http://www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php) or [chordsofcourage.org](http://chordsofcourage.org).

## SUNDAY/JAN. 11

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### Winter Warmer Tea with Dolley Madison.

3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 138 North Royal St., Alexandria. Sip a special blend of

tea from Gadsby's Tavern Museum, "take" a cup of American Heritage Chocolate, and eat period-inspired delicacies, both sweet and savory, with your 21st-century friends. A historic guest who will be visit during each tea. \$35 per person all inclusive. Reservations are required. To make reservations and purchase tickets, call 703-746-4242 or visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov). Ticket also includes a tour at 2:15 or 2:45 prior to the tea.

### Opening Reception of exhibition "Unearthed | Unleashed."

4-6 p.m., in the Athenaeum Gallery 201 Prince St., Alexandria. An exhibition of the works of Michael Gessner and Joanne Kent. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JAN. 9-10

**Concert.** 8 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder will perform. Tickets \$39.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## MONDAY/JAN. 12

**55+ Singers Welcome.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Encore invites novice and experienced singers who are 55 and older to join the winter/spring season of Encore Choral. There are no auditions, new singers are welcome, and singers may be seated for rehearsals and performances. Visit [www.encorecreativity.org](http://www.encorecreativity.org) or call 301-261-5747 for registration information and fees.

## TUESDAY/JAN. 13

### NOVA Community Chorus

**Rehearsal.** 7:30 p.m. at the NVCC Alexandria campus, 3001 N. Beauregard. All interested singers invited. No audition is required. Join by registering for this one-credit class at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria campus. The college waives tuition for seniors. Contact Mark Whitmire at 703-845-6097 or [mwhitmire@nvcc.edu](mailto:mwhitmire@nvcc.edu).

### Local Musician.

9 p.m. at Liv Nightclub, 2001 11<sup>th</sup> St. Northwest, Washington, D.C. Alexandria's Vizualye is a rap artist who wants nothing more than to share his music with the world. Visit <https://tatemusicgroup.com/epk/artist/19628> for more.

## FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS/JAN. 16-30

**"Smellin' Up the Den."** At Port City Playhouse, 1819 Quaker Lane, Alexandria. The classiest potty humor in the DMV. "Smellin' Up the Den," by Scott Courlander and David Juliano, was originally produced at Amy Poehler's Upright Citizens Brigade Theater in New York, and was a favorite of crowds and critics at the 2013 Capital Fringe Festival. Audiences will be treated to an hour-long whirlwind of hysterical vignettes. \$18-\$24. Visit [www.redknightproductions.com](http://www.redknightproductions.com) or [www.portcityplayhouse.com](http://www.portcityplayhouse.com).

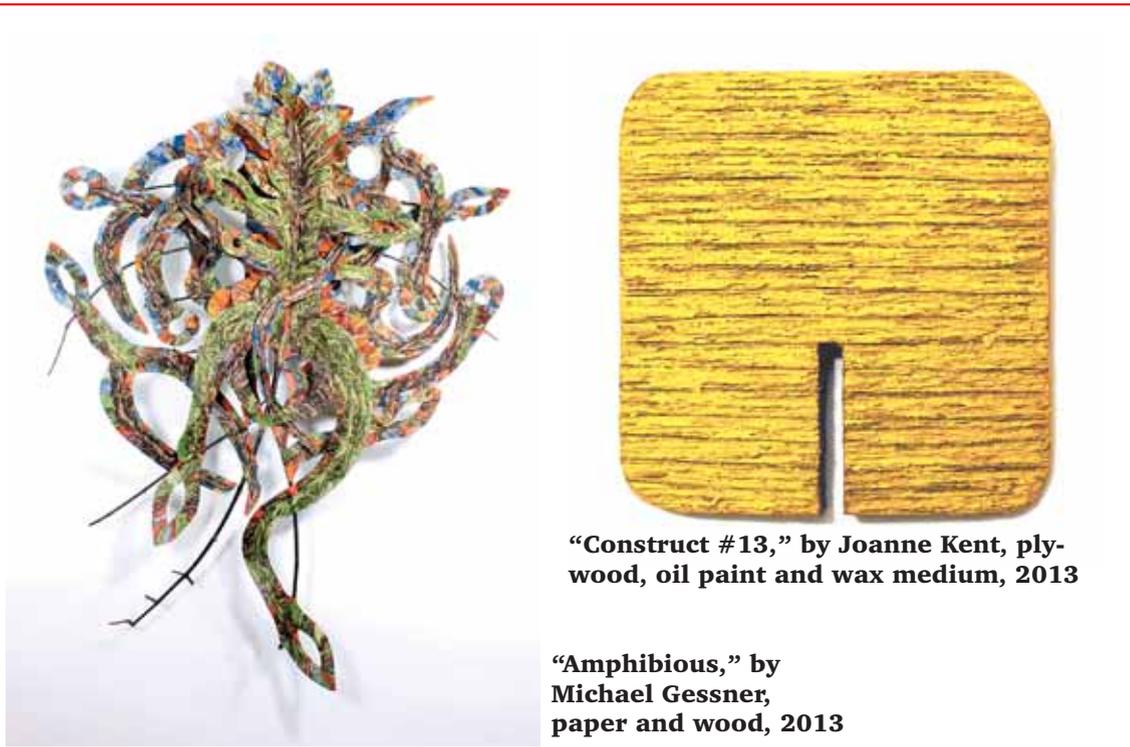
## THURSDAY/JAN. 22

**The Nocturnal Concert.** 8 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Contemporary a cappella music performed by recent graduates from the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and Wheaton College. \$15 admission. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/JAN. 23

**Junior Brown.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$25. Visit [birchmere.com](http://birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

# ENTERTAINMENT



**“Construct #13,”** by Joanne Kent, plywood, oil paint and wax medium, 2013

**“Amphibious,”** by Michael Gessner, paper and wood, 2013

## ‘Unearthed | Unleashed’

The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association presents the works of Michael Gessner and Joanne Kent in “Unearthed | Unleashed” in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St., Jan. 8-Feb. 22. A opening reception will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, 4-6 p.m. The artists will present a gallery talk, “Symbiosis and Tension” on Sunday, Feb. 22, 3 p.m. The reception and gallery talk are both free. Gessner’s mixed media sculptures are lyrical and reference a wide variety of natural forms. Kent’s minimal works with thickly applied paint and wax appear to be a subtle, meditative reflection on organic elements and artifacts. Both artists’ works are evocative of primal and organic elements, and the works in the show represent the unearthing and unleashing of these forces. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY/JAN. 25

**Presidential Salon.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Join President James Madison, as presented by John Douglas Hall, to discuss the recent Battle of New Orleans and the arrival of the Treaty of Ghent in the context of his own time, and be a witness to the events of the year of 1815. Reservations are recommended and tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for high school/college students. Madeira, Port and other libations will be available for purchase. To purchase tickets, visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-4242.

**Jeffrey Osborne.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$69.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

### TUESDAY/JAN. 27

**New Exhibit.** 12:35 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Meet the curator of The Lyceum’s new exhibit, Explore the Attic, and learn how an exhibit goes from concept to script to objects on display. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) for more.

### FRIDAY/FEB. 6

**“Elements” Art Exhibit Opening Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. John Bordner, Kathryn Brown, Michele Reday Cook, Linda Elliff, Kim S. Joy, Marlin Lord and Tamara Wilkerson present artworks which incorporate elements of earth, water, air and fire in materials, media and subject matter. Gallery hours are Thursdays 12-6 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays 12-9 p.m.; Sundays 12-6 p.m. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

### FRIDAY/FEB. 7

**The Beverly Hillbillies.** 7:30 p.m. at MVCCT, Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. After accidentally striking it rich with oil, watch the whole Clampett family find their way in this new land inhabited by movie stars and the fabulously wealthy. \$12. Purchase tickets at [www.mvcct.org](http://www.mvcct.org).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 7-8

**Alice’s Restaurant 50th Anniversary Tour.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Arlo Guthrie celebrates the event that inspired the song “Alice’s Restaurant Massacre.” Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

### SUNDAY/FEB. 8

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### FRIDAY/FEB. 13

**Eric Benet.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$59.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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### SATURDAY/FEB. 14

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### SUNDAY/FEB. 15

**The Beverly Hillbillies.** 3 p.m. at MVCCT, Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. After accidentally striking it rich with oil, watch the Clampett family find their way in this new land inhabited by movie stars and the fabulously wealthy. \$12. Purchase tickets at [www.mvcct.org](http://www.mvcct.org).

### TUESDAY/FEB. 17

**History to Life.** 12:45 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In honor of George Washington’s birthday, learn how the citizens of Alexandria would celebrate his birthday in the late 1790s. Includes opportunity to wear reproduction clothing and a period dance lesson. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) for more.

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## NEWS



**Executive director of Guest House Keri Galloway, ASF executive director Mari Lou Livingood and ASF board secretary Kelli Back.**



**Mary Ellis Fannon, Tom Tuttle, Jay Creech, Larry Sadler and Kevin Holland.**

## Celebrating the Holidays with Alexandria Seaport Foundation

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GAZETTE PACKET

Staff, friends and supporters of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation gathered for a final holiday party in the Duke Street workshop at the Robinson Terminal South on Dec. 9. The boats in progress were decked out with festive greens as the work tables were laden with food and wine. The ASF will vacate the current premises later in 2015 when demolition for redevelopment begins at the terminal.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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and facility information. Register online, in-person or by phone at the new Registration & Reservation Office, located at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. For additional information, call the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities at 703-746-4343 or visit the Department's website at alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

museum with stair access only. Contact Laura Durham at 703-746-5493 or laura.durham@alexandriava.gov.

#### SUNDAY/JAN. 11

**School Open House.** 2-4 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

#### MONDAY/JAN. 12

**Upper School Admission Visiting Day.** 8:10 a.m.-3 p.m. Main Office, Upper School Campus, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Prospective students grade 9-12 are invited to spend a day visiting St. Stephen's & St. Agnes to experience what it's like to be a Saint. Contact Scott McLeod at 703-212-2706 or smcleod@ssas.org or visit www.sssas.org/page.

**Entry Deadline.** 5 p.m. The City of Alexandria Office of the Arts and the Alexandria Transit Company have joined forces to host a poetry contest, "DASHing Words in Motion," to encourage quality writing by writers and poets 16 years or older, who live, work or study in the City of Alexandria. Winners will have their poems published inside the Alexandria Transit Company's DASH buses and Trolleys in April 2015 in celebration of National Poetry Month and May. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts, email poet@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-5588 for more.

#### TUESDAY/JAN. 13

**FAFSA Completion Workshop.** 6-9 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. For high school seniors and families who need help applying for financial aid to pay for college. With help, filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) takes less than 30 minutes. Drop by to receive free, confidential assistance from financial aid professionals. Bring your most recent tax information. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us for more.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

**Fort Ward Park Research Project.** Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Office of Historic Alexandria seeks public assistance in finding photographs documenting gravestones at Fort Ward Park before 1980. Archaeological investigations have recently confirmed locations of at least 40 unmarked graves. These gravesites post-date the Civil War fortification for which the park is named, and are associated with a significant African American community known as "The Fort" that developed at the site after the Civil War and remained until the park was created in the 1960s. Visit www.historicalexandria.org. Those who may have such photographic evidence of gravestones in Fort Ward Park may email archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

**Legislative Preview and Town Hall.** 10 a.m.-noon at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Delegate Charniele Herring, House Minority Whip invites the public to join her for a legislative preview and town hall meeting. To RSVP or for more information, contact Danielle Simms at 703-606-9705 or info@charnieleherring.com.

#### ARTS PROGRAM GRANTS

**The City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts** will begin accepting applications for Arts Program Grants on Monday, Jan. 5. Grant funds are available to eligible arts organizations and individual artists for operations, programs and special projects that occur in Alexandria between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. The Office of the Arts will conduct a series of grant workshops and webinars to assist interested applicants in preparing their grant applications. Online application forms, instructions, and frequently asked questions for all grant programs will be available online at www.alexandriava.gov/arts on Jan. 5. Online applications are due by Friday, Feb. 28.

#### RESOURCE GUIDE

**Resource Guide Available.** The City of Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services has updated the Directory of Resources for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities. The directory provides contact information for organizations and City departments that offer services for older adults such as assisted living facility placement, case management, in-home services and support for caregivers. The guide also provides information on resources for people with disabilities. Visit alexandriava.gov/Aging to download the directory or call 703-746-5999, option 1, to request a copy.

#### ADULT EDUCATION

**Registration for Winter Classes.** The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Winter 2015 Program Guide is now available online. The guide highlights City classes, camps, programs, activities and special events occurring January through March 2015 as well as park

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# LETTERS

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predictable, and always involves brick and mortar. Decisions like using eminent domain to push the location of the Dominion Boat Club down the river, out of its permanent home is frightening, even after residents voted to leave them there. Why does the city own property? Who pays the taxes on the city-owned property? And now destroying the water front so that residents cannot see the river, or enjoy walking along it unless they stay at a hotel. All of this is done with our tax dollars, and we have no say in it. This is, and has been an outrage. What's next? Using eminent domain to push Del Ray residents out of their homes because Route 1 needs to be widened because traffic cannot pass through?

I propose that the city representatives make the budget known to the public so we can see what this is really all about. Where is the money going? As we all learned in elementary school (no matter what school we went to or how big and clean the structure was), that one plus one equals two! \$530 million in debt? This debt is certainly not from assisting the Carpenter's Shelter or Christ House. We

need answers, Jimm is right, enough is enough!

**Jennifer Fahey**  
Alexandria

## Rural Vs. City Views

To the Editor:

Re: "Open Carry Activists Educate Council," Dec. 25, Alexandria Gazette.

I heard of the first event before it took place. It's not the type of environment I want my kids exposed to. We had plans for a nice family afternoon in Old Town, seeing the Scottish walk, shop a little, eat and then watch the boat parade of lights. Needless to say we found us something else to do. The King Street farmer's market (where the second event on the following Saturday took place) is one of our favorite spots and I have personally sold at this market for five years. Who wants to be surrounded by guns as you browse for locally sourced products? There are so many children at this market.

I've heard a lot about gun rights recently and I'm tired of having no rights. I'm tired of taxation with no representation. Because that is what Northern Virginia has turned into. We are one of the two economic engines of Virginia, paying extra taxes that the rest of Virginia doesn't have to pay, while \$0.70 of every \$1 paid in taxes to Richmond never makes its way back up here. And in return our concerns will not be heard by a Republican assembly that was voted in by rural districts. After all we're only this tiny speck up there on the map tightly populating a few districts. And to add insult to injury we now get bullied by folks from Richmond and Fredericksburg that board a bus to Northern Virginia and then terrorize us on the streets they didn't pay for.

I would be the first one to call 9-1-1, if I saw someone with an assault rifle slung over their shoulder and I commend the Alexandria Police Departments' efforts to avoid unnecessary emergency calls. These gun rights absolutist have shown a blatant disregard for what this town went through with the murders of Ruthanne Lodato, Nancy Dunning, Ron Kirby, Julian Dawson and the Braddock Road shootings. Thank you to the Alexandria City Council for turning down



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those stickers. Gun rights activists often quote that "guns don't kill," well then they don't save lives either. They do however accidentally/unintentionally discharge and I don't want me or my kids to be around one when that happens.

**Andrea Filkins**  
Alexandria

## More changes Needed

To the Editor:

A couple of weeks ago, in a "packed house," Alexandria citizens witnessed yet another (the fourth) BAR session addressing the South Robinson Terminal development. The citizens were there to express their total dissatisfaction with EYA's attempt to spin their latest rendition. Unfortunately, no substantial changes to mass, scale, flat roofs and overall appearance were offered from previous renditions. Obviously, EYA is holding firm on mass and scale, and only intends to address the lesser shortcomings. Their feeble attempt to put some red brick on the 190-foot condo building on Wolfe Street is very much like putting lipstick on a pig.

There is absolutely no doubt in anyone's mind that the three massive condo buildings they intend to build on the waterfront do not connect architecturally to the Old

and Historic District and need to be bisected or tri-sected into smaller developments. It also appears that EYA wants to recreate their development, called the Oronoco, located on the corner of North Fairfax and Pendleton Streets. The problem with this is that the Oronoco is not within the Old and historic District. It's a sad commentary that the BAR as a group appeared to tacitly accept EYA's mass and scale, since they did not demand that EYA create a development that fits into community. We can only hope that this will change when EYA presents this again to the BAR in January, otherwise we will have to wait until the Planning Commission and the Council tackle this issue. They will have to see the light, otherwise this development is doomed to failure.

It would be very helpful if EYA constructed a model of this entire development so that a comparison of their development to the surrounding neighborhood can be made.

Additionally, the pictorial diagrams used by EYA are very misleading and need to be replaced by actual untouched-up photographs of the neighborhood so that they can reflect the real comparison of their development versus those already built elsewhere nearby. Isn't it about time that EYA and the BAR got this right?

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

### POEM

## 'A Little Poem Of Praise'

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O Lord is the greatness,  
The power and the glory,  
The victory and majesty;  
For all that is in heaven  
and in earth is yours;  
Yours is the Kingdom O Lord,  
And You are exalted as head  
over all

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

Extending thanks to all of the organizations in the city for helping out throughout the community. Wishing all a happy new year.

**Geri Baldwin**  
Alexandria

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# Local Law Enforcement Plans Ahead for 2015's Goals

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Huchler said the Alexandria Police still need to capitalize on the networking that emerged during the Severance case.

"We need to continue to build the relationship with our partners," said Huchler. "If we have another incident, we can now pick up the phone and call those partners."

Severance was arrested in West Virginia in March on a weapons charge and was officially charged with the Alexandria murders in September.

"As big a challenge as that was, we made an arrest, and it was a success," said Huchler, but said the police can't lose focus now that the case has gone to trial. "It's not over yet."

The Severance case is being prosecuted by Alexandria's Commonwealth Attorney Bryan Porter. The Severance trial is set for October 2015.

"We will continue to focus resources on the most serious violent offenses," said Porter, "homicide, sexual assault, robbery and felonious assaults such as shootings and stabbings."

But Porter also said there are deeper issues in Alexandria that are just underneath the surface.

"I believe that human trafficking is a real problem in our community, and my office will zealously prosecute traffickers," said Porter. "And, as always, we will focus on domestic assault cases. One domestic assault victim is too many, and we will do our part to combat this scourge in our community."

2014 was Porter's first year as Commonwealth Attorney, following his election in November 2013. Looking back, Porter said the work hasn't been easy, but that he's proud of the work his team has done.

"The biggest challenge was taking over the office from Randy Sengel, a highly-re-

spected career prosecutor with 34 years of service to the City," said Porter. Sengel decided in 2013 not to seek reelection to his office as Commonwealth Attorney. "That huge challenge was made even more difficult because our office was tasked with the prosecution of several high-profile matters. I am blessed to have an office filled with outstanding attorneys, victim witness advocates and support staff who have truly stepped up to the plate to do an incredible job in 2014."

The Charles Severance case also had an impact on the Alexandria Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne chose to transfer the accused murderer to the custody of the Arlington Sheriff's Department to avoid any appearance of a conflict. Lawhorne is a friend to retired General District Court Judge Robert Giammittorio, whose sister was Lodato.

"[We are] preparing for successful re-accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in April," said Amy Bertsch, communications specialist for the Alexandria Sheriff's Department via email, "[We are] maintaining critical services and programs and staffing with ongoing budget limitations and cuts."

Budget constrictions were a shared concern across Alexandria law enforcement departments.

"As we move into fiscal year 2016 budget, one of the things we're going to be considering very closely is what resources we need to do our job," said Huchler. "We'll soon be developing budget discussions on

where the resources are going to go. For us that's in line with our ability to engage the community. That's the biggest challenge moving forward. We're working very closely with Office of Accountability and we've been developing a department work plan to meet those goals and strategies we've put in place."

For 2015, Huchler said the police department needs to refocus on building its relationship with the community.

"We have great public trust," said Huchler, "but we want to make sure we engage and have discussions with the community."

Part of that discussion in 2015 will revolve around whether or not Alexandria Police Officers should carry body cameras. At a public hearing on Dec. 13, local citizens voiced their

hopes that Alexandria would be at the forefront of the national trend on body cameras.

"I approve of body-worn cameras to record every police-civilian encounter," said Cynthia Dinkins, president of the Northern Virginia Urban League.

"We can combine an accountable police force with public safety to bring down crime and reduce friction between police and the community."

We cannot and will not tolerate officers who take it upon themselves to participate in blatant misconduct; whether excessive force or otherwise.

We need a new generation of policing that ensures the safety of our citizens and communities but does not violate the civil rights

of anyone."

Some on City Council voiced support for mandating body cameras for the Alexandria Police.

"Body cameras, improved technology, improved communication, improved training, I think they're all needed," said City Council Member John Chapman at the Dec. 9 City Council meeting. "Is it tough to fund? Is it tough to create policy around? It can be, but what I look at for us in Alexandria ... is we have the opportunity to bring that conversation to the community."

But Mayor William Euille urged the council not to make a hasty decision on body cameras, which he said are not the cure-all solution for police and civilian conflicts.

"I support the use of body cameras," said Euille, "but I don't want to see us invest and waste money on 20 body cameras when we have a need for 10 or 15 more police officers, or when we may need millions of dollars for more improved training or technology that helps build and enhance community and police relations."

Huchler said the department is open to the idea, but that the conversation, and the decision, will ultimately require community input.

"It's a national conversation right now, and we're absolutely thinking about that," said Huchler. "As we're doing our research and looking at how it impacts the police department, this is less a decision for the police department and more for the community and the city."

This will have a major impact on the community, and as we move forward we want to make sure we research this well and make a collective decision."

Huchler says a good opportunity to start that conversation will be the Community-Police Forum on Jan. 20, 7 p.m. at the Durant Recreation Center.

**"We have great public trust, but we want to make sure we engage and have discussions with the community."**

**— Alexandria Deputy Chief Huchler**

## Secret Santas Departmental Progressive Club collects toys for Jefferson-Houston families.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Members of the Departmental Progressive Club stopped by Jefferson-Houston Elementary School Dec. 15 to deliver more than 100 toys for students in need.

"We are so thankful for what the Departmental Progressive Club has done," said Jefferson-Houston principal Chris Phillips. "Each toy here means one more kid will wake up happy."

In addition to toys, DPC members also donated \$200 in Giant grocery store gift cards.

"Our members want to do what we can to help the community," said with toys, but as role models in the community."

held an event at the club and asked everyone to bring a toy for Jefferson-Houston."

According to social worker Karima Wade, the need at Jefferson-Houston continues to grow.

"We have a lot of children from homeless families here," Wade said. "We didn't get as many donations from local churches this year so these toys and gift cards will be a great help."

Lead social worker Arnecia Moody said the DPC has been a longtime supporter of children in need in the community.

"The DPC really stepped up to help those kids who normally wouldn't get anything over the holidays," Moody said.

"They support us not just with toys, but as role models in the community."

**"Each toy here means one more kid will wake up happy."**

**— Jefferson-Houston Principal Chris Phillips**



**Jefferson-Houston Elementary School principal Chris Phillips, right, accepts toys donated to his students by members of the Departmental Progressive Club on Dec. 15. Pictured with him are Sherman Deck, Norman Reynolds, school social workers Karima Wade and Arnecia Moody, Willie Bailey and Merrick Malone.**

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# WELLBEING

## Top Fitness Trends for 2015

Here are some low-cost, mobile routines.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

The beginning of a new year is often a time when many resolve to begin a fitness plan or to ramp up their current routine. Officials at the American College of Sports Medicine rang in the New Year by releasing the organization's annual survey of the top fitness trends for 2015.

From push-ups to plank, bodyweight training tops ACSM's list of fitness trends. Low cost and mobile, this routine takes exercise back to the basics: think pull-ups and squats. "You really don't need equipment or a gym membership, and there's almost no cost involved," said Katrina Salum, a personal trainer based in Arlington. "It's effective because you can build muscle and burn fat simply by using your own body weight for resistance."

The popularity of bodyweight moves are due to the ease in which they can be incorporated into your daily routine, said Salum. "You can do three sets of eight squats while you're brushing your teeth and 10 pushups while you're waiting for your coffee to brew."

**THE PRACTICE** of alternating intense periods of aerobic activity with low intensity exercises, known as high-intensity interval training (HIIT), is number two on the list of trends. Varying exercises can stave off boredom, a factor that leads many people to abandon their fitness practice," said Scott Goldberg, a personal trainer in Potomac, Md. "Most HIIT routines can be done in 30 minutes," he said. "One simple routine is warming up by walking on a treadmill, then doing 10 squats, 10 push ups and 10 planks followed by a 30-second fast-paced sprint. Then walk slowly in place for four minutes to rest then repeat the entire routine five times."

Taking classes or training sessions from licensed, certified and educated fitness professionals is number three on the list. Traditional weight training is number four, followed by enlisting the help of a personal trainer and combining exercise and nutrition into a fitness plan, which are numbers five and six respectively.

"To be healthy you need to exercise, but also eat foods that are good for you," said Gretchen Juliano, a dietitian in Old Town Alexandria. "Eating foods that are low in carbs and high in protein before working out forces your body to burn fat and gives you energy."

Fitness industry pros say yoga is number seven.

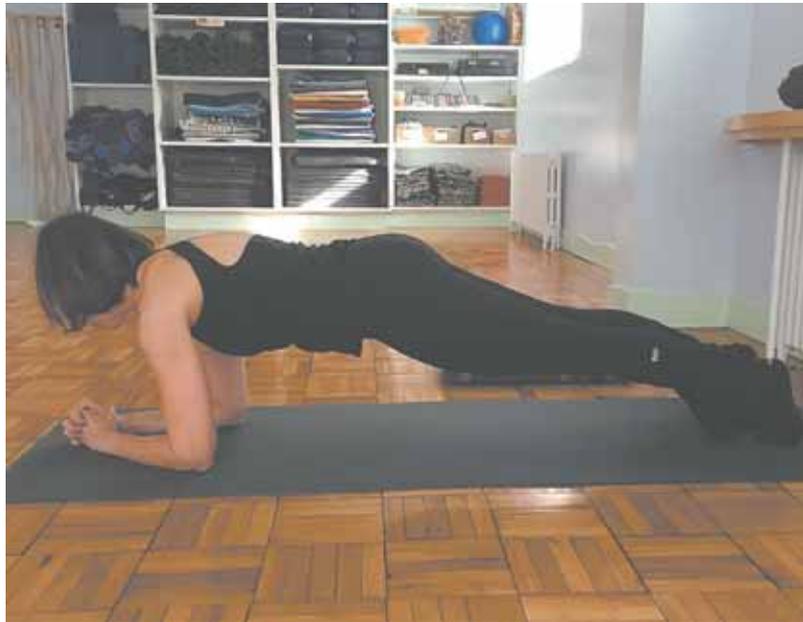


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**Bodyweight training, which includes exercises such as plank, is the top fitness trend for 2015 according to the American College of Sports Medicine.**

"The practice of yoga gives you muscular flexibility through the stretching involved in the yoga poses," said Dawn Curtis, East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna. "Yoga also provides immune strengthening. A regular yoga practice will also help with your healthy tissue maintenance and healthy growth of new muscles, bones, tendons, and ligaments, which are essential body components for fighting disease."

Curtis points to the detoxifying effects of yoga. "A regular yoga practice will increase your blood circulation, which in turn helps flush out toxins from your body," she said. "As your body flushes out these toxins, to be released by the stretches of the muscle movement, they are replaced with new nourishing nutrients for a healthier body and mind...Students with a regular practice...report [having] long lasting results both physically and mentally, especially with reducing stress."

A commitment of practicing two to three times each week is necessary for noticeable results.

"Consistency is the key in yoga," said Sara VanderGoot of Mind the Mat Yoga and Pilates in Arlington and Alexandria. "It is like vitamins. The real effect is doing it over time, and incorporating it into your life rather than just doing it once. Yoga is not a quick fix, but a very powerful transformative practice if done regularly over time."

Fitness programs for seniors make the list at number eight.

"Even 30-minutes of strength training and 20 minutes of aerobics 2 or 4 times a week can help us fight diseases like diabetes and heart disease as we age," said Goldberg.

**FUNCTIONAL FITNESS EXERCISES**, those that make your body stronger for everyday activities like doing laundry, lifting small children or simply using good posture when sitting at a desk, come in at number nine on the ACSM list while group personal training sessions are number ten.

"One of the benefits of working out with a group is accountability," said Salum. "It's also less expensive than hiring a personal training and can be more fun."

**"It is like vitamins. The real effect is doing it over time and incorporating it into your life rather than just doing it once."**

— Sara VanderGoot

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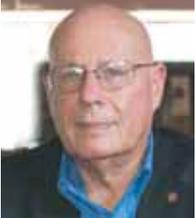
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The Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team won WCAC and VISAA state titles in 2014.



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The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team won its first state title in 2014.

## Top Moments in 2014 Alexandria Sports

### Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse enters 2015 as defending WCAC, state champs.

The following is a look at some of the top moments in Alexandria sports during 2014 and what lies ahead in 2015.

#### BISHOP IRETON GIRLS' LAX WINS WCAC, STATE TITLES

For the Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team, 2014 was the year of the championship.

It started with a strong regular season. It continued with the program's first WCAC championship as the Cardinals avenged their 2013 conference final loss to Good Counsel. It ended with Bishop Ireton winning the VISAA state title with a 9-7 win over perennial national power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes — the Cardinals' first-ever win over the Saints.

"We want to compete and test ourselves against the best teams in the country," head coach Rick Sofield wrote in an email after the Cardinals won the state title. "That's how you become the best you can be: by learning how to compete against great teams. St. Stephen's & St. Agnes has been the premier program in our area, if not the entire U.S., for decades. They're right down

the road from us. What coach wouldn't want a chance to test their players against such a great team?"

Then-junior Charlotte Sofield was voted WCAC Player of the Year, received first-team all-state honors and was an All-American selection. She will play for the University of North Carolina.

Kelly Mathews and Natalie Irwin also received first-team all-state honors. Mathews, Irwin and goalkeeper Olivia Cole were first-team all-WCAC selections.

#### TC BOYS' SOCCER WINS STATE TITLE

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team's 2014 campaign started with aspirations of getting past the region quarterfinals. The Titans' season ended with the program's first state championship.

After the talented Titans had come up short in previous postseasons, this T.C. Williams team finally broke through. Led by the goal-scoring tandem of Eryk Williamson and Wilson Miezan, the Titans defeated South County, 3-2, to win the Conference 7 championship, beat Washington-Lee, 5-2, to win the 6A North region title, and won a rematch with W-L, 2-0, to secure the state championship.

"It feels amazing," Williamson said after the state final. "It's not every day you can be a state champion. It's a really great feeling. We worked really hard and I think all the hard work finally paid off."

While Miezan was a talented goal-scorer,

it was his defense during the W-L postseason matches that helped T.C. claim victory. Miezan man-marked W-L standout Maycol Nunez, holding him scoreless in their postseason meetings.

T.C. Williams finished the season with a 19-2 record.

"They just kept believing and bonding together closer and closer and working harder and harder," T.C. coach Martin Nickley said after the state final. "It's just one of those things that they came every day to train hard and they were serious about what they were doing. I feel so proud that they've been able to receive a reward like that."

#### NOAH, JOSEPHUS LYLES LEAD TC TRACK TO STATE TITLE

The T.C. Williams boys' outdoor track and field team captured the 2014 state championship thanks in large part to the performances of Noah Lyles and Josephus Lyles.

Noah Lyles took home individual titles in the 100 and 200 meters. Josephus Lyles won the 400 championship. The duo, along with Philip Tyler and Mahlique Booth, won the 4x400 relay state title, as well.

T.C. Williams finished with a score of 72.5, besting second-place Western Branch's total of 58.

#### TC GYMNASTICS WINS CONFERENCE TITLE

For the first time in three decades, T.C. Williams fielded a complete gymnastics

team. After several years of individuals competing for T.C., the Titans finally had enough competitors to post a team score.

While T.C. Williams competed with the minimum of four gymnasts, the Titans' talent was enough to produce championship results.

Holland Cathey, Grace Girard, Jordan Mambert and Cailyn Lager captured the Conference 7 team title for T.C. Williams.

"I haven't had anything so exciting happen to me in a while," Girard said after the conference meet. "Just to start as one and then bring it to a team that's winning districts, that's an amazing feeling."

Cathey, then a senior, won the conference all-around title. Girard, then a junior, won the beam title.

#### A LOOK TO 2015

❖ The T.C. Williams boys' basketball team enters 2015 with a 3-4 record under new head coach Bryan Hill, nearly matching the Titans' win total from the previous season.

❖ The T.C. Williams girls' basketball team was 6-4 entering Wednesday's action, including a 45-35 win over Edison, which is ranked No. 10 in the Washington Post.

❖ The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys' basketball team went 6-5 during the 2014 portion of its schedule, they opened 2015 with a loss to Flint Hill and a win over Hayfield.

❖ The Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team returns most of its impact players from a team that won WCAC and state titles.

— JON ROETMAN

## MidAtlantic Erg Sprints Set for Saturday, Jan. 31

On Jan. 31, the T.C. Williams High School gymnasium will come alive with powerful rowers, screaming coxswains, and cheering fans as the Alexandria Crew Boosters host the 30th anniversary MidAtlantic Erg Sprints.

The event has grown to become not only the second largest indoor rowing competition in the world, but also the world's largest competition of its kind for high school rowers. Registration is now open; rowers of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate.

Races on Jan. 31 will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at approximately 4 p.m. The top finishers in the

MidAtlantic Erg Sprints will qualify to compete in the World Indoor Rowing Championship — also known as the Crash-B Sprints — which will be held at Boston University's Agganis Arena on March 1.

Athletes interested in competing in this year's Erg Sprints can register by visiting [www.ergsprints.com](http://www.ergsprints.com). Online registration is open through Jan. 25. Information for becoming vendors or sponsors is also available on the website.

The MidAtlantic Erg Sprints were first held in Alexandria in the fall of 1985. They began with a couple of dozen TC rowers and have grown to more than 100 clubs and 1,500 rowers.



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A coach encourages an athlete to do her best at the 2014 MidAtlantic Erg Sprints. Approximately 1,500 athletes are expected to compete at the 2015 MidAtlantic Erg Sprints, to be held at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria on Jan. 31.

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## OBITUARY



### WALTER BRYANT DORSEY III

Mr. Walter B. Dorsey III, was born February 16th, 1988 in Leonardtown, Maryland. He was shot and killed in an apparent robbery/homicide in Los Angeles, California on December 11th, 2014. Walter was born and raised in St. Mary's County, Maryland and attended college in Florida where he studied Alternative Health Sciences before heading out West. He resided in Venice and Mountain Center, California where he practiced organic farming licensed by the State of California for the last five years of his life.

He was particularly fond of the mountains and beaches of California and the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. He enjoyed boating, hiking, surfing and working on his California Ranch. He had a special gift and desire to heal which he utilized for the benefit of others. Walter touched many lives in his travels and will forever be remembered as the pirate. Aside from his extended family Walter left behind so many beautiful women, friends and people he considered family...

He was the son of Philip H. Dorsey III and Donna Dorsey of Leonardtown, Md. and Alexandria, Virginia. He is survived by his brother Robert Ernest Dorsey, 22 and his maternal grandparents Robert Swallow and Joanne Swallow of Sun City, Florida and Northwoods, New Hampshire and Deborah Swallow of The Villages, Florida and Moody Beach, Maine.

He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather Walter Bryant Dorsey of Leonardtown and Jeanne Blackstone Dorsey Mandel of Colton's Point, Maryland.

Walter is survived by his step-grandmother Brenda Dorsey of Leonardtown and Hon. Marvin Mandel of Annapolis.

Walter leaves behind a deeply devoted family including his Uncles and Aunts, Paul and Sandy Dorsey of Olney, Maryland, John and Tricia Dorsey of Mission Hills, Kansas, Helen Dorsey and John Windolph of Medley's Neck, Maryland, Dan and Diana Scannell of Falmouth, Maine, Lisa Swallow and Paul Willshire of Carlisle, Mass., Denise Swallow of Reading, Mass., Eric, Jason and Chrissy Swallow of Richmond, Virginia.

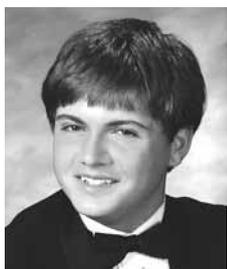
Walter also leaves behind his first cousins Bryant Dorsey, Austin Dorsey, Gabriella Dorsey, Eva Marie Dorsey, Kyle Bishop, Philip Bishop, Shauna Bishop, Sophia Hantzis, Grace Hantzis, Katie Scannell, Connor Scannell, Jack Dorsey and Catherine Dorsey.

A gathering of Walter's friends and family was held on Friday Dec. 19th in Santa Monica, California at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Mortuary and Mausoleum at 1847 14th Street, from 1-3p.m. followed by a life celebration on Venice Beach.

He will be remembered at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Leonardtown, MD. on January 9th at noon. Please direct any letters or condolences to P.O. Box 530, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations be made to SMAWL of St. Mary's County (P.O. Box 1232 Leonardtown MD 20650).

## OBITUARY



### David James Cappelletti Beloved son, brother, uncle, godson, and friend.

David Cappelletti, 25, died at his childhood home on December 23, 2014, following a two-year battle against brain cancer. Born on July 8, 1989 in Washington D.C., David is survived by his mother, Susan Green, of Alexandria, Virginia; his sisters, Allison, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Juliet (Sky), of Largo, Florida; his brother, Mike, of Delray Beach, Florida; his niece, Sierra, of Largo, Florida; his godparents, Walt and Kathie Walvick, of McLean, Virginia; and many friends. His father, Michael, preceded him in death.

David attended Ft. Hunt elementary and Carl Sandburg middle school and graduated in 2007 from West Potomac High School where he was a member of the marching band, wind ensemble and jazz band, and the crew team. He attended George Mason University, majoring in government and international politics, and volunteered his time throughout the 2012 election cycle. During college, David worked at AutoDocs, LLC in computer software administration.

He joined Boy Scouts in 1996 and was a member of Troop 1509 where he attained the rank of Life Scout and was a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. With the troop's Falcon patrol, David trekked the back country of Virginia and New Mexico and spent hundreds of nights camping.

David was a traveler who got as much joy from meeting people and learning about their lives as he did seeing the sights. Among his many adventures in the more than forty countries he visited, David rode a camel in the Sahara and descended into a pyramid, fished for piranha in the Amazon, traversed the Great Wall, snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef, walked the Inca trail at Machu Picchu, and traveled throughout Israel and the West Bank to meet with families, community groups and local officials.

David loved music. He played several instruments, was self-taught on the guitar and piano, and composed music on the keyboard and electronically. He enjoyed live concerts, both classical and modern, and was almost always listening to one of the thousands of musical selections on his iPhone.

Throughout his life, David valued time spent with his many friends. When he moved to Burke, VA in 2010 his door was always open. David's cat, Butters, adopted him there.

A celebration of David's life will be held at a later date. Ask to join the Facebook group, Remembering David Cappelletti, if you would like to stay informed as plans materialize. Contributions in David's memory may be made to David's Race for Hope team, Ironic Spades. The Race for Hope raises funds for innovative brain cancer research and to support brain tumor patients and their families. You can join his team or contribute to it at [http://www.brainumorcommunity.org/site/TR?team\\_id=71874&pg=team&fr\\_id=2360&et=eUZE9IXMIFNgBIE-L7BeGA&s\\_tafid=71299](http://www.brainumorcommunity.org/site/TR?team_id=71874&pg=team&fr_id=2360&et=eUZE9IXMIFNgBIE-L7BeGA&s_tafid=71299). David, we miss your love of life, your generosity, your laughter, your reassurance, and those great hugs.

### Public Meeting on the City of Alexandria's Combined Sewer System Long Term Control Plan Update

When: 7-9 p.m. on Thursday,  
February 5, 2015  
Where: City Hall, 301 King Street  
Sister Cities Room 1101

Find out about the City's Combined Sewer System (CSS) and the City's upcoming plan to meet new water quality regulations and to reduce the impacts of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) on receiving waterways. Residents are invited to give written or oral comments at the public meeting.

For more information about the City's CSS, visit [alexandriava.gov/Sewers](http://alexandriava.gov/Sewers).

For questions, contact Erin Bevis-Carver, P.E., Sanitary Section Lead, Transportation & Environmental Services at [Erin.BevisCarver@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Erin.BevisCarver@alexandriava.gov).

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## OBITUARY

**Mrs. Corinne Swanson..On December 17, 2014** in Alexandria, VA. Born in Duluth, MN, she moved to the Washington DC area in 1961. Having served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951-1952, she married James Robert Swanson in 1952 and they were married for 33 years before he passed away in 1986. Together they had seven children. She was preceded in death by her husband and son, James Gregory Swanson. She is survived by her six daughters, Susan (Bill) Von Peters, Catherine Swanson, Corinne (Bill Roscoe) Swanson, Patricia (Frank) Jozsa, Theresa (Kevin) Wagner, Paula Swanson; 21 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; brothers, Edward, Kenneth, and Gregory Cullen; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. Family and friends gathered on Sunday, December 28, 2014 from 2-5 p.m. at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302 where funeral services were held on Monday, December 29 2014 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Quantic National Cemetery. A guest register may be found at [www.everlywheatley.com](http://www.everlywheatley.com)

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

Title: RFP No. 00000467, Software and Implementation Services for Land Management, Plan Review, Permitting, and Enforcement System

Closing Date and Time: February 17, 2015 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time

Pre-Proposal Conference: January 16, 2015, 11:00 a.m., prevailing local time

For general inquiries contact Jason Soltis, Acting Deputy Purchasing Agent at 703.746.4299.

The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

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## OBITUARY

**Wilhelmina "Miep" Elisa Hermans Vroomen, 78**, of Alexandria, passed away on December 17, 2014, with her family by her side. She was born to the late Hendrik and Christina Hermans on January 6, 1936, in Voerendaal, Limberg, The Netherlands. She married Hubert Vroomen in 1957, and they immigrated to the United States in 1961, where they lived in the towns of Hillsdale, NJ, and Dallas and Tunkhannock, PA. Widowed in 1988, Miep moved to Alexandria in 1996 to live near her son, Harry, and her granddaughter Monica. Miep enjoyed travelling, cooking, and time with family. Miep is survived by her son, Harry Vroomen, of Alexandria; her granddaughter Monica; her companion, William Peck; sisters Christel (Bob) Osterhoudt and Annie (Ser) Senden; brother Wiel (Elly) Hermans, and many beloved nieces and nephews and their children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Ellie Hynekamp and Leo Hermans, and husband Hubert Vroomen. Memorial contributions can be made to "Music and Memory" at [musicandmemory.org](http://musicandmemory.org).

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

## OBITUARY



### Margaret Sterling Slappey

On December 31st, 2014, Margaret Sterling Slappey, 67, native of Atlanta, passed away in her sleep from natural causes. Margaret will be remembered for her optimism, her selfless nature, her loving faith, and her over all kind heart.

She was the daughter of Margaret Sellers Slappey and the late Sterling Slappey. In addition to her mother, surviving are her brother and sister-in-law, Charles Slappey and Blanche Willoughby; and her niece, Louisa Slappey.

The family suggests any remembrances be made in her memory to St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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### Laura Ross Brown Age: 82

On December 17, 2014 in Washington, DC. Mother of Gary Joseph Brown, Sr., Pamela Lynn Walker, Lori Denise Brown Savage and Lynda Marie Brown. She is also survived by grandchildren, William Richard Hyde, III, William Wesley Walker, V and Gary Joseph Brown, Jr.; great granddaughter, Ariana Denise Davis-Hyde; sons-in-law, Brett Thomas Savage and William Wesley Walker, IV; daughter-in-law, Rosi Maria Brown and a host of other relatives and many friends. The Family will receive friends at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 711 N. Columbus St, Alexandria, VA 22314 on Thursday, January 8, 2014 from 10am until 11:30am. The Arlington Chapter of the Links, Inc. and the Northern Virginia Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Memorial Services will be held during the visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial begins at 11:30am. Rev. Donald Fest, Celebrant. The Family invites you to a reception in the Lyceum of St Mary's Catholic Church, 313 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Interment at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the Family suggests donations be made and mailed to St Joseph's Catholic Church. Arrangements by Greene Funeral Home, Alexandria, VA.

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**OBITUARY**  
**Ruby Constant Kendrick Dawson** left this earth for her heavenly home on December 28, 2014. She passed away at the home of her daughter, Connie Dawson Edenfield in Statesboro, GA.

Mrs. Dawson was born in Alexandria City, VA on May 13, 1928 to Jacob D. Kendrick and Mary Pearl Johnson Kendrick. She graduated from George Washington High School and was a member of Accotink United Methodist Church, Ft. Belvoir, VA.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Wesley Clayton Dawson, brother J. D. Kendrick, Jr. and sister, Dorothy E Kendrick Spicer.

Mrs. Dawson is survived by daughter Connie Edenfield (Statesboro, GA), sons Clay (Mechanicsburg, PA) and Chris (Fairfax County, VA) and sister Deanna Kendrick Hoagland (Seffner, FL).

She deeply loved her children, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Dawson greatly enjoyed meeting and talking to new people. Chance encounters time and again turned into lasting friendships.

Her family and friends will miss her deeply.

A memorial service and interment will be held at Mount Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria, VA at a date to be determined

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**Ferdinand T. Day**  
Age: 96 On Friday, January 2, 2015 at INOVA Alexandria Hospital. Beloved father of Gwen Day-Fuller; grandfather of William Fuller and Shanna Ringer; great grandfather of Imani & Chloe Fuller and Brianna Ringer. He is also survived by a sister, Mary V. Stokes and a brother, Clarence J. Day and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The Family will receive friends in the chapel of Greene Funeral Home, 814 Franklin St, Alexandria, VA 22314 on Sunday, January 11, 2015 from 5 until 7 pm. You are invited to pray the Rosary at 6 pm. There will be a visitation at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 711 N. Columbus St., Alexandria, VA 22314 from 10 am until time of Mass at 11:30 am. Rev. Donald Fest, Celebrant. Interment in Mount Comfort Cemetery.

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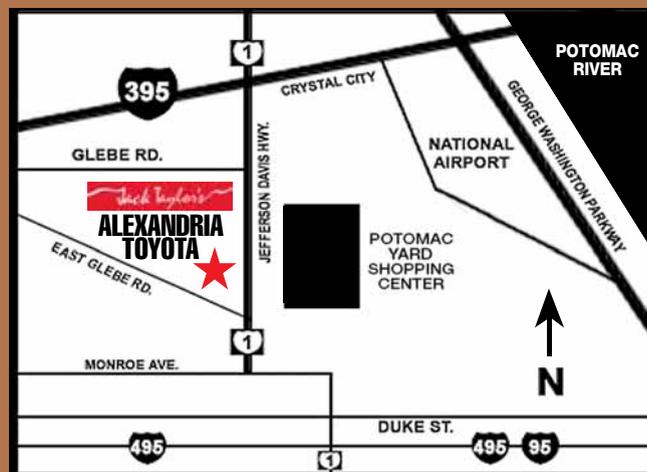
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