



**Kim Lannear and Andrea Jones Blackford of the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices**



**Lucinda Metcalf sings a solo with the Alexandria City Choir.**



**Genealogist Char McCargo Bah tolls the bell as names of the buried ancestors are called.**



**Co-founders of the Friends of Freedmen's Cemetery Lillie Finklea and Louise Massoud pause beneath the statue at the memorial cemetery.**

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

## Memorial Cemetery Dedicated

Seventeen years ago on Memorial Day, a half dozen people gathered alongside the chain-link fence beyond Church Street overlooking the Capital Beltway on South Washington Street. Two neighbors, Lillie Finklea and Louise Massoud had organized a memorial service of remembrance for those believed buried on the site.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 6, the sun was shining and a quiet breeze occasionally found its way down Church Street. More than 700 people gathered for the dedication ceremony of the Contrabands and Freedmen Memorial Cemetery. Established in 1864, the cemetery was the burial place for more than 1,700 African Americans.

Saturday's ceremony included musical selections from the Alexandria First Baptist Church Adoration Ringers, The Alexandria City Employees Choir and the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran gave the keynote address along with a poem by city poet laureate Tori Lane, a historical reading by historian C. R.



**Macarthur Meyers leads the procession of the members of Alexandria, Virginia Universal Lodge #1 Prince Hall Masons.**

Gibbs, a reading by genealogist Char McCargo Bah and a history of the cemetery by Mayor Bill Euille.

Concluding the formal ceremony, members of City Council and invited guests read the names honoring the ancestors whose descendants were present for the dedication. After each name was called Char McCargo Bah tolls the memorial bell and a red rose was presented to a family member. Lillie Finklea and Louise Massoud began a procession with Mayor Bill Euille and the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices and the descendants up Church Street and into the cemetery.

## Serial Killer?

**Charles Severance indicted for murdering Nancy Dunning, Ron Kirby, Ruthanne Lodato.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

An eccentric former Alexandria man best known for wearing all black, spouting off at political forums about the use of psychotropic drugs, is being charged with killing three Alexandria residents. Earlier this week, an Alexandria grand jury handed down a 10-count indictment charging Charles Severance. Police and prosecutors say he killed Nancy Dunning, Ron

Kirby and Ruthanne Lodato. "This is a very emotional crime," said Police Chief Earl Cook at a press conference this week announcing the indictment. "It's a very personal crime."

The murder mystery began more than a decade ago, when the wife of then-Sheriff Jim Dunning was found gunned down in their Del Ray home. Even today, the crime remains an unsettling memory for many neighbors in the Del Ray community, where Nancy Dunning was a

**"This is a very emotional crime. It's a very personal crime."**

— Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook

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## The Bean Counter

**Hard Times's Jim Parker dies at 69.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Cowboy philosopher Will Rogers once said he always judged a town by the quality of its chili. Chili parlors were where he would take the pulse of the nation for his popular syndicated columns. One of those parlors, a small roadhouse in Gracemont, Okla., ignited a passion for chili in a young Jim Parker, who would bring the tradition to Alexandria when he, along with his older brother Fred, opened Hard Times Café on King Street in 1980.

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**Hard Times Café co-founder Jim Parker, shown with his wife Monica at a recent Supper Under the Stars event in Old Town, died Sept. 6 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 69.**

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## Old Wounds

The video is so shocking that it has everyone talking — even Mayor **Bill Euille**.

During Tuesday night's City Council meeting, the mayor said elevator security camera footage of star N.F.L. running back Ray Rice knocking his fiancée unconscious has opened a new national conversation about domestic violence. Euille said that the timing of that discussion comes just as National Domestic Violence Month approaches in October. Euille also opened up about his personal experience with domestic violence.

"As a youngster growing up I witnessed domestic violence in my own family," said Euille. "I know how harmful it can be."

The mayor said the unfortunate events surrounding Rice are an opportunity for people to speak out against domestic violence and raise awareness of it.

"It's a type of violence that should not be occurring," said Euille.

## Grabbing the Spotlight

Never miss an opportunity to grab the spotlight. That's a lesson that Old Town attorney **Mark Feldheim** took to City Hall this week. During a presentation of a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of MetroStage, Feldheim took a moment to comment on redevelopment of an old coal-fired power plant.

"Although there is nothing imminent, you know that we are on the north end of Old Town," said Feldheim, who once ran for City Council. "There is some redevelopment that is probably coming there at some point in the future, so we ask you — we implore you to make sure there's a place for us."

## Closing the Sale

This weekend, members of the City Council will vote to seal a deal that's been decades in the making. The \$5 million purchase of two waterfront properties will settle the long-running feud between Old Dominion Boat Club members and city officials and open up a key part of the waterfront to the public.

The two waterfront parcels complete a set city officials began to compile back in 2006, when the city purchased the old Beachcomber Restaurant and one-third of the parking lot next to it for \$3 million. Now city leaders are on the verge of finalizing the sale of the remainder of the parking lot. "These are important parcels," said Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks** in July. "They are a missing link that will help us get one step closer to a multi-decade goal of having continuous public access along the water."

## Fair Trade City

Councilman **John Taylor Chapman** wants Alexandria to be the first Fair Trade Town in the Washington metropolitan area, a goal that he's working with a group called Fair Trade Alexandria to make it happen. This week, members of the City Council unanimously approved a resolution endorsing the idea.

"With this resolution, the city of Alexandria has an opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to ethical and just business practices and position itself as a leader among cities," said Chapman.

One more requirement needs to be met before the city before the Fair Trade Campaign will designate Alexandria as a Fair Trade Town. City officials must identify community organizations and nonprofits that use or serve fair-trade products. City Manager **Rashad Young** says city officials are still working to identify the required number. "There is no fiscal impact anticipated from this initiative," said Young. "Procurement practices in the city are governed by the Virginia Public Procurement Act and the City Code."

## New Commissioner

Alexandria's highest profile commission, the Planning Commission, has a new member, Cameron Station resident **Mindy Lyle**. She's a former president of the Cameron Station Civic Association and a former member of the waterfront work group. Lyle beat out three other candidates for the coveted seat.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



The Alexandria Fire, Police and Sheriff Joint Honor Guard presents the colors.



Supervisory Immigration Services Officer Sung Chang administers the Oath of Allegiance to the 25 new citizens.

PHOTOS BY  
LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE PACKET

## Celebrating Citizenship

They came from Eritrea, Mexico, Venezuela, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Morocco, Bangladesh, Ghana, Nepal, El Salvador, Libya, Uzbekistan, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Chile, Columbia, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, the United Kingdom, Russia and Pakistan. Twenty-five candidates representing 23 countries took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. and were sworn in as Virginia's newest citizens at Market Square on Tuesday evening, Sept. 9.



Private First Class Marouane Alaoui Yazidi of the U.S. Army Reserve leads the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at the Naturalization Ceremony on Tuesday evening in Market Square.



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# Severance Indicted for Murders

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 prominent real estate agent. Over the years, many speculated that the sheriff may have been a suspect — speculation that police say can now be put to rest.



Charles Severance

“We had all the questions that everybody else has,” said Cook. “But I stand here today to say we never arrested Jim Dunning because we didn’t have evidence that Jim Dunning committed a homicide.”

For family and friends of the Dunning family, the years of waiting for a resolution have been difficult. The murder of Nancy Dunning remained an unsolved crime as speculation grew about the sheriff even after he moved to South Carolina, where he died in 2012. Shortly after Cook announced the indictment, members of the Dunning family appeared before reporters at the police headquarters and made a brief statement.

“Our family is grateful to the police and investigators who continued to pursue our mother’s case over these nearly 11 years,” said daughter Liz Dunning. “While nothing can bring her back, we are hopeful that today’s indictment is the beginning of a process that will offer our family and the other affected families some small amount of closure.”

For friends of the Dunning family, arrest of Severance is welcome news — clearing a cloud that had lingered over the memory of the former sheriff.

“Family members are almost always suspect in some measure when there’s been an unexplained murder, particularly when there was some kind of

marital difficulties as there had been,” said former Councilman Lonnie Rich. “The good thing is that it does lift a cloud over the family, and it’s a cloud that’s been there for 10 years.”

Since the Dunning murder, two other city residents were gunned down in the middle of the day at their homes: transportation official Ron Kirby last year and music teacher Ruthanne Lodato earlier

this year. Last spring, police officials said they had narrowed the focus of their investigation to one man, an eccentric former candidate for mayor and Congress.

“I thought he was eccentric and I thought he was odd, but I never felt threatened,” said former Mayor Kerry Donley, who ran against Severance in the 1990s. “It’s welcome news that we are going to get some closure here. Certainly the families need closure and the community needs closure.”

That might not happen for some time, though. The indictment represents the first step in a potential prosecution of Severance, who must first be ruled competent to stand trial.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Bryan Porter says he will not seek the death penalty in the case, which means that a maximum possible sentence would be life in prison.

“This case has to go to court,” said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. “And so we must allow the judicial process to unfold and be confident that justice will be served.”

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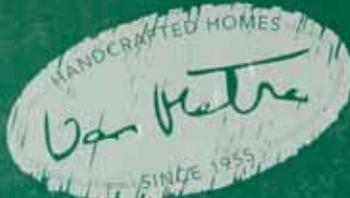
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# Encouraging Life-Long Love for Reading

Children's librarian at Beatley enjoys story time.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
GAZETTE PACKET

A woman stops at the children's information desk right beside the front door looking for age appropriate books for a two- and four-year old for France. Diana Price, children's librarian at Beatley Central Library on Duke Street, takes the woman back to the neat rows of children's book shelves to find Babar and Madeleine. Another mother is looking for a Pre-K book on reptiles. Price looks it up on the computer and says, "We should have it. Let me take you back there." Then she helps a father find part of a series for eight-year olds. "It's really hopping tonight."

A young girl steps up and proudly hands over her completed summer reading list of 10. Price fills out a colorful framed certificate and the girl heads for the prize box where she chooses a lighted magnifying glass. "It's really cool," Price says. "You can read under the covers." There are three levels of summer reading — 0-5, 6-12 and teen. The children's section where Price works covers from 0-12 years.

Price spent a lot of time in the library when she was a child. Things are different now. These days there are series that begins as a picture book, then graduate up the reading scale until adulthood. If you like Batman, you can start with the pictures and read it until you're grown. There are also a lot of tie-ins with TV and movies to get youngsters reading plus more graphics in books to make them more interesting and easier for children who are struggling. The Dewey decimal system is still in use but the old wooden file drawers full of catalog cards of book titles have been replaced by the computer. She says some people look up the books themselves and others come to the desk for help.

It's 7:30 p.m. and time for the weekly story program. Since this is a family story



Put on your glasses, open up your book. Diana Price, children's librarian at Beatley Central Library sings along with the children at her Pajamarama story hour on Tuesday nights.

time, the children can range from toddlers to first grade. She announces over a microphone that if "you're here for Pajamarama, it is about to start so just head on back." She says, "Of course I like to read stories. But I add movement and music. I want it to be as fun as possible."

As the children gather around her on the floor she asks if they want to get a stuffed animal for a friend. She points at the shelves and corners around the room. "We have plenty."

"Put on your glasses and open your book," she sings with the children as they mimic her actions making finger circles around their eyes.

The theme for tonight is the letter A. "What is this letter?" she asks the group, holding up a large card. All the books have the letter A in the title. Including the choices for the evening of "Again," "Animals should definitely not wear clothes" and "An African Princess," and "There's An Alligator Under My Bed." Price has an Excel spreadsheet with 1,300 titles to give her ideas for the programs. She says part of the program is also a literacy tip for the parents to help their kids with reading.

After graduating in English from William



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Diana Price reads one of the selections for Tuesday's Pajamarama story time at Beatley Central Library on Duke Street — each book for the evening with the letter A in its title.

PEOPLE AT WORK

and Mary College, she looked around at the possibilities. "I wanted to do something positive for the community. I didn't want to work in a cubicle." So she got a Master's in Library Science. Her first job was as a reference assistant in the library where she had grown up. Before starting at Beatley Central Library in June of this year, she had worked as a youth services librarian in Bucks County, Pa. for three years.



Sitting at the children's library information desk, Diana Price answers questions about where to find books, availability and age-appropriate choices.

Price arrives an hour before the library opens to set up, working 9 a.m.-6 p.m. every day except Tuesday when she has the storytelling program and Saturday which is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. She spends several hours

at the information desk and the rest of the time meeting with staff of other departments and libraries, planning her future programs and some outreach. Currently she is working on input to the library's participation in the Virginia Science Festival from Oct. 4-11. It will involve a scavenger hunt, trivia, staff-led programs. She said the library has chosen a specific science theme so that things would be coordinated. It's Brain STEM, a play on words with the STEM program, and "I'm really looking forward to the participation by graduate students who will be discussing the brain; won't that be interesting?"



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## Register for Learn And Playgroups

The Center for Alexandria's Children its Learn and Playgroups a program for children ages 0-5 that blends social, emotional and language development with good parenting skills. The registration drive provides city residents with the opportunity to enroll children in one of the center's 14 Learn and Play Groups.

## Snapshot

2:16 p.m. Sept. 6, Parker Gray Field: Alexandria Police Sgt. J. Meekins cools off during half-time in the Titans water fan at the Saturday afternoon varsity football game against Dunbar High School.



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# OPINION

## Change Is Coming, Right?

### Legislators on changing the culture of cash and gifts in Virginia: Crickets.

**W**ith former Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen facing what could be decades in prison after their convictions for corruption, a reasonable person might reasonably expect that members of the General Assembly would be gearing up to make some big changes.

Under Virginia law, there was no barrier to the McDonnells taking tens of thousands of dollars in gifts from a single donor in search of help.

In addition to the gifts, the tens of thousands of dollars in contributions to campaign funds were not part of the corruption trial, but they were certainly part of seeking influence.

Virginia needs real change, but there is silence from members of the General Assembly on any real change.

It turns out that unlimited contributions and gifts is not good for government, not good for the public, especially not good for elected officials as the recent news demonstrates. It would be better for most businesses to have limits as well so as not to be subject to the expectation

of making huge donations.

The National Conference of State Legislatures [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org) summarizes how the 50 states regulate contributions: "States commonly place limits on contributions to candidates from various sources, and also on contributions to political action committees (PACs) and political parties. Just four states — Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Virginia — place no limits on contributions at all. Another seven states — Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas — have minimal contribution limits. These states limit or prohibit contributions by corporations and unions to candidates, but leave contributions from all other sources unlimited. In the remaining

39 states, contributions to candidates from individuals, political parties, PACs, corporations and unions are typically limited or, in the case of corporations and unions, prohibited outright."

In Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total, cumulatively to all candidates in a four-year election cycle. (These limits increase to \$6,000 and

\$24,000 in 2015.) In Maryland, corporations and CEOs are not giving \$100,000 and more in an election cycle.

Do we really want to be a state where the rules are so lax, that what barely raises an eyebrow here can send a former governor and his wife to prison for a long time?

The silence is bipartisan. The silence unites NoVa (Northern Virginia) and RoVa (the rest of Virginia). Every incumbent in Virginia thinks they are benefiting from the ability to collect so much cash.

They all know that they would not engage in the kind unseemly behavior that was recently on display in the McDonnell trial. They seem to think that the McDonnells were just an aberration.

Having our legislative process, locally and at the state level, awash in cash and gifts from people with business before the legislative bodies is not good for any of us.

It's time for some real limits and some disclosure requirements with teeth.

— MARY KIMM

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#### EDITORIAL

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Investigative Brilliance

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Alexandria Police Department, Commonwealth's Attorney, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Virginia State Police, and all of the region's law enforcement partners

for their diligence, tenacity, hard work, and investigative brilliance that culminated in the indictment of Charles Severance for the murders of Nancy Dunning, Ron Kirby and Ruthanne Lodato. My thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of these three incredibly distinguished Alexandrians who had waited patiently and courageously for this

to happen.

**David P. Baker**  
Alexandria

### Astonishingly Well-Done

To the Editor:

Huzzah!

The grand celebration in Water-

front Park and in the Potomac River brought together an incredible group of historians, artists, archeologists, sailors, bankers, water servers, musicians, athletes, the Old Guard, and many more. It was astonishingly well-done. Huzzah!

Despite the heat of the day they enthusiastically educated the large numbers of strollers, adults and children and made the period of 1812-1814 in Alexandria live ... again. It was thrilling to watch the Old Guard march with yachts racing on the river behind them. Boating for pleasure remains in the hearts of Old Towners. Huzzah!

And many thanks to the sponsors and all the behind the scenes volunteers who made this a grand experience of "The World (and 5,000 glasses of water!) Turned Upside Down." A high standard has been set by our historians, artists, sailors, and friends. The city's assessment of the resources and best outcomes for this event are eagerly awaited.

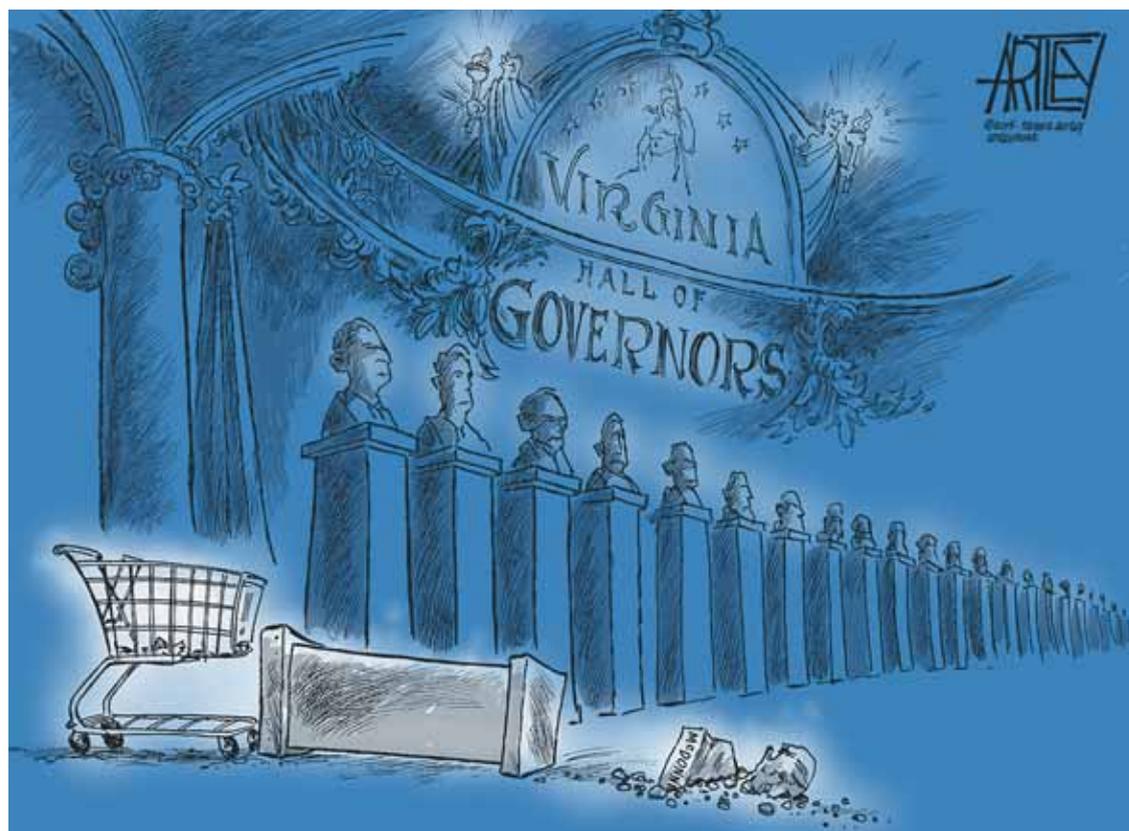
Huzzah!

**Kathryn Papp**  
Alexandria

### Reexamine State's Energy Policies

To the Editor:

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OPINION

# Bunny Love Blossoms at AWLA

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET  
ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA

She was a large, mostly white, Himalayan rabbit who'd been at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria for a few months since traveling there from a puppy mill in Arkansas. He was a smaller bunny with a brown coat who had arrived with a few other rabbits from the Prince William County shelter.

They had never met — until the staff decided to move both of them to pens on the floor of the shelter's cat room, where they would live surrounded by cats in cages. The message: Rabbits and cats can coexist.

It wasn't long before the two rabbits — known by the staff as Alice and Boppity — noticed each other. "I was walking past the cat room one day and saw Boppity in Alice's pen," recalled Chelsea Lindsey of the League's adoption staff. "Alice was grooming Boppity. I ran in and put him back in his pen, and 20 minutes later he had managed to get back over to her pen. By observing them, I learned that he was jumping up on a box in his pen and onto the partition and then down to a box on Alice's side."

Lindsey and the staff realized that whether it was bunny love or something else, the rabbits had made their preference about their living arrangement clear. Down came the partition, and the two rabbits, who have been spayed and neutered, began cohabitation.



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Alice (left) and Boppity bunny kiss at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter.

Now, they rarely leave each other's side. They do seem happier now, Lindsey says. Alice, who hadn't been the most cuddly bunny at first, has warmed up and will now get on people's laps. Patches on Boppity's speckled-brown coat have filled in, leaving him with a lush appearance. Along with rabbit pellets, Alice loves to eat fruit and vegetables, sometimes stealing food from Boppity. Much larger than he, Alice has no trouble throwing her weight around. "She definitely wears the pants in the relationship," Lindsey says. Boppity and Alice are available for adoption, preferably as a pair.

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## LETTERS

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I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation native Alexandrian. My family and I own property in Orange, Va. This past spring we, along with other regional land owners, received Spectra Energy survey requests. Spectra Energy and Dominion Virginia Power's Southeast Reliability Project had competing natural gas pipeline proposals along parallel routes through Central Virginia. Dominion and affiliates won out

and Governor McAuliffe recently announced his support. Proponents tout natural gas as "clean" and the descriptor "natural" conveys a subliminal message of being better for you.

Like oil and coal, natural gas contributes to carbon pollution. According to a June, 2014 peer-reviewed article, natural gas has a larger greenhouse gas footprint (GHG) compared to coal and oil. Ranking data indicate Dominion is one of the worst electric utility

companies in the country with respect to renewable energy and energy efficiency performance. In addition to carbon pollution, natural gas pipeline risks include leaks, ground and water contamination, radioactivity, and increased seismic activity due to fracking.

These potential hazards relate to nuclear energy as well. The North Anna Nuclear Power plant in Mineral, Va. was constructed in 1978 and is maintained by Dominion Power. Dominion in collusion with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission withheld the preliminary engineering report indicating geologic faulting at the planned site. Several disturbing questions remain unanswered about the potential vulnerability of North Anna.

❖ Were the North Anna reactors built to necessary specifications in the first place given the undisclosed seismic vulnerability?

❖ Are North Anna operating conditions safe given the shifting that occurred as a result of the 2011 earthquake and aftershocks nearby?

❖ Should the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's 20-year extension on the operating license for North Anna be reevaluated?

From all indications, including from a recent public hearing I attended in Alexandria, there is a groundswell of mounting support for aggressive Virginia legislation in support of clean/safe energy planning — more aggressive planning and implementation than contained in the flexible state guidelines of the federal Climate Action Plan. According to various reports, Virginia is at the bottom of the list of states ranked for pollution control.

With regard to jobs and economic recovery, investing in renewable sources such as solar, wind, and geothermal energy is paying off and will continue to do so if we make sound choices.

Governor McAuliffe's decision in support of the Dominion group's gas pipeline plan translates to legitimate environmental impact and job-potential evidence falling on deaf ears. Dominion is an energy conglomerate with significant political and government influence. Dominion should divest from not only coal and oil, but also natural gas and nuclear power in its energy mix. If we position ourselves for come-from-behind differences, Virginia may be poised to be a best-practice example among states. We should push for aggressive, renewable clean energy legislation in the interest of humankind. The choices we make can be to our clear and present



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## OBITUARY

# Frances Perry Jernigan

Frances Perry Jernigan, longtime resident of Alexandria, died at age 90 on Aug. 5, 2014. Her final months were peaceful, spent in the home built by her husband and son in 1977. From her kitchen window, she had a ringside seat for viewing the bird feeders and wildlife in her beloved patch of suburban woodland.

Frances was born in 1923 and spent her childhood in Washington, D.C. As an only child, she enjoyed many family excursions to visit relatives and famous watering holes in the Virginia countryside. But a new world opened for her when her parents sent her off to summer camp for a month in the mountains. Most of all, she loved swimming in the lakes, hiking and camp lore, horseback riding and campfire songs.

Fran first attended college at Ole Miss, and then graduated from UNC with a degree in business and finances. She completed her degree just as World War II was ending, and jumped at the chance to board a ship for Tokyo, where she did financial work for the U.S. Government. Every free moment was spent traveling through the countryside, meeting as many Japanese people as she could despite the strict government taboo on interactions. She made friends with farmers after her horse, scared by a snake, went off the path and trampled some of their rice. Appalled, Fran found her



**Frances Perry Jernigan**

way to the family's home and offered to bring them virtually unattainable American commodities. In gratitude, the family gave her an heirloom doll, a Samurai warrior.

After returning Stateside, Fran married William Jernigan, a fellow Labor Department employee, in 1951. They settled in Alexandria to raise their three children. Both parents were involved in Alexandria civic issues: Bill had a series of law offices in Old Town, and Fran worked for many years as his legal secretary. Bill was on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, and Fran was active with the Al-

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# OBITUARY

## Jernigan

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alexandria Lawyers' Wives. They both had a great interest in how the city evolved through the '60s, with the development of the Potomac waterfront, and the creation of a downtown cultural core around Market Square. During this time, Fran volunteered as a driver for Meals on Wheels and FISH. Bill became involved in renovating historic Old Town properties. Fran continually put her skills with finances to use, serving as treasurer for Trinity Methodist Church, as well as doing freelance bookkeeping for many local Alexandria businesses.

After the children grew up, Fran and Bill began camping in New England. This gave Fran a chance to revel in the autumn woods and mountaintops, her lifelong pleasure. In 1979 they purchased an old farmhouse and some acreage bordering Acadia National Park in Maine. Bill died in 1981, and afterwards Fran worked hard to continue their mutual projects. She managed the rental units he had rebuilt in Old Town, and maintained the farmhouse in Maine as a summer vacation rental. For the last three decades of her life, many of Fran's happiest days were

spent at the Maine homestead, Renwick House. Each spring and fall, she would round up a posse of relatives and friends to share the drive, the chores, and the sheer wonder of life in the pine forests and granite-studded mountains of coastal Maine. She made friends with neighbors along the rural road, sharing freshly picked apples and berries for pies, tales of wildlife, and a sincere love for every overgrown path and seaside pebble of her adopted second home.

During her retirement years, Fran also took time to revisit her wanderlust. She discovered alternative travel escapades: tenting in Tanzania; visiting Machu Picchu and the canopied rain forests of Peru; traveling solo in Nepal with a Sherpa guide; and, at age 80, exploring penguin colonies in Antarctica.

Fran's memory will be treasured by her children Kathy of Sebastopol, California, David (Debby Goldberg) of Silver Spring and Rob (Laura Jernigan) of Alexandria, and her grandchildren: Will, Elliott, Sierra, Ruthy and Annie. She took great joy in seeing them grow.

Family friends are invited to an informal sharing of memories at the Jernigan home on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 2 pm. For directions, email: david.jernigan@gmail.com. Donations may be made to the World Wildlife Fund.

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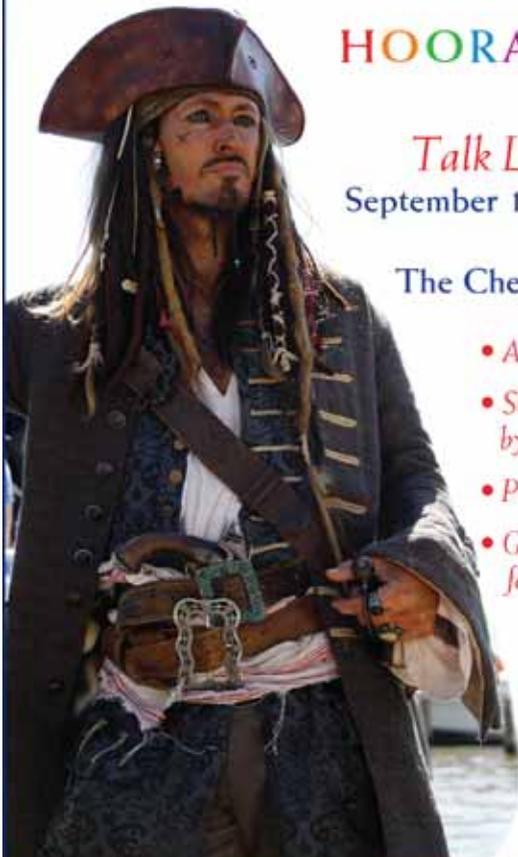
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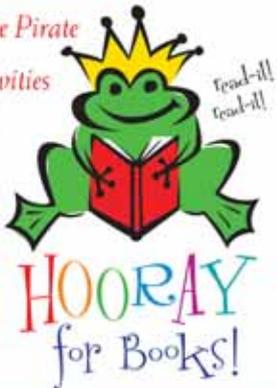
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## HISTORY

# New Battle Plan: August and September 1814

BY TED PULLIAM

This is the 10th of a series of articles telling how Alexandrians were affected 200 years ago by the War of 1812. For earlier articles in this series, go to alexandriagazette.com.

On Aug. 31, 1814, atop Shuter's Hill, the site today of the Masonic Memorial, Acting Secretary of War James Monroe, Navy Captain David Porter, the hero of the American war in the Pacific Ocean, and others met at the camp of General John Hungerford, a congressman from the Northern Neck who commanded 2,000 militiamen from various Virginia counties. The meeting's purpose was to put into effect a plan to attack the British Navy as it sailed back down the Potomac River from Alexandria.

General Hungerford and his militiamen had been shadowing the British ships as they sailed up the Potomac. The British, however, had gotten ahead and arrived at Alexandria before the Americans. Then, as Hungerford and his men approached Alexandria, Alexandrians requested that they not enter the town and disrupt the peace already negotiated with the British. Secretary Monroe agreed and ordered Hungerford to camp outside the town.

By Aug. 31, Hungerford and his men had been sitting for two days atop Shuter's Hill watching the British navy below loading

captured ships with tobacco, flour, and other goods in preparation for the return voyage. During that time Hungerford had been joined by Captain Porter and approximately 100 seamen and marines.

The plan was for all of them, plus General Robert Young's 450 Alexandrians now in Washington, to march the 12 miles south to Belvoir Neck, the next peninsula below Mount Vernon and the site today of Fort Belvoir. There they would establish a battery of cannons and attempt to destroy the British as they sailed back down the Potomac. Captain Porter was named overall commander.

At Belvoir Neck, the channel the British ships would use passed close to the Virginia side of the river where they would be easier targets for American cannons. Those cannons would be positioned on top of a 40-foot-high bluff so that the ships would have difficulty elevating their own cannons enough to hit them. On a beach by the river's edge stood the white-painted building that gave the bluffs the name "the White House" or "White House Landing."

On Sept. 1, after Porter had ridden into Alexandria as described last week, the militiamen and seamen on Shuter's Hill began marching toward White House Landing.

With farther to go, General Young's Alexandria brigade had already started across

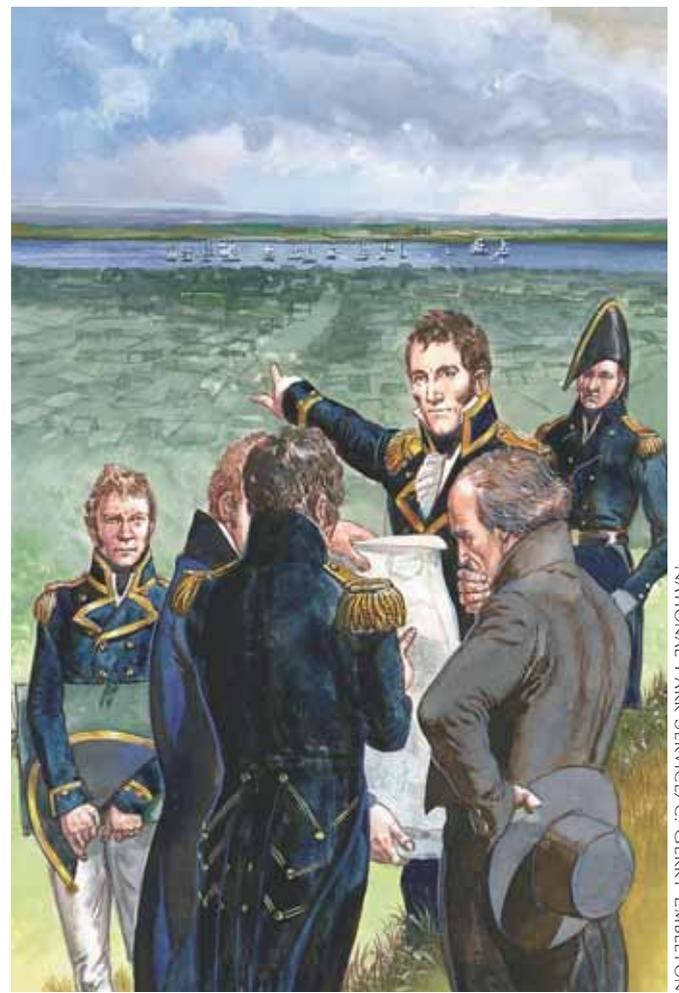
the Potomac and toward Belvoir Neck. The Alexandrians did not fight at Bladensburg, although they were not far away and could have. The American leadership in that battle was so inept that not inserting them into it was one of its many mistakes. After the battle, the Alexandrians marched through Northern Virginia seeking a phantom slave revolt. Then after the British captured Alexandria, they were ordered to Washington to defend it in case the British returned. Now they hoped to see some action.

As General Young recorded, his brigade consisted of "persons from all situations in life." It included Private William Herbert, Jr, grandson of the president of the Bank of Alexandria; Private Samuel Baggett, a 25-year-old laborer; and 52-year-old drummer Domini Barcroft, a free black man who owned a popular tavern on Fairfax Street.

It also included 27-year-old Captain Greenberry Griffith, an Alexandria silversmith who commanded the Alexandria Artillery. The Artillery had with it all of Alexandria's cannons, including the 12-pounders Young retrieved the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> as the brigade marched through Alexandria on its way west. At Belvoir Neck, Griffith's artillery would play a leading role in the fight against the British ships.

While marching toward White House Landing, Porter received word from militiamen sent ahead that a British ship was approaching the bluffs. Followed by two 4-pound cannons and their gunners, Porter rode quickly on ahead. When they arrived at the edge of the bluffs where the militiamen were felling trees to clear a place for the cannons, they saw about half a mile away downriver a British brig floating toward them with the tide. "The few sails she had set were flapping as she rolled with the sullen swell, her rigging and yards were hung with shirts and trousers, it being washing day," a militiaman wrote later. "Her deck was covered with men .... She stood close in to the shore, not seeming to regard the few men she saw on the banks."

As the ship approached, the militiamen who had been felling trees lay down flat on the ground to hide, and Porter fired a shot from each of his two cannons. One cannonball skipped across the water in front of the



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**Navy Captain David Porter points to the British navy as he, Acting Secretary of War James Monroe, and others atop Shuter's Hill (location today of the Masonic Memorial) plan to attack the British as they sail back down the Potomac River.**

ship's bow, and the other cut down a signal flag, dropping it into the water. The men on deck, however, paid no attention, apparently thinking it was only a small party of neighborhood militia.

As the ship arrived opposite the Americans, however, a third cannon shot struck her hull, and simultaneously the militiamen rose and fired their muskets into the men clearly in view on deck. Immediately, the British sailors vanished behind the ship's sides or below deck. The ship then fired a broadside, but the cannon balls struck the bank below the Americans. The militiaman continued to fire their muskets "until the shirts and trousers were cut to bits." As the ship moved away, Porter fired a last shot that shattered the glass window at her stern.

The British ship's captain earlier had sent a boat to Captain Gordon in Alexandria with orders that he rejoin the fleet. Now Gordon would learn that his descent of the Potomac would be contested.

That night, the remainder of Hungerford and Porter's men arrived at White House Landing. The next day, Sept. 2, the men of Alexandria's brigade arrived also. They had yet to fire a shot at the British or receive a shot from them. That was about to change.

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## PEOPLE

# Witness to Change Before and after segregation.

BY MARY ANNE WEBER

When President Lyndon Johnson was pushing the Civil Rights Act through an often recalcitrant Congress in 1964, Living Legend Lynnwood Campbell was a high school student. He wasn't one of the adults who led the battle for civil rights in Alexandria but he was a witness to life before and after segregation.

"The colored schools were not up to par, not funded," he said describing conditions in Alexandria when he was ready to enter elementary school. At first that didn't matter because his parents sent him to St. Joseph Catholic School, part of a parish run by the Josephite fathers. However the year he was in seventh grade, St Joseph's, an all black Catholic school, discontinued the eighth grade.

His parents applied to St. Mary's and met with the priest. At the time there were no black students in St. Mary's but he was offered an application. He took it and was accepted, the only black student accepted that year and the first to attend the school. "The next year two black girls were accepted," he chuckled.

That momentous first week his father drove him to school. "There was a patrol car parked in front of the school the first week and they were outside after school for the first week," he said. When he arrived "(the late) Ken Barnett came up and asked if I'd like to be friends. He was a really popular student and once we were friends, things settled down."

Despite the fact that the Brown vs Board of Education decision was in 1954, Virginia was still in the midst of massive resistance to integration but paid half the tuition for black students to go to schools outside the state. For Campbell that meant Gordon Junior High in Georgetown for a year, followed by Western High School which was to become Duke Ellington School of The Arts.

"It was a magnet school although I didn't know it then," he said. "Most of the children from the embassies went to Western, very diverse, like T.C. Williams is now,"

He noted that in Alexandria, schools remained pretty segregated, and the city got into trouble with the justice department. There was also pressure coming from leaders like Ferdinand Day, Shirley Tyler, Mel Bergheim and Connie Ring. So he could have applied for permission to go to either Hammond or George Washington, rather than Parker Gray. But he didn't want to.

While local government and public schools may have fought integration, Campbell said there was no trouble in his neighborhood on North Alfred Street. "We played basketball and football together but we went to different schools."

Campbell graduated from Western High School in 1965 and went to Howard University where he graduated with a degree in accounting and business. He was working at Price Waterhouse when he went on active duty with the Army. They sent him to the U.S. Army Finance School and he became the deputy finance and accounting officer for the Military District of Washington. President Truman may have integrated the Army in 1948 but when Campbell was stationed at Fort Myer, he learned there were almost no black finance officers. When he was in Indiana there were two at the same time.

Though he was now in the Army, Alexandria's troubles became his.

"There was trouble in Alexandria, a riot and troops were ready to go in," he said. "This was the '70s." His brother Bernard was caught up in the trouble and had been arrested. "I went to the city manager and demanded that they let my brother about of jail. It took about four hours, and later my brother was found innocent." Campbell helped calmed things down, the incidents subsided and the Army did not come to Alexandria.

After leaving the Army with the rank of captain, he went back to Price Waterhouse where he also discovered there were very few blacks. "I was the first black CPA supervisor," he said. He said he had been urged to get involved in civic affairs in Alexandria but felt he had too much work to do. But

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**"We played basketball and football together but we went to different schools."**

— Lynnwood Campbell

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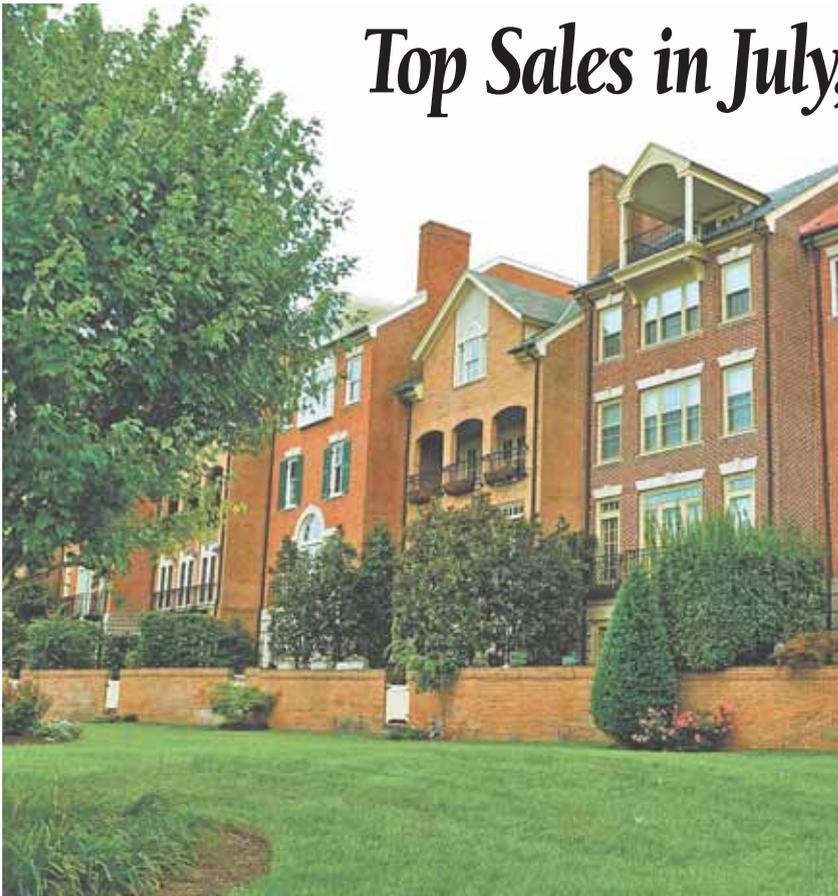
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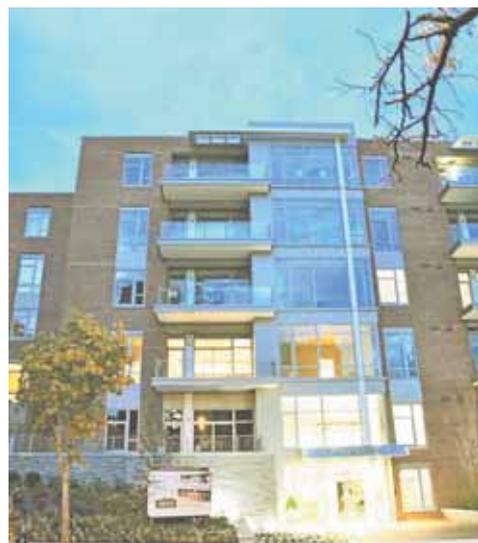
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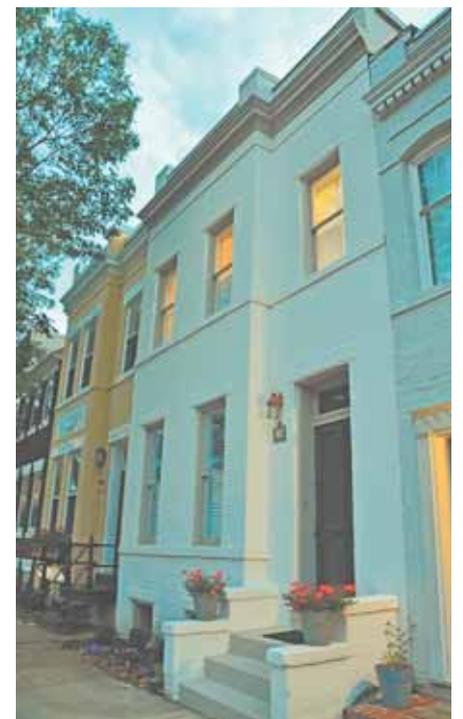
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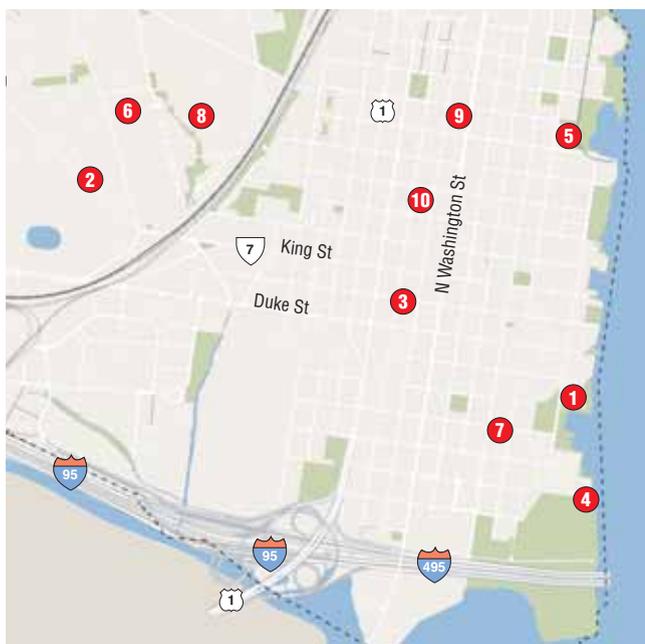
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## 'Recession Ripple Persists'

Private sector job growth key to strengthening regional economy, housing demand.

By TIM PETERSON  
GAZETTE PACKET

"There's no question the primary economic driver of this region has always been Uncle Sam," said David Versal, senior research associate at the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis. "That said, we're not Detroit."

That was a year ago, when Versal addressed members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors at their economic summit held in George Mason University's Mason Inn.

At this year's summit, his past remarks came back to haunt him, if not the whole room. "In 2013, job growth ground to a halt," he said at the event last Thursday. "July [2013] to July [2014], net was about 20,000 jobs in our region. Who do we come closest to?"

The stunned conference hall full of Realtors, seeing his slide, answered in unison: "Detroit."

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Members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors met at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel in Falls Church for their 2014 Economic Summit.

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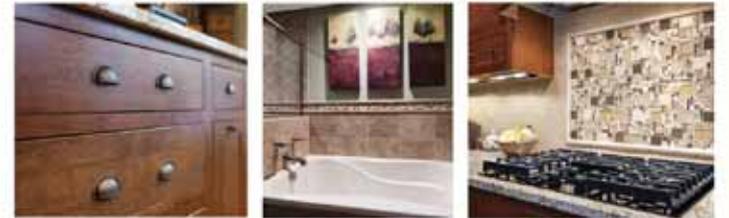
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## Home LifeStyle

# 'Millennials' Seen as Key Group

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Versal was back again for 2014, along with discussion moderator Kenneth Harney, author of the syndicated column "The Nation's Housing."

New panelists included: James Dinegar, president and CEO for the Greater Washington Board of Trade; Dr. Michael Frantoni, chief economist and senior vice president of research and industry technology for the Mortgage Bankers Association, and Mitchel Kider, chairman and managing partner for Weiner Brodsky Kider PC.

**THE THEME** of this year's summit was "Housing Hangover: Recession Ripple Persists in 2014: Jobs, Confidence, Mortgages (+ Aspirin) Fuel Recovery."

Each panelist brought a different perspective to the central concept that no, the recession is not over, growth is slow and home sales are flat; but yes, the recovery is on and as long as home buyers, sellers and Realtors alike keep in front of the economic and regulatory changes taking place, things are looking up. We're all still here.

Versal echoed his callout from last year, that since 2010 government spending cuts have decimated the Washington D.C. metro area. "We lost over \$11 billion in federal procurement," he said, referencing the massive contracting industry, "just in 3 years; \$11 billion that was in our economy in 2010 that is no longer. This is on top of the 20,000 jobs we've removed."

One true gainer in jobs over the same period, he said, has been hospitality — specifically restaurant jobs. However even though those jobs help pad the not-Detroit figure, they don't exactly help a housing market that's light on top-end inventory and lacking any semblance of a middle.

"Ask yourselves as Realtors: Are people buying \$6-7-800,000 houses in this region people who work in restaurants? Unless they own the restaurant probably not," said Versal.

According to Versal, Northern Virginia isn't creating enough jobs paying in the \$40- to \$70,000 range to stimulate growth in the market's midsection.

But that's not all: Another factor — and a continuation from 2013's remarks — keeping the market from balancing out is the lack of adequate housing construction.

Or rather, construction of homes for purchase. Versal said half of what's being built is rental property, which doesn't produce sales and doesn't help the sagging middle.

But the regional analyst did point out a few bright spots, looking forward. In the next three to four years, Versal predicts, the D.C. metro region will be creating 50-60,000 jobs again, like it was 10 years ago — which should drive demand for housing. However this growth, he stressed, will be borne by the private sector, not the federal government.

James Dinegar of the Greater Washington Board

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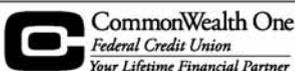
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# The Broad-winged Hawks Are Coming

## Migration brings “a river of raptors.”

BY DONALD SWEIG

Every autumn, in addition to literally billions of songbirds, a million or more avian raptors (hawks, eagles and falcons) migrate from their nesting and breeding areas all over North America to their winter homes, mostly in Central and South America. Raptor enthusiasts and hawk counters often head for mountain ridges and other concentration points in hopes of seeing some of the birds fly by.

But, one doesn't necessarily have to do this to see migrating hawks.

Broad-winged hawks often migrate in large groups and very large numbers. At the right time, with the right weather, it is possible to see lots of them almost anywhere. Peak migration for Broad-winged hawks in the mid-Atlantic states is usually between Sept. 12 and 22.

Sept. 18-19 are often the big days in the Washington area.

It is helpful to understand a little about how Broad-winged hawks migrate.

“Broadwings,” like some other raptors, don't fly well over long distances.

So they utilize “thermals,” rising columns of hot air off the land, to help them gain altitude for migration.

When a migrating Broadwing, for example, starts out in the morning from a place like the wooded hills along the Potomac River near Great Falls, it will flap a few times to get out of the trees and then it begins to look for a thermal. When it finds one, it sort of sits in the column of rising air and often makes little circles to stay in the thermal as it rises with the air, something like an elevator. If a second Broadwing sees the first one, it may well take off, flap a bit, and join the same thermal as the first bird; and so forth. Soon there may be five or 10, or more (often many more) birds in the same thermal.

Eventually, the hawks will reach the top of the thermal and just mill around in it before gliding off to look for another thermal. When one sees a number of Broadwings together in a thermal, it is called a “kettle.”

**LOOK AT THE SKY**, especially clouds, and preferably with binoculars anytime you can in mid-September. If you see a bunch of birds swirling around together in a cloud, or in the clear sky, you probably have a “kettle” of Broadwings. And, one really can see them almost anywhere. It's a serendipitous happening.

There are also avian pathways that the birds often use, like perhaps a highway, as they migrate south.

There is nothing definite or conclusive about such pathways. It's just matter of where one has in the past most often seen the migrating Broad-winged hawks. There seems to be such a migration pathway crossing the Potomac River from somewhere between the American Legion Bridge and Chain Bridge, upriver to at least Violette's Lock on the C&O Canal.

In past years, I have seen very large concentrations of Broad-winged hawks even over congested Northern Virginia: over the Tysons Mall, over the Fairfax County Government center, over the Town of Vienna.

Three years ago, several birding friends and I were just finishing some early morning birding in the meadow at Riverbend Park in Great Falls, when someone looked up and said, “Look!”

We all did and saw a big kettle of Broad-winged hawks. As they started to “stream out,” we saw another kettle coming in. We stood there for perhaps 20 to 30 minutes and watched at least 2,000 Broad-winged hawks migrate by.

It was a veritable “river of raptors.” It was the most I had ever seen. The next morning, at the same place, I saw none at all.

It was pure serendipity.

**THE BEST TIMES** to look for migrating Broad-winged hawks is between Sept. 12-22 in the morning from between about 9 and 10, when they get up to start flying, and in the late afternoon, after 5, when they often come down for the night.

I often have good luck at places like the Great Falls National Park, especially on the Maryland side. The many trees there are attractive to Broadwings for overnight



PHOTO BY DONALD SWEIG

**Adult Broad-winged hawk over Great Falls. Notice the wide, white band in the tail and the black edge at the back of the wing. The annual migration of Broad-winged Hawks passes through our area approximately Sept. 12-22.**

roosting.

But one can see them almost anywhere, even in your own neighborhood, as I have in mine in Northern Virginia.

One doesn't always see them when you look. But, if you do, it is

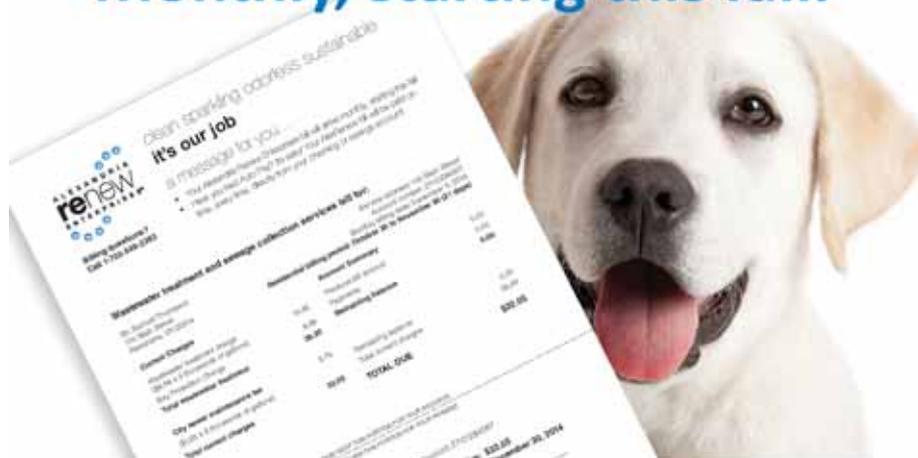
a memorable experience.

Broad-winged hawk and other raptor migration is an integral part of the annual flow of natural happenings.

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**Port City Playhouse's 37th Season.** Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Port City Playhouse will begin its 2014-15 season of outstanding plays with the premiere of *Black Hole* by Jean Koppen. Performances are Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturday, Sept. 20 and 27, at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of ten or more. Visit [portcityplayhouse.org](http://portcityplayhouse.org).

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sept. 21 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. "Influence and Inspiration: The Art League Faculty Celebrates 60 Years." Exhibit showcases Washington Color School Artists to present League faculty. Reception Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m. Exhibit open Thursdays and Fridays noon-4 p.m., Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays noon-4 p.m., and closed Mondays-Wednesdays. Visit [www.theartleague.org/content/influence\\_inspiration](http://www.theartleague.org/content/influence_inspiration) or call 703-683-1780 for more.

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**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.

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

**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.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.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.

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Camden Gonzalez plays Stanley and Anna Fagan plays Stella in "A Streetcar Named Desire" at Little Theatre of Alexandria.

## LTA Stages 'Streetcar'

Tennessee Williams' masterpiece runs for a limited engagement, Sept. 13-28.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging the iconic American masterpiece, "A Streetcar Named Desire," by Tennessee Williams from Sept. 13-28.

The original play set in the hot, steamy New Orleans was directed by Elia Kazan and ran for two years on Broadway. It won the 1948 Pulitzer Prize for drama, and launched the career of Marlon Brando in the role as Stanley. It also starred Jessica Tandy, Kim Hunter, and Karl Malden and was made into the 1951 film, starring Vivien Leigh as Blanche, that won four Academy Awards.

LTA Director Kristina Friedgen said it is now a part of the American Zeitgeist. "Its indelible mark has been left on our culture — from Marlon Brando's unforgettable cry for 'Stella!' to Blanche's famous line, 'I have always depended on the kindness of strangers,'" she said. "Something about it shakes us to our core."

She calls "Streetcar" her all-time favorite show, and jumped at the chance to impose her 'vision' on the play. "Williams has written an amazingly rich story and I'm honored to get to shape the way LTA's audience will hear it," she said. "There's just so

much to work with and definitely some room to play in order to find the right tone of the play."

She said what she was trying to accomplish was "to form a cast that really embraced these characters — their flaws, their joys, the dreams, their fears — and who could understand and portray the tension of this piece, so that we could really do justice to William's script."

Producer Elissa Hudson said she could not ask for a more perfect setting for Williams' classic than at the LTA. "When presented with the opportunity to try and capture all the nuances of a play of this stature, I knew it would prove to be an overwhelming yet extremely satisfying adventure and every day proved I was correct," she said.

"Our extremely talented director, amazing cast and crew and all associated with this production have worked so hard and will keep the audiences spellbound as they delve into the intricacies that each character brings to the stage," she said.

Actress Jennifer Berry, who plays 11 scenes as the neurotic Southern belle Blanche DuBois, describes her character: "[Blanche] is so broken by the tragedies in her past and the consequences of her bad choices

that she can no longer function or adapt to the changing world around her." She said, "She is desperate, in need of love and protection that she thinks only a man can give her."

Berry said her biggest challenge was embracing the complexity of her role. "It's challenging to live in her head and to embody all of who she is: her character, her habits, her memories. I have to experience her hurts and her laughter to create a character who can affect and react to the characters around her."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## THROUGH NOV. 21

**Young at Art.** Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345.

## TUESDAY/SEPT 2-SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**Photography Exhibit.** Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. Gallery Hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and 2-9 p.m. on Thursdays at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. E.E. McCollum will be showing images from his "Shadow Series" and Danny Conant will be showing "French Impressions." Visit [www.dannyconant.com](http://www.dannyconant.com) or [www.eemccollum.com](http://www.eemccollum.com) for more.

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**Electronic Athletics.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Opening reception is Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m. Schlesinger Center, Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. Exhibit of artwork by Eric Celarier and Glen Kessler. Free. Visit <https://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/calendar.html>.

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**The Magic of Music.** At Spring Hills Mount Vernon, 3709 Shannons Green Way, Alexandria. A flurry of musical activities will bring a broad spectrum of entertaining and educational musical events to Spring Hills Mount Vernon Assisted Living Community. The highlight of the week is the "Spring Hills Got Talent Show," featuring performances by residents, staff and community members on Sunday, September 7 at 6 p.m. The public is welcome. Call 703-780-7100 or visit [www.springhillsmountvernon.com](http://www.springhillsmountvernon.com).

## SEPT. 9-OCT. 14

**Art Gallery.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. In "Architectural Interpretation," artists create fiber art inspired by architecture. Free. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartgallery.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

**Visiting Artist Speaker Series.** 5-7 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Hear from two of this year's visiting artists as they speak about their work and inspirations. Sarah Chittenden discusses her experiments with feathering, flowing, color and design in light. Joseph Cavaliere will speak about his work with silk-screened glass. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**40th Anniversary Book Signing.** 6-9 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. In honor of four decades of history, creativity, and collaboration, the Torpedo Factory Artist Association published the new book "40 Years of Art and Community." A number of artists will

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**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m., Fridays, through Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm) for more.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

**Del Ray Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net) for more.

**Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.4mrmarket.org/](http://www.4mrmarket.org/) for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket) for more.

be on-hand to sign a copy during September's Second Thursday Art Night. RSVP to ensure receive a copy is available. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

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**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Ellie Holcomb performs, opens for Amy Grant. Visit [www.ellieholcomb.com](http://www.ellieholcomb.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Nature Presentation.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. "Native Woodland Grasses and Glades of Forested Natural Communities," a presentation by Rod Simmons. Free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary for lectures. Call 703 642-5173 for more.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Melissa Ferrick opened by Natalia Zukerman. \$25. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**Model Soldier Figure Show & Exhibit.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Thomas Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road. Exhibition of hundreds of model soldiers; sci-fi/fantasy; ordnance creations; over 100 vendor tables selling figure kits, toy soldiers, Russian-painted figures, fantasy figures, plastic models, military history books, videos, military music, and militaria. \$10/competitor, \$7/Display-only, \$5/under 18; \$7/general admission, \$3/13-17, under 12 free. Visit [www.ncmss.org](http://www.ncmss.org) for more.

**Craft and Family Fun Fair.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Connect with old friends and neighbors. Cold drinks and luncheon items from the St. Luke's grill will be available, along with a gourmet bake sale featuring cakes, pies, cookies and brownies made by St. Luke's finest cooks. There also will be fresh produce from a nearby farm. Entertainment will be provided by a guest guitarist and two local pianists. For children, there will be a moon-bounce, face-painting and games. Visit [www.saintlukeschurch.net](http://www.saintlukeschurch.net) or call 703-765-4342 for more.

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount

Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket) for more.

**Mobile Art Lab.** Noon-11 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory along the City Marina. Working in collaboration with local and regional artists, the Mobile Art Lab provides arts access throughout Alexandria by going directly to the people. Using a surplus truck from Arlington, the Mobile Art Lab has art supplies and equipment that will enable quality, engaging arts programs to happen anywhere in the City. To find out where the Mobile Art Lab will be next, follow on Twitter @AlexArtLab or contact Diane Ruggiero at [diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov](mailto:diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-5590.

## Alexandria Multicultural Fest.

Noon-4 p.m. at the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. Designed to bring community members together to celebrate Alexandria's diversity, the Alexandria Multicultural Fest features entertainment for all ages including live music and activities representing the region's cultures. Admission is free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation), or contact Kelly Gilfillen, Marketing Manager, at 703-746-4644 or [Kelly.Gilfillen@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Kelly.Gilfillen@alexandriava.gov).

## "Victorian Mourning Practices."

Lecture at 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. The program will include a display of mourning jewelry, as well as clothing. Visit Victorian Society members as they picnic on the cemetery lawn, as was the practice of the day and learn about more customs. The lecture and display will be in the vault at Ivy Hill Cemetery. \$10 per person. Call 301-395-9541 or 703-549-7413 for more.

**Live Music: The Manhattans.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3071 Mount Vernon Ave. The Manhattans perform. \$49.50. Visit [www.kissandsaygoodbye.com](http://www.kissandsaygoodbye.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEPT 13-24

**Senior Olympics.** 19 locations. Participants must be 50 years old by Dec. 30, 2014. Deadline to register is Aug. 29 by mail, and Sept. 5 online. Registration is \$12, additional fees may apply. To find a location and register, visit a local senior center, or visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S.

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**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Paul Thorn Band. Prices range. Visit [www.paulthorn.com](http://www.paulthorn.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 15

**Stop, Drop & Roll — Call for Participants.** 6:30 p.m. at Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. A practice and performance project for two groups in an opposing structure of athletic-inspired movement. Rehearsals take place Monday, Sept. 15 and 22. Performance is Wednesday, Sept. 24. Free. Email [janefranklindance@gmail.com](mailto:janefranklindance@gmail.com) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

**Antiques Club Program.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will have an informal program where members will "Bring Your Summer Find," or bring an antique from their home for show and tell. Free, the public is invited. Call Ann Connell at 703-360-4979.

**Heel and Wheels.** 4-8 p.m. at Beyer Automotive Group, 7416 Richmond Highway. Experience driving the Nationwide Insurance NASCAR simulator and visit vehicles from fire and police departments. \$10. Visit [www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com) for more.

**Celebrate Recovery Month.** 4-7 p.m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Join Alexandrians as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of National Recovery Month at a family celebration featuring food, music, a moon bounce, snow cones, popcorn and a variety of speakers, some of whom will talk about their own experiences with mental illness, addiction or both. The "Art Uniting People" exhibit, experience recovery through art can also be visited inside the Center. Visit the Mental Health Anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign Facebook page for more.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

**Ford Evening Book Talks.** 7 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Ave. A book talk that features authors and historians discussing their latest books about George Washington and the nation's founding era. Space is limited and registration is required. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gary Puckett & the Union Gap performs live. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 19-20

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Wailin' Jennys. \$39.50. Visit [www.thewailinjennys.com](http://www.thewailinjennys.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

**Art and Craft Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at

St. James' Episcopal Church of Mount Vernon, 5614 Old Mill Road. The Art and Craft Fair offers a wide variety of art and crafts from a variety of local and regional artists and vendors, plus food and fun for the whole family. Visit [www.stjamesmv.org](http://www.stjamesmv.org) or call 703-780-3081.

### Living Legends Theater Night at MetroStage.

7 p.m. reception, 8 p.m. play, at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., in North Old Town. In observance of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, the occasion will honor those Living Legends of Alexandria who played key roles in fostering civil rights in Alexandria in the '60s. The play, "Three Sistahs" is an elegant, intimate musical which exposes the souls of three strong women as they reflect the promise of the future while revealing the pain of the present and their regrets of the past. \$75 (tickets held at door). Purchase tickets at [llatheatrenight.eventbrite.com](http://llatheatrenight.eventbrite.com).

**Live Music: Slaid Cleaves.** 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, between Fort Hunt Road and Route 1. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents Americana/folk singer-songwriter Slaid Cleaves, with Mary Gordon Hall. Tickets are \$20 general, \$18 in advance at [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

**Mount Vernon Marketplace.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Visit a recreation of an early American marketplace with crafts, entertainment and more. Try your hand at 18th century cricket and enjoy evening programs. Children \$9, adults \$18. Call 703-780-2000; 703-799-8697 or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org) for more.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

**Jazz Concert.** 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alford St. Yvonne Johnson will be perform for the Jazz at Meade Concert Series. Johnson, local artist, pianist, songwriter, was composing music for local theatres by the age of fifteen. Johnson will soon be releasing her new project, "Malcolm's Set." \$15. Call 703-549-1334, email [jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org](mailto:jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org) or visit [www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org).

**Bellydance Evolution.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Step into the world of Alice in Wonderland as Bellydance Evolution brings this classic tale to life through world fusion and Middle Eastern dance. Tickets are \$29.50 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 800-745-3000. Visit [www.BellydanceEvolution.com](http://www.BellydanceEvolution.com) or call 818-754-1760.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 22

**Agenda: Alexandria at the Hermitage.** 6:30 p.m. The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave."Arts in Alexandria: The Torpedo Factory and Beyond" with Randy Cohen, Vice President, Americans for the Arts; Matthew Stensrud, Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts; and Eric Wallner, Chief Executive Officer, The Torpedo Factory Arts Center. Reception, 6:30; dinner, 6:45 p.m. Members \$37, nonmembers \$42. Program only 7:15, free to members; \$5 for nonmembers. Reservations required, call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or email [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com).

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

**Stop, Drop & Roll.** 7 p.m. at Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. A performance project for two groups in an opposing structure of athletic-inspired movement. Free. Email [janefranklindance@gmail.com](mailto:janefranklindance@gmail.com).



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Jennifer Berry plays Blanche and Anna Fagan plays Stella in "A Streetcar Named Desire."

## 'Streetcar' Takes the Stage at Little Theatre

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Actor Camden Gonzales, who plays the brutish and sensual role of Stanley Kowalski, said it's not easy to play a brute. "I consider myself to be a considerate and caring guy ... and for this role, I've really had to tap into the deepest and darkest parts of my soul to find that primal personality," he said. "While on the surface Stanley may appear like an ape, deep down he truly is just as fragile as any of us."

Actor Marshall Shirley, who plays the role of the friend Mitch, said, "He is the polar opposite of Stanley — where Stanley shows his manliness to the world, Mitch keeps everything close to the chest," he

said. "Stanley is loud, commanding and needs to be worshipped. Mitch is quiet, submissive and craves adoration."

He said that liking Stanley was the biggest challenge for him. "I see him as such a weak man with no real redeeming qualities I had to find reasons to be his friend," he said. "I would have ended the relationship with Stanley the first time I saw him go after Stella."

"A Streetcar Named Desire" is playing from Sept. 13-28 at the Little Theater of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Showtimes for this limited engagement are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. \$19-\$22. Call 703-683-0496 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

[www.maysa.com](http://www.maysa.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tower of Power. \$55. Visit [www.towerofpower.com](http://www.towerofpower.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT 25-OCT 5

**Arts on the Horizon.** 10:30 a.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Imagine a theatrical world designed especially for babies and young toddlers to enjoy, inspired by the wonders of the rainforest. Whistling flowers, a clacking caterpillar, and brightly colored umbrella birds await. Under the Canopy is a 20-minute, interactive, nonverbal show geared for children 0-2 (and their 3-4 year old pals). Performances are Sept. 25-26, 28, and Oct. 1-3, 5. Tickets are \$5 for children and adults and can be purchased online at [www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) or at the door on the day of the performance. Call the box office at 703-967-0437.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

**Live Music.** 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Maysa performs. \$55.00. Visit

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys. \$35. Visit <http://drralphstanleymusic.com> or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1

**Live Music: Uriah Heep.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Uriah Heep. \$39.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500 for more.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 2

**Ford Evening Book Talks.** 7 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Ave. A book talk that features authors and historians discussing their latest books about George Washington and the nation's founding era. Space is limited and registration is required. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.



# Back-to-School Event Held at Community Center

Free book bags and school supplies distributed.

Local leaders held a back-to-school cook-out at the Community Center at 3801 Mt. Vernon Ave. on Aug. 28. Back packs and school supplies were distributed by Alexandria Vice-Mayor Allison Silberberg, Del. Alphonso Lopez, state Sen. Adam Ebbin, Arlington County Public Schools Board Vice-Chair Dr. Emma Violand-Sánchez, and several city councilmembers as well as Arlington County Board Member Walter Tejada.

Music was provided by volunteers Salvador Moran and Silvio Solis while families enjoyed barbeque food and socialized.

Of the 30,000 children who have fled Central America because of life-threatening conditions, nearly 500 of those minors are held in detention centers and released to family members and sponsors living in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including Arlington and Alexandria while they await hearings on their immigration status.

"There is a way to address this issue and it begins with compassion and the desire to deal humanely with unaccompanied children," said Mayor Bill Euille of Alexandria in a prepared statement.

"All children should have access to safety and opportunity and the opportunity to improve their lives," he added.

— VERONICA BRUNO



Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg talks to students while handing out supplies.



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Naydlis Hernandez, 9; Perla Hernandez, 10, and Carla Salavia, 15, from T.C. Williams check out their new backpacks.

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# NEWS



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## Correction

LaVerne Spencer was playing with her cousin outside her family's home in the 300 block of S. Alfred Street when the five African American men were arrested at the Alexandria Library on Aug. 21, 1939. She was not on N. Columbus Street as published in "Library Sit-In: 75 Years Later" in the Aug. 28, Gazette Packet.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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Adams Elementary School, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, Charles Barrett Recreation Center, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Cora Kelly Recreation Center, Mount Vernon Recreation Center, Patrick Henry Recreation Center and William Ramsay Recreation Center.

- ❖ Power-Up for grades 6-8 is offered at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, weekdays from 3:15-6 p.m. A transportation option is available for students attending George Washington Middle School.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

**Prevention of Blindness Society Meeting.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn how houses and apartments can be designed with greater safety, comfort and convenience. Call 703-746-1762.

**Working Group Inaugural Meeting.** 7-9:30 p.m. in City Hall, Sister Cities Conference Room 1101, 301 King St. Dominion Virginia Power has a proposal to construct a new 230-kilovolt underground transmission line between Alexandria and Arlington in the vicinity of Jefferson Davis Highway and Potomac Yard. This meeting will review the mission for the working

group and receive a presentation from Dominion Virginia Power on the need for the project. Open to the public. Visit alexandriava.gov/DVP230KV or contact Maurice Daly at Maurice.Daly@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4048.

**Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Policy Sorting Workshop.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Recreation Center, 4643 Taney Ave. Policy will be explained and categories of service will be sorted according to the amount of community benefit they provide. Space limited, RSVP to Bryan Williams at bryan.williams@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-5557.

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

**Regional Economy Discussion.** Noon-2 p.m. at National PTA, 1250 East Pitt Street, #1. This session, sponsored by the Nonprofit Roundtable, will feature the report's co-authors from The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis and the DC Fiscal Policy Institute, discussing issues faced by low and moderate income households in Northern Virginia and offering recommendations for how to address them. This is a free event, but registration is requested. Visit <http://nonprofitroundtable.org/news-events/events/event/603> to register.

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# Witness to Change: Before and After Segregation

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in the late 1970s, he began to get involved by joining the NAACP where he served on the legal redress committee, and the Urban League Board, where he served on the education committee.

"Then Jim Moran asked me to serve on the school board," he said.

In those days school board members were appointed by the city council and he was sure he would not be approved. At Vol-

Lawson's urging, he went to the hearing but came away convinced he would not be chosen only to learn the next day he was.

Campbell talked about Carlton Funn and the role he played in preserving and teaching black history in Alexandria when he became appalled over the distortions in Virginia history books that were used in school. Campbell noted the city's role as a port heavily involved in the slave trade. He pointed out the Urban League has a mu-

seum at 1315 Duke St. where slaves were sold and were held in the basement after they had arrived. "My great grandmother was a freed slave," he said. She lived in Gainesville, Va.

But he also talked about his father who taught him to stand up for himself while sitting down.

His father was a King Street deliveryman who then went to work at Virginia Electric Supply where he was the first black sales-

man.

"In those days G C Murphy's (a five and ten) had a white lunch counter in the back and a stand-up counter where blacks could eat.

One day I went into the store and my father was sitting there at the counter." Campbell was surprised and his father's response was "I fought for this country. I will not go to jail for eating a sandwich." He didn't and no one ever bothered him.



**Nelson Greene Sr.**

## Celebrating Civil Rights Act

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, Living Legends will honor those legends both black and white who fought for civil rights in Alexandria during the '60s. They include Ferdinand Day, Nelson Greene Sr., Melvin Miller, Connie Ring, Patsy Ticer, Gwen Menefee Smith and Dorothy Turner. Tribute will also be paid to the memories of civil rights activists Mel Bergheim and Vola Lawson.

They will be recognized at Living Legends of Alexandria Theatre Night at MetroStage, Saturday, Sept. 20, The play will be "Three Sistahs" a musi-

cal which exposes the souls of three strong women as they reflect the promise of the future while revealing the pain of the present and their regrets of the past.

The reception is at 7 p.m. and the play begins at 8. Tickets are \$75 and will be held at the door. Register online at [lathreatnight.eventbrite.com](http://lathreatnight.eventbrite.com) or send a ticket order and payment to Living Legends, 400 Washington Street, #300, Alexandria, VA, 22314.

Metro Stage is located in North Old Town at 1201 N. Royal St.



**Patsy Ticer**



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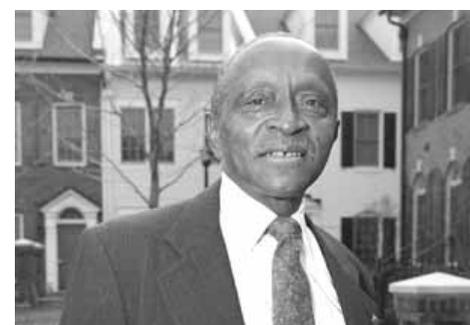
**Ferdinand Day**



**Vola Lawson**



**Gwen Menefee Smith and Dorothy Turner**



**Melvin Miller**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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environmental peril.

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T.C. Williams quarterback Darius Holland threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score against Dunbar on Sept. 6.



T.C. Williams junior Colson Jenkins runs with the ball during Saturday's contest against Dunbar.

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## TC's Athleticism Leads to Victory over Dunbar

Senior kicker Smith becomes first female to score for Titans.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**.C. Williams trailed by a touchdown in the second quarter of its season opener against Dunbar on Sept. 6 when Titans quarterback Darius Holland launched a laser beam of a pass toward intended receiver Jaelin Brown.

The ball ricocheted off Brown and landed right in the hands of Titan teammate Colson Jenkins, who made his way into the end zone for a 43-yard touchdown.

Just like they drew it up, right?

The T.C. Williams football team labored through a hot and humid afternoon, making victory more difficult to attain than it probably should have been. The Titans turned the ball over. They allowed

the visitors from Washington, D.C. to hang around. But at the end of the day, T.C. Williams used its superior athleticism and a little luck to pull out a season-opening win.

The T.C. Williams Titans defeated the

Dunbar Crimson Tide 28-19 on Saturday. T.C. struggled offensively at times, but the Titans' athleticism allowed them to make something out of nothing. Holland completed just 6 of 17 passes, but those six completions resulted in 121 yards and a pair of touchdowns. The senior also rushed 12 times for 93 yards and a touchdown.

Holland, a physical runner listed at 6 feet 3, 185 pounds, said his instincts and athleticism can sometimes get him out of trouble.

"I think it's more instinctive," Holland said of his play-making ability. "Coach tells me not to overthink stuff. Make it as simple as possible. Sometimes I overthink it and just let my athleticism do the rest."

T.C. Williams trailed by six late in the second quarter, when Holland connected with running back Mahlique Booth for a 17-yard touchdown, giving the Titans a 14-13 lead they would not relinquish.

"I think it boosted the morale," Booth said of his second-quarter touchdown. "It most definitely gave us some forward momentum going into the second half."

Booth, a junior, also rushed 17 times for 98 yards and a touchdown, but said he needs to step up his game.

"I've just got to make sure I work hard and do a lot better job than I've been do-

**"When [Coach Jones] just said, 'Brianna, go,' I went numb. I was like, you know what, we do this in practice every single day. It's just like practice. I went out and scored."**

— T.C. Williams kicker Brianna Smith



T.C. Williams running back had a rushing touchdown and a receiving score during the Titans' 28-19 win over Dunbar on Sept. 6.

ing, because I've been slacking on some of my responsibilities," he said. "Knowing that I am the starting running back, I have to pick it up because I should be a leader of this team."

Booth's rushing touchdown was an 18-yard run with 55 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

"They're very athletic," T.C. Williams head coach Dennis Randolph said of Holland and Booth. "That's why we run the offense that we do and we have those people in those positions. We have to take what the defense gives us. We don't have the kind of people

who are going to overpower people."

Similar to when the ball bounced off a teammate to Jenkins for a touchdown in the first half, the Titans had another miscue in the second half that turned to gold. Leading 14-13 early in the fourth quarter, T.C. Williams lined up to attempt a 33-yard field goal, when holder Chris Gannon bobbled the snap. However, Gannon alertly picked up the ball and ran down to the 1-yard line for a first down. On the next play, Holland ran around right end for a touchdown.

Senior kicker Brianna Smith booted the ensuing extra point through the uprights, making her the first female T.C. Williams football player to score a point.

"I waited for four years for this," Smith said, "so it's just awesome to finally have that happen."

Smith said she knew that no other female player had scored for the Titans. When her opportunity came, she converted.

"When [Coach Jones] just said, 'Brianna, go,' I went numb," she said. "I was like, you know what, we do this in practice every single day. It's just like practice. I went out and scored."

Randolph said he was pleased Smith got an opportunity to kick.

"I'm very happy for Brianna," Randolph said. "Right now, she's the second- or third-best kicker on the team and we found an opportunity to get her in there. After putting all the work in, she deserves a chance to get in there and kick a little bit. I'm very happy for that. I'm always looking for a way to get her involved and make her feel like everything that she's done is worth it."

T.C. Williams will host Oakton at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13.

# Hard Times's Jim Parker Dies at 69

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"My grandfather learned how to make chili from a chuck wagon cook along the Chisholm Trail at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century," Fred Parker said. "He taught my grandmother the recipe, who taught my aunt Irma, who opened the roadhouse in Oklahoma. It was her recipe that sparked Jim's love for chili."

Despite the detours of college and an early career in music, Jim Parker took his chili very seriously, winning competitions across the country for his various chili, salsa and chili verde recipes.

Along with his wife Monica, they would win more than 100 national awards, including first place in the New York City Chili Cookoff earlier this year.

"He keeps track of the beans and I'm just the pretty face," Fred Parker would often say wryly, noting that Jim was also the financial officer for the Hard Times restaurants.

Known as "Doctor Chili" for constantly checking the temperature of his recipes, Jim Parker never lost his passion for chili, counting beans both literally and figuratively even as he faced a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. He died Sept. 6 at the age of 69.

Born July 24, 1945 in West Palm Beach, Fla., James Robert Parker was the second son of Frederic Thompson Parker and Lois Goodfellow Parker, born four years after his older brother Fred.

"Our Dad was in the service so we lived in Nassau and Hawaii before settling in Northern Virginia," Fred Parker said.

Jim Parker attended Wakefield High School, graduating in 1963 before heading off to Transylvania College in Lexington, Ky., where he earned a degree in music. It was also where his passion for chili grew with his discovery of Cincinnati chili.

A gifted musician specializing on keyboards and bass, Jim Parker spent time in



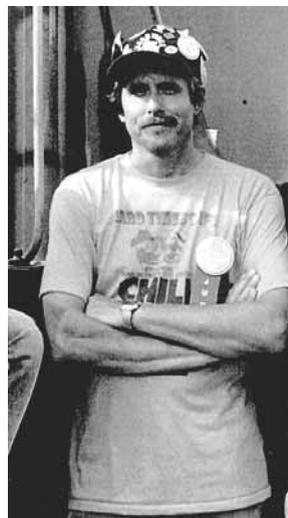
**An accomplished musician, Parker gained national acclaim as the bass player in the popular '70s band Fat City.**



**Fred and Jim Parker (at right) enjoy one of Jim's many award-winning chili recipes.**



**Jim Parker climbs a ladder in July of 1980 to hang a sign on the former storefront church that would become the first Hard Times Café in Old Town, Alexandria.**



**Jim Parker's lifelong passion for chili won him accolades across the country.**



**Brothers Fred and Jim Parker, together here as young boys in Hawaii, were business partners and lifelong best friends.**

New York City following his graduation and for a summer was the music director for the

Yarmouth Playhouse on Cape Cod. After returning to Alexandria, he gained national acclaim as the bass player for Bill and Taffy Danoff's D.C.-based band Fat City.

In 1980, Jim Parker was working as a financial officer at a consulting firm in Adams Morgan when his big brother "talked him into the chili business."

"At the beginning, I was working with an accounting firm when Fred said he wanted to start this restaurant," Jim Parker said when interviewed during Hard Times Café's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2010. "I figured it would be a great accounting laboratory. But I also did a lot of dishwashing when people didn't show up for work."

Over the years, Jim Parker gave back to the community that allowed him to pursue his passion, donating his time and chili to

numerous charities and fundraisers. For many years, he held a chili cookoff at Oronoco Bay Park to benefit the National Kidney Foundation.

"He took the cancer diagnosis well," Fred Parker said. "And with some humor, he would answer my phone calls with 'I'm not dead yet.' He kept working and doing what he loved right to the very end."

Jim Parker is survived by his wife Monica, brother Fred, sister-in-law Carol, nephews Ned and Jonathan Parker, and five kittens brought back from a trip to Mexico 10 years ago. "Those are our children," Monica Parker said.

In accordance with his wishes, no memorial service is planned.

"I feel extremely fortunate that the Cafe has done so well," Jim Parker said during the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

"Because of the support of this community, we have been able to provide employment for so many excellent employees over the years. I will always be very grateful for that."

## Remembering African American Troops

In 1864 with the establishment of the Alexandria Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery, burials included those of black soldiers. African American soldiers recuperating in local hospitals petitioned that the black soldiers be reinterred with honor in the newly created Alexandria National Cemetery. The bodies were exhumed, moved and reburied in the military cemetery in January 1865.

On Sept. 2, members of Alexandria, Virginia Universal Lodge #1 Prince Hall Masons placed flags honoring the Civil War U.S. Colored Troops buried in the National Cemetery in Alexandria. The placing of flags was part of the ceremonies and dedication of The Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery events in the city. Assisting the Masons were children and recreation staff from the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. Also assisting was Lance Mallamo, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria.



**Children from the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center place flags on the gravesites of those men who fought in the U.S. Civil War serving in U.S. Colored Troops.**



**Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria Lance Mallamo poses with volunteers at the Alexandria National Cemetery after decorating the gravesites of the soldiers from the U.S. Colored Troops.**

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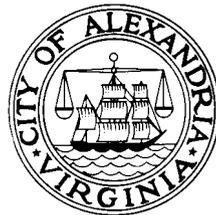
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE approving and authorizing (1) the acquisition of property by the City of Alexandria at 204 Strand Street from Anita Mann, Trustee and 208 Strand Street from Jane Caster Sweeney, Trustee; (2) the exchange of undefined potential alley access way rights between City of Alexandria and multiple property owners in the 200 block of Strand Street; and (3) the exchange of property between the City of Alexandria at 0 Prince Street, 200 Strand Street and a portion of 204 Strand Street and associated and extended riparian rights and the Old Dominion Boat Club at 1 King Street, 2 King Street and association riparian rights, and adjacent property claims.

The proposed ordinance authorizes the property transfers necessary to effectuate the Property Acquisition and Exchange Agreement with the ODBC and the implementation of the Waterfront Plan.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-431 (Creation, composition, and organization) of Article C (Historic Alexandria Resources Commission) of Chapter 4 (Committees, Boards and Commissions) of Title 2 (General Government) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The purpose of this ordinance is to update the list of groups that are members of that are the members of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC) with the new name of two of the commissions and to address other typos.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire), Division 2 (Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance follows the direction given staff by Council at the November 12, 2012 legislative session and amends Section 9-12-30 and -31 to remove driver transfer provisions.

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of Trade took that optimism and ran with it, giving a speech that hyped the many "cool factors" of the D.C. metro region.

He cited Forbes magazine recently voting that area "America's Coolest City."

He cited things like Bao Bao the infant panda at the National Zoo, Robert Griffin III, Maryland joining the Big Ten major college football conference (and more importantly the Big Ten Network) and capital bike-sharing program that leads the nation in users per capita.

He cited things like numerous top tier universities, the juggernaut of cyber job-creating — NSA at Fort Meade — and being the hospitality capital of the world.

Things that, presumably, should be drawing young, family-oriented and financially stable professionals to the area, or keeping them here.

"You have to get your head around the Big Ten," Dineagar gave an example. "The BTN reaches 52 million households. We're not exposed to the Midwest the way we have been in the ACC. We're on radar screens now we haven't ever been on."

According to Dr. Michael Frantoni of the Mortgage Bankers Association, having a greater overall pull would be helpful to attract fresh capital to the nation's capital. The national trend, he said, is decreased mobility: Recent census data shows that aside from family-related moves, people are staying put more than they used to.

"Moving to a better neighborhood? If anything, people are moving to save money. But they're not aspirational movers," he said.

Or maybe they are aspirational movers, but are saving money by living with their parents. That group would be the mercurial, hard to put a finger on, mid-20s to mid-30s bracket referred to as "millennials." And they're a key group, being well situated with academic and professional experience to fill the \$40-\$70,000 a year private sector jobs Versal said should be driving the regional economy going forward.

However, said Frantoni, "They're different in all kinds of ways. They get married later, have children later, come home later. Everything is later. We don't know why."

**A MILLENNIAL'S HESITANCY** to buy property probably doesn't have much to do with the projected rise in interest rates from 4.3 percent for a 30-year fixed mortgage rate in 2013 up to 5 percent in 2015. But it may have something to do with the fact that student loan debt has ballooned in the last decade from \$200 billion to over \$1 trillion, according to Frantoni.

None of the panelists expects dramatic changes in the next several years. We're off the roller coaster, they all concurred. We're still here.

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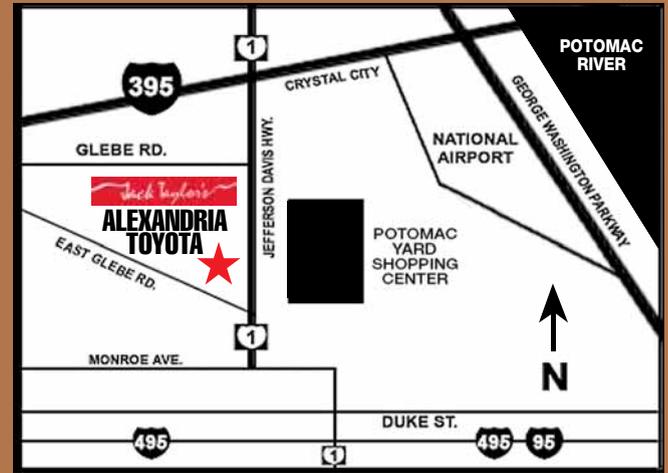
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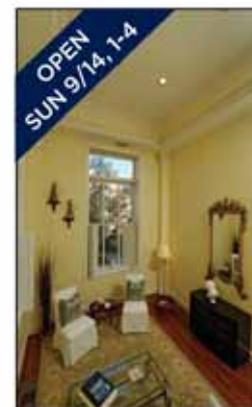


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