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# Christine Garner

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### DEL RAY

**\$1,187,000**

A spacious 2 story addition has transformed this beautiful 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath 1930's home. Set back from the road with perennial gardens and a manicured lawn. Gracious living room with fireplace and formal dining room. Kitchen with granite counters and breakfast bar with adjoining sunroom and family room with vaulted ceilings, wet bar and fireplace. Glass doors open to a fabulous screened porch and deck with stairs to the yard. Upper level with 4 bedrooms including the Master suite with vaulted ceiling, walk-in closet and a luxury bath. Finished attic with bedroom and full bath plus a lower level guest/nanny suite with kitchen!



### COLLEGE PARK - COMING SOON

**\$1,075,000**

Gorgeous 5 bedroom, 4 bath craftsman home with approx. 3,500 sq. ft. of well designed living space on a large professionally landscaped lot with extensive hardscape. Foyer entry welcomes you to the living room with stone fireplace and formal dining room with wet bar. Gourmet kitchen and adjoining family room with French doors to the beautiful patio, ideal for outdoor entertaining. Main level bedroom with full bath and 2nd level with 3 bedrooms including a fabulous Owner's Suite with sitting area, 2 walk-in closets and luxury en suite bath. Spacious 3rd level with full bath is ideal for a 5th bedroom or 2nd family room.



### DEL RAY

**\$1,049,000**

Spacious 5 bedroom, 3 bath home with approx. 3500 sq. ft. of living space, a 2 car detached garage and ideal location! Lot's of 1920's charm with handsome wainscoting, crown molding and custom woodwork throughout. Gracious foyer entry with French doors to the dining room with fireplace and dining room. Large eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar and Palladian window looking out to the lovely fenced yard with elliptical stone patio. Main level bedroom with full bath and 4 upper level bedrooms with 2 full baths. Lower level recreation room, ample closet and storage space.



### POTOMAC GREENS

**\$949,000**

Spectacular 3 bedroom, 3.55 bath townhouse with attached 2 car garage with over 3,400 sq. ft. of luxury living. Desirable open floor plan featuring 9' ceilings, crown moulding and wainscoting, 2 sided fireplace and gleaming hardwood floors on main and lower levels. Chef's kitchen with granite center island and breakfast area. Upper level with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths including the Master suite with 2 walk-in closets and luxury en suite bath. The 4th level has a spacious family room with full bath and access to a roof top deck! Entry level with foyer, recreation room and study. Convenient to parks and playground, shops and restaurants. 2 lights to D.C.!



### DEL RAY

**\$869,000**

Totally renovated and expanded 3 bedroom, 3 bath bungalow with garage ideally located just a few blocks from METRO, shops & restaurants in Del Ray and Old Town. Over 2400 sq. ft. of well designed living space with tall ceilings, light filled rooms, gleaming hardwood floors and quality finishes throughout. Living/dining room with gas fireplace. Fabulous Great Room with gourmet kitchen, breakfast area and family room with french doors to a large deck, yard and spacious detached garage with workshop/storage space. Two main level bedrooms and 2 full baths including the Master suite with 2 large walk-in closets and a luxury bath with double vanities and oversize shower. Lower level with access to the driveway features a spacious 3rd bedroom, full bath, storage & laundry room.



### DEL RAY

**\$799,500**

Wonderfully updated 2/3 bedroom, 2.5 bath bungalow with off street parking just blocks from 2 Metro stations. Lots of "Old World" charm yet updated with today's modern amenities. Welcoming front porch and foyer entry with half bath. Light filled living room and formal dining room with adjoining sunroom and kitchen. Kitchen features granite counters and breakfast bar, SS appliances and 42" Maple cabinets and has access to the driveway for easy unloading of groceries. Upper level with 2 bedrooms and gorgeous bath with heated floors, double vanity and oversize shower. Lower level with tall ceilings, full bath and walk-in closet is perfect for a family room or guest suite. Large fenced yard with huge shed and patio.



### QUAKER RIDGE

**\$639,000**

Deceivingly spacious 6 bedroom, 5 bath home attached garage on a large level lot. Two story foyer entry with skylight welcomes you to the living room with bay window and gas fireplace. Dining room opens to kitchen with granite breakfast bar, SS appliances and 42" natural Cherry cabinets. Two main level bedrooms with 2 baths and 2 upper bedrooms with 2 baths including the Owner's Suite with luxury en suite bath and walk-in closet. Lower level with outdoor access features 2 bedrooms, full bath, kitchenette, family room and bonus room. Large fenced yard with brick patio and deck.



### OLD TOWN/BEARINGS SOUTH

**\$259,000**

Beautifully updated 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in great location just a couple of blocks from south side shops, restaurants and the riverfront biking/jogging trail! Living room and separate dining room with adjacent kitchen featuring granite counters, SS appliances including a wine fridge. Updated bath with vessel sink and bedroom with 2 closets plus a large walk-in in the hallway. Hardwood floors throughout, assigned parking and 1 Year Warranty.



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We proofread, but occasionally we make mistakes, so to make a game of it, we encourage you to find the errors we missed.

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BARBARA JUSZCZYK caught the most - 16 to be exact! Barbara wins a \$25 gift certificate from Greenstreet Gardens!



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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

I'm still asked almost daily so it's probably time I explain again why we are called the Zebra Press. I wanted a "horse of a different stripe" in our town, a printed product that shared the good news about your businesses and your kids and pets and our community, spiked up with a few interesting tidbits enjoyable no matter where you lived.

We deliver to individual homes as well as businesses and to restaurants and high-traffic destinations within the area and would be happy to add your street or location to our delivery route at any time. Just call or email us.

I'm also taking a run at beefing up our presence on the social media landscape, and I ask you to join us by



liking our page the Zebra on facebook and twitter. We post a whole bunch of interesting things that don't always make it to the printed version.

Enjoy our April edition, and as always I can be contacted directly at any time for suggestions!

Here's to beautiful blooms, bright skies and warm weather!

— Mary Wadland

WHAT BUGS ME

I can't begin to tell you how many restaurants I have been at where my server comes to the table and asks: Are you still working on that? I am assuming the server is referring to whether I have finished eating my meal. When I sit down for a meal, I may eat, dine, consume or sup. What I don't do is work. When did eating

become work? Servers, please just ask me if I am finished with my meal or if I am done eating. Thanks.

Do you have a something that bugs you? Send me your pet peeve and see it in print. debbyc@thezebrapress.com

— Debby Critchley



Zebra Spotted on waterfront in Pasadena, MD

Teri Sade was caught catching some rays and reading through her copy of the March Zebra in Pasadena, MD.

Send photos of Zebra read around the world, and we'll publish them as well as send you a gift certificate from an area restaurant or retailer. Submit to editor@thezebrapress.com with a caption.

Teri just picked up a \$25 gift certificate from Del Ray Variety!



In this 2014 photo, 96-year-old Edith Hill and 95-year-old Eddie Harrison enjoy their home in Annandale, Va. A judge said Hill should be returned to her longtime Northern Virginia home after Cher promised to pay to fix it up.  
Photo by Matthew Barakat, The Associated Press

## CHER 'MOONSTRUCK' OVER LOCAL WOMAN'S PLIGHT

Cher, the singer and actress, is coming Alexandria to the rescue of a 96-year-old Virginia woman who wants to return to her Alexandria home after losing her sweetheart, according to *The New York Times* and other media outlets.

It's the stuff of romance: Edith Hill, 96, married Eddie Harrison, 95, after the two met in line buying a lottery ticket together. The two were newlyweds, married last year in Alexandria.

The two made headlines because of their age when they married, and the fact that they were an interracial couple. Hill is black and Harrison, who died in December, was white.

The two were separated last year, after a family squabble. Not all family members approved of the marriage, saying Hill was suffering from dementia at the time. The couple's marriage got caught up in a court dispute, after one of Hill's daughters said her mother's dementia was clouding decisions about her care and home.

Their story made headlines across the country. A court decision in December separated the newlyweds. Two weeks after Hill moved to Florida to live with one of her daughters, Harrison passed away. Now, Hill wants to return to her home in Alexandria and to make that happen, who's coming to the rescue? Cher, *The Washington Post* reported.

"This whole thing is a travesty, what happens to old people," Cher told *The New York Times*.

"Once they do the repairs and she comes back home, it's going to be bittersweet because she only wanted to be with him."

The entertainer was captured by Hill's romantic story last year when she saw it on the news, she said. In addition to stepping in to pay for updating the home on Alexandria's Princess Street, Cher also reportedly plans to help with expenses of hiring someone to care for Hill.

"Mom's coming home!" said Hill's daughter, Rebecca Wright, of Annandale. Wright had been the biggest supporter of Hill and Harrison's marriage.

In December, a court-appointed guardian for Hill, Jessica Niesen, had Hill moved to Florida to live with another daughter. Harrison stayed in Virginia. Later that month, Harrison died.

"He actually gave his life to this effort," Wright said of Harrison and his battle to have his union with Hill recognized and to live with his wife. Wright said he was heartbroken when Hill was moved to Florida and gloomy about his prospects of ever seeing her again. The two had been companions for more than a decade before they married.

The custody case over Hill remains ongoing, despite the judge's order that Hill be returned to Alexandria. Wright says Alexandria is the best place for her mother, and the place that her mother says she wants to spend the rest of her days — her church is here, along with her home and other places she loves.

## CITY BRIEFS



The Old Dominion Boat Club in less turbulent times.  
Courtesy photo

### Plan Approved for "New" Old Dominion Boat Club

City Council unanimously approved the new building, the architecture and the design of the surrounding areas that include the parking lot and grounds.

The relocation project is part of the property transfer agreement between ODBC and the City in order to relocate the existing club house and parking lot from its current King Street location, thus opening up that site for implementation of the Waterfront Plan's recommendation for a new public park at the foot of King Street know as Fitzgerald Square.

This is a major step towards the realization of the City's Waterfront Plan," said Mayor William D. Euille. "This project came about from good faith negotiations and perseverance from both parties."

### Rob Krupicka Calls Public Office a Day

Rob Krupicka announced that he does not plan to run again for the Virginia House of Delegates. Krupicka represented the 45th District which includes parts of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County. He served on the Alexandria City Council from 2003 to 2012.



Krupicka recently opened Sugar Shack, a donut shop in Alexandria at 804 N. Henry St., that will also feature an adjacent "speakeasy."

Rob Krupicka  
Courtesy photo

In a statement he recently released, Krupicka wrote, "Serving the people of Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax has been one of the greatest honors of my life. For the past 12 years, I have had the chance to serve as an elected official in one of the most vibrant, diverse, civically-engaged places in the United States. It is always humbling to talk to my constituents because they always know so much about so many issues and they always teach me something."

### Wetland Restoration Starts at Four Mile Run Park

As part of the Four Mile Run Restoration Project, the City of Alexandria awarded the Four Mile Run Park wetland restoration project to Environmental Quality Resources (EQR). EQR will be on site to eradicate invasive species. During this time, the wetland area will be closed to the public.



The Four Mile Run Restoration Project

In summer through winter 2015, EQR will remove, lower, and terrace the riverside portion of Four Mile Run

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## PBS CIVIL WAR SERIES STARTS FILMING IN APRIL

BY MARY WADLAND

"Mercy Street" is the working title given to the six episodes ordered for the historical drama from executive producer Ridley Scott. Based on the real lives of two volunteer nurses, Mary Phinney and Emma Green, who found themselves on opposite sides of the Civil War while at Mansion House, a Union Army hospital in Virginia, the PBS series hopes to expand into a multi-season franchise, according to network president and chief executive Paula Kerger.

An open casting call for extras took place in Richmond on April 2 and filming begins there at the end of April in Richmond, with no definite dates for when the cameras will



Mansion House Hospital during the Civil War.  
Courtesy photo

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## A Royal Visit to George Washington's Mount Vernon

His Royal Highness, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla Parker-Bowles toured George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate as part of their recent Washington D.C. visit. At Mount Vernon the royal couple were greeted by Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, Curt Viebranz, President, Mount Vernon Estate; Barbara Lucas, Regent, Mount Vernon Ladies Association and Carol Cadou, Senior VP for Historic Preservation & Collections. Like George Washington, Prince Charles has always shared an interest in organic farming, and was provided a tour of the Pioneer Farm located on the estate.

Photos and story by Harry Merritt



On the porch at Mount Vernon overlooking the Potomac River are Barbara Lucas, Regent, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association; Prince Charles, Carol Cadou, Senior VP for Historic Preservation and Collections and Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe.



Curt Viebranz, President of Mount Vernon and the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla Parker-Bowles on estate porch.



Prince Charles is given tour of Pioneer Farm by Steve Bashore, Director of Trades.

## Beyer Chosen to Speak at 17th Annual Business Philanthropy Summit

"We are thrilled to have Congressman Beyer as our speaker for this year's summit," said Marion Brunken, Executive Director for Volunteer Alexandria. "Congressman Beyer has demonstrated throughout the years that he is dedicated to serving our community. Beyond his work as an elected official, he has spent his time and energy serving numerous local charitable organizations. His dedication has been invaluable."

Congressman Beyer has worked with a number of charitable organizations in Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia. After finishing his tenure as Lt. Governor of Virginia, he served as chairman of Jobs for Virginia Graduates, Virginia's most successful high school dropout prevention program. For three years, he served as president of Youth for To-



Congressman Don Beyer.  
Courtesy photo

tomorrow, a home for troubled adolescent boys. In addition, he spent a decade on the board of the D.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. His work has also been recognized through several awards, including the James C. Wheat, Jr. Award for Service to Virginians with Disabilities.

"I am honored to speak at the Volunteer Alexandria Business Philanthropy Summit," said Congressman Beyer. "We are so lucky to live and work in a district where so many business and nonprofit leaders contribute to the City's betterment. The May summit is a tremendous opportunity to showcase the best of the civic engagement that makes Alexandria so special."

## "MERCY STREET"

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roll in Alexandria, but they will.

Set in 1862 in the Mansion House Hospital in Union-occupied Alexandria, Va., the show is focused on the professional and personal trials and tribulations of the staff. The hospital was located at Princess Street and N. Fairfax Street in Alexandria.

The hotel/hospital is described by Visit Alexandria as: "A grand hotel before the war, the building that once surrounded the Carlyle House was known as the Mansion House Hospital and could hold up to 700 sick and wounded soldiers. Nurse Mary Phinney described the constant flow of stretchers in and out of the hospital. The site's Civil War history features many fascinating figures, including poet Walt Whitman, Confederate spy Frank Stringfellow, and Sarah Emma Edmonds, who disguised herself as a Union soldier."

Lisa Quijano Wolfinger, who has written, produced, directed and supervised a variety of films and TV programs, is the "showrunner" for Mercy Street, with co-creator David Zabel (showrunner/writer for NBC's ER.) Wolfinger is the president and owner of Sawbone Films.

"We think of the Civil War as a brutal, devastating chapter in American history, but it was also a moment of remarkable

transition that presented opportunities unthinkable just a few years before," Wolfinger said earlier this year, in a release from PBS.

"The locus of Alexandria at this time as a crossroads of North and South, war and peace, old and new, offers a wealth of characters and situations that is a gift for a storyteller and a perfect setting for a great American story," Zabel said.

"Doctors, faced with mass casualties on an unprecedented scale, pushed the boundaries of medical science, women left the confines of the home and volunteered as nurses, and thousands of escaped slaves got their first taste of freedom," Wolfinger said.

"All of these elements come together in Alexandria's Mansion House Hospital — a dysfunctional and unpredictable world filled with conflict and passion," she said. "Our characters (many based on real people) are colorful, complicated and completely relatable. This series is not about battles and glory, it's about the drama and unexpected humor of everyday life behind the front lines. It's a new twist on an iconic story, one that resonates with larger themes we still struggle with today."

The program is executive produced by Ridley Scott/Scott Free Productions *Gladiator*, *Thelma & Louise*, David W. Zucker *ER*, *The Good Wife* and *Wolfinger*.

Mercy Street will premier early next year, airing on Sundays, according to PBS.

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

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Park by removing some existing artificial fill. This will establish and restore the historic wetlands prior to the 1970's construction of the flood control channel. Native wetland species will be planted in the area. The improvement will not extend into the existing forested wetlands or the tidal freshwater marsh. An upland trail will be included to serve as a buffer between the proposed emergent tidal wetland and the existing forested wetland. During this time, there will be periodic pedestrian and cyclist detours in the Park. A concurrent project on the Arlington side will begin later in 2015.

## Lights Out for Budget Reasons

Consistent with the City's FY 2015 budget appropriation, the annual King Street Holiday Lights display will be suspended until the third week of November and continue through March 31, 2016.

## City of Alexandria Improves Animal Licensing Process

Animal licensing program now includes a new online option. Pet owners may now register dogs or cats, or renew existing licenses, by visiting [www.alexandrianimals.org/licensing](http://www.alexandrianimals.org/licensing).

Online customers can upload required documentation and pay license fees by credit card, and multiple pets may be licensed in the same transaction. A permanent license tag for each animal will then be delivered by mail. To improve the efficiency and security of processing and payment data, online registration is handled by a third-party vendor under contract with the City.

City Code requires all dogs and cats over the age of four months to be licensed, and requires each owner to obtain a license within 30 days of acquiring the pet or moving it into the City of Alexandria. Licensing and enforcement helps reunite lost pets, reduces the spread of rabies, decreases the number of animals entering shelters, offsets the expense of caring for lost, stray, surrendered, and abandoned animals, and helps the City plan resources like dog parks and animal control services. The City of Alexandria and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria encourage pet owners to spay or neuter their pets to avoid overpopulation.

The one-year license fee is \$10 for an altered (spayed or neutered) dog (with a \$5 discount for owners age 65 and older), or \$30 for an unaltered dog. The one-year license fee is \$2 for an altered cat, or \$10 for an unaltered cat. Depending on the length of the animal's rabies vaccination, a multi-year dog license is available for \$25 (altered) or \$75 (unaltered), and a multi-year cat license is available for \$5 (altered) or \$25 (unaltered). Each license expires at the end of the month in which the pet's rabies vaccination expires. There is no penalty for licensing a previously unlicensed pet.

In addition to the new online option, customers may continue to license pets in person and by mail. All customers must provide a copy of each dog or cat's current rabies certificate. To obtain a license fee discount for pet owners age 65 years and older, or a license fee discount for spayed or neutered pets, documentation is required. All checks for license fees should be made payable to City of Alexandria.

## A Memorial for the Fallen

The Alexandria Police Department have unveiled a new memorial to honor the city's 18 fallen officers. Featuring five glass panels listing the names of the officers, there are also benches with plaques, and a history timeline.



The Alexandria Police Memorial was unveiled March 28 to an emotionally-filled crowd.

Photo courtesy of the Alexandria Police Department

The Alexandria Police Department is among those with the highest rates of officers killed in the line of duty in Virginia, following the Virginia State Police and the Richmond and Norfolk police departments.

The monument supports the families and survivors of the fallen officers. The names of the fallen officers are also listed on The Officer Down Memorial Page.

The memorial was constructed after members of the community raised \$400,000 for its construction.



A great success story of the program is Chad Bingo who always had a love for dogs and made caring for them more fun and enjoyable. In the Rochester New York Academy, Chad launched the Gotta Go Button, the first product from his company, Dogstar Pet Products. The Gotta Go Button "speaks" for your dog and lets owners know when Fido's "gotta go!" The button comes complete with a 2-week training system. The Gotta Go Button has been featured on Good Morning America and in Walmart's "Get on the Shelf" contest.

Photo courtesy of US Chamber Foundation

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY STARTS IN ALEXANDRIA

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce has announced the establishment of The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) program in Alexandria. YEA, an innovative program that transforms local middle and high school students into real entrepreneurial successes, is slated to launch in the fall of 2015 at the Arlington campus of George Mason University's School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs.

YEA! takes students between the ages of 11 and 18 through the process of starting and launching a real business or social movement over the course of an academic year. By the end of the class, students own and operate fully-formed and functioning businesses, which may be carried on after their graduation from the program. YEA! aims to teach students at an early age how to "make a job" and is the only pre-college program developed by an entrepreneur,

at a university, with support from a major entrepreneurial foundation, the Kauffman Foundation and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

"We are excited about this expansion and specifically chose George Mason University because of its reputation for academic excellence and emphasis on community involvement," said Gayle Jagel, the CEO and Founder of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

"One of the most interesting components of the YEA! program is the actual 'behind the scenes' knowledge that local business leaders are able to share with students," said Chamber President & CEO, John Long. "This experience is something they will be able to apply to any field they choose to enter, and will provide them with the necessary skills to become future leaders of their industries."

## CHANGES IN ALEXANDRIA'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Acting City Manager Mark B. Jinks announced that Nelsie L. Birch, Director of Management and Budget, will resign effective April 18, 2015 to accept a position with the Government of the District of Columbia. Birch will oversee a portfolio of departments, including Human Resources, Information Technology, General Services, Human Rights, Contracting and Procurement, Public Works, and Motor Vehicles.

"Nelsie has been a leader and innovator in Alexandria," said Jinks. "She helped usher in a new budget philosophy to align long-term outcomes with service delivery, and incorporated extensive community engagement to make our budget more responsive and transparent."

Birch joined the City in 2012 as Director. In addition to overseeing the development of the City's annual operating budget and capital im-



Morgan Routt



Nelsie Birch

Photos courtesy of the City of Alexandria

provement program, she is responsible for management analysis and innovation initiatives.

Jinks also announced that Morgan E. Routt will serve as Acting Director until a permanent Director is selected. "Morgan has helped develop the last 16 annual City budgets," said Jinks. "I am confident

that Morgan will oversee a seamless transition to complete the budget development process."

Routt joined the City in 1999 as a Budget Analyst, and became Assistant Director in 2010. In addition to his role within the City's budget team, he has represented the City in the development of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's FY2011 to FY2016 capital funding agreement, as a member of the financial working group on the start-up of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, and currently on the Waste-to-Energy facility monitoring group.

## Tap & Go on DASH

As of April 1, DASH improved the customer experience on board its buses by offering riders improved convenience, faster boardings and more reliable departures and arrivals. The Plan Ahead...Pay it Forward initiative eliminates the add value function on all DASH buses. Riders will no longer be able to add value to their SmarTrip(r) card on the bus. This initiative will make the DASH system the first in the region to take the process of adding value to a SmarTrip(r) card off of the bus. Riders using a SmarTrip card will need to load value on their card before they board the bus, so that when they board, they can quickly tap and go.

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In addition to paying with your SmarTrip(r) Card to ride DASH, customers can always pay the \$1.60 fare with cash or use DASH's deeply discounted, money-saving monthly DASH Pass. The monthly DASH Pass is good for unlimited rides on all DASH buses, on all routes, in any direction, for a full calendar month, and costs \$40. The DASH Pass is available in electronic form for your SmarTrip(r) Card or in paper form. The DASH Pass provides a free, four-hour transfer.



Back row, left: Zauhirah Tipu, Rebecca Nash (daughter of Laurie Meyer), Robert Nash (husband of Laurie Meyer), Ed Singer (husband of Joan Singer), Ashley McNeff Behrens, Ginny Hill-Obranovich, Valarie Wright. Front row, left: Brooksie Koopman, Lorraine Friedman, Cynthia Anderson, LaDonna Sanders, Suzanne Maxey.

## AWARDS HIGHLIGHT IMPACT OF WOMEN IN ALEXANDRIA

Shining a spotlight on the distinguished work of women in our community was at the heart of the Alexandria Commission for Women's 35th Annual Salute to Women Awards Banquet at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Madison Auditorium.

Nearly 200 attendees came out to honor 11 outstanding women nominated by fellow Alexandrians for their valuable community contributions, and their impact on the well-being of Alexandria's women.

This year, the event commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the Alexandria Sexual Assault Center. The awards are held annually with support from the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services during Women's History Month. Serving as emcee, Julie Carey of News4 NBC recognized the awardees alongside members of the Commission for Women, friends of the Commission and the City Council.

2015 Salute to Women Award Recipients:



Ashley McNeff Behrens receives the Leadership in Business and Career Development Award from Delegate Charniele Herring.

Ashley McNeff Behrens, Leadership in Business and Career Development Award; Ginny Hill-Obranovich, Making a Difference Award; LaDonna Sanders, Rising Star Award; Zauhirah Tipu, Youth Community Services Award-Youth; Lorraine Friedman, Youth Community Services Award-Adult; Valarie Wright, Women's Health and Safety Advocate Award; Cynthia Anderson, Maguerite Payez Leadership Award; Joan Singer, Donna Bergheim Cultural Affairs Award; Suzanne Maxey, Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award; Laurie Meyer (In Memoriam), Vola Lawson Award and Brooksie Koopman, Susan Lowell Butler Lifetime Achievement Award.

Proceeds from this event support the City of Alexandria's Sexual Assault Center, which provides critical services to victims of sexual assault, including a 24-hour hotline that offers victim advocacy, counseling, support services and school education programs.



LaDonna Sanders receives the Rising Star Award from Councilwoman Del Pepper.

All photos by Jan Schrader

## 8TH ANNUAL MEET THE LEGENDS RECEPTION

Over 200 people gathered for the 8th Annual Meet the Legends reception on March 19 at the Patent & Trademark Office Madison Building. Guests included the 2015 Living Legends of Alexandria: Kathleen Baker, Kate Campbell Stevenson representing Marga Fripp who was out of the country, Alice P. Morgan, Fred Parker, Joyce Rawlings, Gayle Reuter and Nina Tisara. Though city council had a budget workshop scheduled that evening, Mayor Bill Euille was able to stop by to congratulate the Legends as were Councilwoman Del Pepper and Councilman John Chapman.

Also in the audience were staff, teachers, students and parents from Commonwealth Academy (C/A). By way of background, last April, Living Legends founder Nina Tisara saw a quilt produced by students at C/A for the Holocaust Memorial program at Market Square. She was so impressed with the student's work that she contacted the school to ask about possibilities for collaboration. The outcome was the production of digital portraits, ceramic clocks with working mechanisms, unique



First row, left-right, Nina Tisara, Mayor Bill Euille, Joyce Rawlings, Councilwoman Del Pepper; second row, Kathleen Baker, Kate Campbell Stevenson representing Marga Fripp, Fred Parker, Alice P. Morgan, Councilman John Chapman and Gayle Reuter.

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silkscreen designs--all gifts for the Legends--and an outstanding Tribute video. The video which received a standing ovation illustrates the value of the Living Legends Project. It not only weaves together and chronicles the stories of the Legends but it inspires people...like the young people who made the video.

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Cora Kelly chaperone Christine Scherrer with Jose Cortez, Aaliyah Carr, Kyanna Quiroz McClain and Josue Lopez having a ball at the white House.

## Students Glimpse First Family Dogs at the White House Easter Egg Roll

Students from Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology and William Ramsay Elementary School rolled eggs down the South Lawn of the White House on Monday as part of the White House Easter Egg Roll.

They used wooden spoons to race their colored hard boiled eggs down the gentle slope to a backdrop of cheering teachers and music by well-known bands. Just ahead of the starting whistle, however, all eyes looked up as the First Family's two dogs Bo and Sunny bounded across the lawn of the West Wing. The Portuguese Water Dogs were on a leash held by a member of the president's security team.

"The children couldn't believe it. That was a really fun thing to see and completely unexpected. They were really excited to see the dogs run across the lawn and everyone just stopped and stared," said Cora Kelly Assistant Principal Tanisha Martin. "Everything at the Easter Egg Roll was so special that right from the start when they got temporary tattoos to the final egg dyeing activity it was a fun experience that these children will probably never forget."

The students were among 35,000 children, their parents, teachers, musical performers and celebrity guests invited to the day-long event hosted by President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama. In addition to the egg roll, children could take part in an egg hunt, egg dyeing and egg crafts and listen to music by Doug E. Fresh and girl group Fifth Harmony.

Students also got to watch TV hosts Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan of Live! with Kelly and Michael broadcast their show from the White House while they were there. Unfortunately, their timed wrist bands meant they were ushered out minutes before the President and first lady came out onto the lawn.

This year's theme for the 137<sup>th</sup> egg roll is #GimmeFive, challenging Americans to make five healthy lifestyle changes. It's part of the fifth anniversary celebration for the First Lady's "Let's Move!" campaign. Activity and exercise stations were set up across the South Lawn featuring hands-on training with professional athletes and healthy cooking demonstrations from celebrity chefs, such as Bobby Flay and Gail Simmons.

"The students had a fantastic time. It was a great opportunity for them. We learned how to make new inventions, dyed eggs, saw magic and famous people," said William Ramsay counselor Wanda Weaver who accompanied fifth-grade students from the school.

The White House egg roll dates to the 1800s, when local children would roll eggs down the Capitol Hill grounds the Monday after Easter. Annoyed by the growing crowds, Congress passed an act banning the event. In 1878, children asked President Rutherford B. Hayes to host the egg roll in his backyard. Since then, it has become the largest annual event held at the White House.



Cora Kelly student Emil Alberto Polanco shows off one of the 22,000 prized wooden eggs distributed at this year's White House egg roll.

Photos courtesy of ACPS

## BEATLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY ARCHITECT DIES

The architect and designer of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, Mr. Michael Graves, passed away from natural causes on March 12, 2015. In honor of Mr. Graves, Beatley Central Library has devoted a memorial table of his work along with a feature on the Alexandria Library website. The display includes blueprints of Graves' library designs for Beatley, books written by Graves, and a three-dimensional model of the library, to name a few.

Graves was born on July 9, 1937 and has designed countless, beautiful architectural structures across the world, including the Denver Public Library (Denver, Colorado), the Dolphin Resort at Walt Disney World (Orlando, Florida), the American Academy in Rome Rare Books Library (Rome, Italy) and most importantly, Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library (Alexandria, Virginia).

Twenty years ago, many architectural firms and freelance architects jumped at the opportunity to be considered the creator of the newest Alexandria Library facility. In 1995, Graves submitted his architectural drawings to the City of Alexandria with hopes of having his work chosen as a staple in our historic town.

Three years later, in 1998, during a groundbreaking event, Graves was in attendance, along with other city



Michael Graves.

Courtesy photo

officials. The celebration was a major milestone for Alexandria's library system. "It was always my goal to 'up the ante' on good design, and I've devoted much of my career to this," Graves said. With an international resume of noteworthy buildings and structures, Graves' statement continues to hold true.

Being one of four public library structures that Graves designed prior to 1996, we are honored to say that Michael Graves played an integral role in the postmodern look of the Beatley Central Library and hope that you visit our memorial table or website in his honor.



The Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria.

Photo courtesy of www.michaelgraves.com.

## Arlington Ranks #7 on National 'Most Hipster' List

Arlington has come in #7 among the "Most Hipster Cities" (we know, it's a county) in the nation, according to findthehome.com. What constitutes a hip city? Findthehome.com says it has to do with four things: age, education, yoga studios and cafes.

"We first decided to only look at cities with over 50,000 people that also had a high population of people between the ages of 20 and 34. Then we looked at the cities with a fairly educated population (a high percentage of residents with at least a Bachelor's Degree), many cafes and yoga studios. We calculated a composite score for each city by multiplying the number of yoga studios per 10K people with cafes per 10K people, and used this final number to rank the cities."

Here are the top 10 Hippest Cities in America, according to Findthehome.com: Hoboken, NJ, Ames, IA, Boulder, CO, Cambridge, MA, College Station, TX, Somerville, MA, Arlington, VA, Auburn, AL, Santa Monica, CA and Davis, CA.



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(left to right): BOD, Dak Hardwick, Council Member John Chapman, State Senator Adam Ebbin and Chamber Chairman of the Board Walter Clarke .

Story and photos by Melinda Sigal

## ALEXANDRIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce hosted members of City Council and the Virginia General Assembly at its annual Legislative Breakfast at the Hotel Monaco.

City representatives participating in the event, which was presented by Dominion Power, were Mayor Bill Euille, Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg and council members John Chapman, Del Pepper, Paul Smedberg and Justin Wilson. Virginia state senators George Barker, Adam Ebbin and Del. Charniele Herring were also in attendance.

This informative roundtable discussion commenced with the state delegations discussing the recently concluded General Assembly session. Each representative highlighted what he or she considered the most significant results from that session. High on each of their lists was workforce development and how it is impacting our Northern Virginia region.

City Council members then revealed several issues they felt were significant in the current council session including parking, the waterfront, the development of Landmark Mall, Carlyle and Eisenhower East/West Districts expansion including an update about the forthcoming National Science Center and expansion plans around Van Dorn Metro, as well as the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

“We are pleased to host an enthusiastic



Chamber Government Relations Chair and roundtable facilitator, Dak Hardwick begins the discussion by introducing Mayor Bill Euille

crowd to quiz our elected officials on upcoming challenges in the region,” John Long, President & CEO of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce acknowledged. “This event provided a forum for our members to meet directly with their local elected officials and discuss the issues most important to them.”

The chamber also used the occasion to announce that it will be hosting a mayoral debate sometime in May. More information about this debate will be posted on the Chamber’s website as it becomes available: [www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com)

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce is one of the oldest chambers in the country, having been founded in 1906, before the United States Chamber of Commerce.

## Del Ray Kicks Off First Thursday with Hat Trick

The locals and City Council pulled out their favorite hats and strolled the Avenue for on April 2 for “Hats along the Avenue.” Taking selfies, listening to ambling musicians and winning prizes and discounts by showing off hats at some of the local businesses, the crowd was an exuberant celebration of 50-year Avenue veteran, Tops of Old Town.



Councilwoman Del Pepper was right in step with the revelry.

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# FOODIE

NEWS



BY DEBBY CRITCHLEY



## Hunting Creek Opens on King Street

Alexandria Chamber members and staff joined Mayor Euille and former Governor Gilmore in welcoming Hunting Creek to King street. Owner Mike Nayeri, who also owns a La Lucia, has renovated the former Notting Hill, les Galois space and turned it into a warm and welcoming steak house. After the ribbon cutting, Chamber guests were treated to a delicious sampling of Hunting Creek selections. Photo courtesy of Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

As usual, there are lots of openings and changes coming to Alexandria this month. **Aldi** is coming to Alexandria like a horde of locusts. In addition to the stores that will replace the former **Magruders** on Van Dorn and the former **Mango Mike's** on Duke St., Aldi's is also planning to take over the **Giant** on Monroe St. They will be enclosing the front area to add almost 1700 sq. ft. to the store.

**Dolci Gelati** is coming soon to 107 N. Fairfax St. in Old Town Alexandria, according to papers filed with the City Planning Commission. Dolci Gelati is currently in Takoma Park and the DC Shaw neighborhood. Expect gelato, shaved ice granitas, pastries, coffee and

bottled drinks. Gianluigi Dellaccio uses an authentic Italian recipe that has been in his family for generations and mixes in local ingredients and exotic flavors to create a modern twist to a traditional Italian favorite, according to the company Web site. There will be limited seating available. Proposed hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

More sweets will arrive on April 7 when Kim Gustafson and Bruce Gustafson open **Blüprint Chocolatier** at 1001 King St. Specialties will include "truffles, bonbons and chocolates in delightfully complex and sometimes whimsical flavors (solo, or gift boxed

in trios, sixes and twenty-fours)," according to their Web site. You will also find espresso, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

The Del Ray Business Association will hold a ribbon-cutting Saturday, April 11, at 9 a.m. to celebrate the grand opening of **Emma's Espresso and Wine Bar**, owned by Connie Desrosiers and daughter Jackie Desrosiers, in Del Ray. After the ribbon cutting, look for specials and special events planned throughout the day to celebrate Emma's grand opening. Located at 104 Hume Ave., the business was named for the 1925 Emma P. Hume subdivision, where the business resides. The eatery is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Sundays and Mondays, when the hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

I found a great way to have a delicious dinner at home on Thursday nights without cooking. **Harris Teeter** features a prime rib dinner for \$9.99. Each flavorful, well-seasoned slab is accompanied by roasted potatoes and a fresh vegetable. The serving is large enough for 2 dinners for me. For just a little bit more work and a little more money, pick up a Thursday Little Big Meal at **The Fresh Market** in the Bradlee Shopping Center. They provide a choice of protein, vegetables, seasonings, and a carb like potatoes or rice. The meal makes enough for 4 meals.

I love brunch. There are lots of other good brunch places throughout the area. I recently had a delightful meal at **Chadwick's** on the Strand in Old Town.

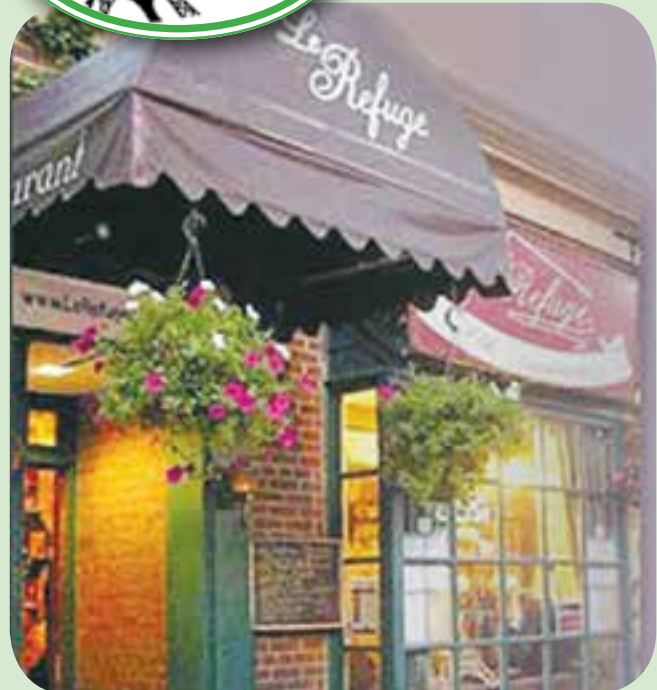
This is an order off the menu with a wide variety of breakfast and lunch offerings. There were 9 of us and we all enjoyed our choices. **Tazza**, 2931 S. Glebe, provides lots of choices featuring locally sourced and antibiotic-free, hormone-free, humanely-raised pork, poultry, lamb and beef, and sustainably-harvested, chemical-free seafood. Both the Baja peninsula and coastal Italy serve as inspiration at this new restaurant where wood-fired ovens take center stage. You'll find flautas and prosciutto & arugula pizza on the same menu.

**The Evening Star Café**, 2000 Mt. Vernon Ave., is a perennial favorite of mine. I always order the Eggs Benedict. They get it right every time. Lots of other wonderful dishes to try too. **Fireflies**, 1501 Mt. Vernon Ave., offers live bluegrass music gives this Alexandria brunch spot a kick of energy. They offer 5 varieties of Benedicts including Chesapeake lump crab meat, Norwegian with smoked salmon, Tuscan with capicola ham, Huevos Del Rayo with black bean cakes and bacon with chipotle sour cream and pico de gallo, and Mexican with crispy warm chorizo sausage and pepper jack cheese. **Jackson 20**, 480 King St., offers a variety of egg dishes, waffles, and pancakes. I love their B.E.L.T. with bacon, over-easy eggs, lettuce, fried green tomato, brioche, and hash browns. And, if you have not tried buckwheat pancakes, try theirs made with Anson Mills Buckwheat,

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# OVER 8,000 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, JOBS STILL AVAILABLE AT WEGMANS

BY MARY WADLAND

According to a statement issued by Wegmans grocery store, the new location slated to open on June 14 at 7:00 am in the new Hilltop Village Shopping Center, there been more than 8,100 applications for 550 job openings, spokeswoman Jo Natale said.

“Don’t let that number keep you from applying if you’re interested” in working at the popular employer, Natale says. The company is still hiring. You can check Wegmans’ job listings online.

Of the 550 jobs, 500 of those will be hired locally and 200 of the jobs will be full-time. Wegmans began recruiting for those positions in October. Available full-time openings include everything from customer service and entry-level management to restaurant and culinary positions. Three-hundred available part-time positions include everything from culinary professionals to customer service representatives.

“Though the opening is months away, we’re training our team now so that they receive some of the most in-depth culinary, customer service and product education in the industry,” said store Manager Mike Dempsey. “Come June 14, we’ll open the doors eager to offer incredible customer service to all of Alexandria.”

Applicants may apply online at [www.wegmans.com/careers](http://www.wegmans.com/careers) or call 1-877-WEGMANS (934-

6267) for more information. Interviews are conducted by appointment only and applications are neither available nor accepted at the construction site.

It’s not surprising the store is seeing a big response. FORTUNE announced recently that Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. this year is once again on the magazine’s “100 Best Companies to Work For” list, this year ranking #7. For Wegmans, this marks the 18th year in a row that the family-owned supermarket chain has appeared on the FORTUNE list, according to a news release from the company. Wegmans is one of only 12 companies that have been on the list since it began in 1998. They are also the highest ranked retailer.

“Alexandria is a foodie community and we’re eager to build our team with people who love food and have a passion for helping others,” said Dempsey, Alexandria store manager and 20-year veteran with the company.

The Alexandria Wegmans, a 126,000 square-foot supermarket, will be part of Hilltop Village Center, a retail and office complex located at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Beulah Street. In addition to restaurant-quality prepared foods for which Wegmans is known, the Alexandria location will be the first in Virginia to feature The Pub by Wegmans, a full-service restaurant within the store.

## FOODIE NEWS ...

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you may never eat pancakes made any other way.

If you prefer buffets, there are lots of choices. **Raaga** provides a Sunday Indian brunch buffet. There is a wonderful mix of vegetarian and meat dishes from mild to spicy. **The Liberty Tavern** at 3195 Wilson Blvd., offers a wonderful brunch. The restaurant is housed in a restored historic property. The buffet is upstairs in the main

dining room and offers thick-sliced French toast, several varieties of eggs, quiche, fried chicken, smoked salmon, and nice assortment of desserts. An old stand-by for brunch is the **Royal Restaurant** at 734 N. St. Asaph St. They feature made to order omelets and waffles. This is plain good food, nothing fancy, just good home style cooking.

Last but not least, *The Zebra* and Foodie Newz is proud to be recognized by the **Harris Teeter** on St. Asaph. Senior management liked the write up of their new store and presented a framed copy of the article to Sharon, the store manager. Thank you Harris Teeter.



**HOT PICK**

BY MIKE SADE

Habanera Mango Aioli from Stonewall Kitchen is perfect as a sandwich spread and what better time to try it when you have that leftover ham from Easter?

This kick-up-your-heels aioli has a great little bite from the habaneras and red chili pepper flakes combined with the sweetness of the mango. But don’t think it is only for sandwiches. This aioli can be used in so many more ways. Try spicing up your cole slaw, deviled eggs or simply as a veggie dip for your next spring picnic.

Did you know April 24 is National Pig in a Blanket Day and April 26 is National Pretzel Day? Personally I have used it for soft pretzels and it was a superb coupling.

Folks this stuff is really tasty and you should consider it a go-to mayonnaise substitute, especially as part of the recipe including ham salad. You can find this aioli locally at *Sur La Table*, *Unwined*, *Let’s Meat on the Avenue*, and *Harris Teeter* all in Alexandria. You can also order it on line at [www.stonewallkitchens.com](http://www.stonewallkitchens.com)




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# ART BEAT

## AN ALEXANDRIA WESTSIDE OLD TOWN TREASURE

BY ROBERT F. MURRAY, THE VON BRAHLER LTD.

At 1007 King Street is the Antiek Haus, which Steve Young opened in 2003. With an unbelievably rich collection of paintings, sculpture, china, porcelain and many other collectibles abounding, it is obvious he has had the eye, the opportunities and the well-traveled background it takes to assemble everything you'll see inside. If you're a collector like me, this place is a dream come true because the emphasis is on the work itself and not so much the slickness of a popularly-found gallery.

This place is like many, very sought-after art destinations in major art cities of the world. There are three connecting rooms, very narrow (one person at a time can get by) and you won't see much of the walls for they are stacked with every manner and style of work and fine art, arranged in such a way that only an art lover would understand. You'll have to look and choose very carefully though and Steve will give you the provenance and suggest a price. The prices I saw, from my longtime gallery business experience, are very reasonable and way below what would be the going retail cost of similar pieces. T

The real attraction is the wide choice and styles of paintings in the collection. In fact, it was a great surprise to find so many significant Russian artists available. Since I have a special concern and affinity for Russian art and artists it was wonderful to see vintage and modern paintings, landscapes, waterscapes, portraits and florals. Some of you will know that works coming out of Russia by Russian artists are beginning again, after 20+ years of openness, are becoming scarce as the political gaps tighten again.

Within the collection there are several paintings by Dutch, German and other European known artists. Prominently displayed are a few appealing, realistic landscape and water scenes by Moscow painter, Goluska, as well as another Moscovite, Gusev.

On a table to the left, as you enter, there's a particularly nice bucolic/pastoral scene with cows, a good-sized, substantially-framed canvas by Cornelius Bershuur. A little farther in is a small gem of a painting by the Dutch painter, Marr. Do not miss the classic, old world like, small canvas of an artist at his easel by



One of the many Russian landscapes adorning the walls at Antiek Haus.

Photo by Robert Murray

Simon Buchbinder. You'll find also find more impressionistic work: two canvases by Aldo, of Parisian scenes. Towards the back, tucked up towards the ceiling is a typically Russian church scene by Nikolai Bagdanov. And so the rooms go on and on filled with large and small jewels of art objects.

Steve Young says that his major interest rests within mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century European and American art. He is more than willing to share his gift of quickly familiarizing any art lover the information about the background and value of each item. It's obvious that he has assembled his entire inventory based on his own educated attractions and affections. In addition to the paintings, the collection offers cabinets full of china, porcelains and rare finds.

As I left Antiek Haus my eye caught the appealing 18" high dark bronze of young boy sitting and picking a thorn from the bottom of his bare foot. It was a great reminder of the coming spring and a good reminder of the pleasures of art for all seasons you'll find at Antiek Haus. There's art and value for everybody here.

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### A Remembrance

A short but sincere note to all who knew our "One and Only, Mr. Silverman." Maurice died in early March at 91. He was greatly admired and will be much missed as a true patriarch of the Metropolitan Washington Art Community and beyond. He leaves his Gallery in the very experienced and knowledgeable hands of his wife, Angela. Like Maurice, Angela has always made a time in the Silverman Gallery on N. Saint Asaph Street a joy.

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# THE BEES, CREIGH DEEDS, AND THE DMV

## How to create a vanity license plate in Virginia

BY TOM SHERMAN

Long before she designed a license plate commemorating native pollinators, Alexandria resident Sam Gallagher always liked bees. Even in grade school, when her primordial instincts should have been acutely aware of their evolutionary danger.

While children on the playground were scared of bees, Gallagher said she “always knew they were harmless” and wanted to help the persecuted insects. She embraced bees as her own. Gallagher decorated her binders with their images, collected anything bee-related, and talked incessantly about the insects. As the year wore on, classmates realized that bees were both friendly and harmless, and soon joined her crusade.

“By the end of the year, my whole class was obsessed with bees,” says Gallagher. “I’m sure my teacher just thought ‘oh God, what are all these kids doing?’” Apparently, they were trying to save the world a few decades too early: In recent years the pollinator population has been in dire straits – Virginia only has 35% of the bee population compared to the 1970’s, according to Virginia Department of Agriculture statistics. Meanwhile, agriculture is a \$52 billion business in the state, and pollinators play a crucial role helping crops mature and flower.

Gallagher continued her life as a staunch advocate for bees and pollinators, but decided to make the plate after a frustrating trip to the DMV. When she and her husband moved to Alexandria from out of state they were astounded by the array of customized license plates available (current total is over 200 different plates). The pair scoured them all to find one designated for pollinators.

“There were so many plates for specific conservation groups and causes we figured there had to be one for pollinators. There was even a Parrot Head plate for fans of Jimmy Buffett,” she said with a laugh. “Jimmy Buffett, in a way, inspired the license plate.”

Gallagher is a graphic designer by trade, but her day job “isn’t so much art, I do 3D graphics, but just buildings.” However, “since insects and art are what I truly enjoy,” Gallagher decided to blend passion with profession and found her new purpose. She had to come to the aid of her fellow bees again, and put the petal to the metal (technically flowers and pollinators on the aluminum).

So she designed her own custom license plate, a colorful array of bees, flowers, butterflies and a hummingbird in the foreground, amid



Sam Gallagher with the “pollinators” vanity plate she created and fittingly behind her are bee houses, not bird houses.

Photo by Claire Harper

a backdrop of the rolling green mountains of the Shenandoah. The plate features only native Virginia pollinators: seven species of bees, an eastern tiger swallowtail (the state butterfly), a monarch butterfly, and a ruby-throated hummingbird.

To get a new plate minted, the approximate “best case scenario” timeline is nine months, according to a DMV memo on special interest group license plate development. So Gallagher set about on her new mission to get “Protect Pollinators” plates on the road in no time. That was in 2010.

However, before any punchlines about DMV taking a long time, Gallagher said there was only one person at the DMV to go through, who is “the nicest lady in the whole world.” Rather the “most painful” aspect of her endeavor was getting the required 450 people to sign up for the license plates ahead of time – more specifically, convincing them that she would not abscond with their \$20 application fee.

“I thought we would get a social media campaign and go viral with nature types and conservationists,” Gallagher said. However, she soon learned the fickle nature of relying on the internet to generate a buzz: “I think I got 30 applications in the first year.”

So she got a business license and bank account to give the cause an air of legitimacy (“although I just as easily could have taken the money then, too, I suppose”) and decided to put the ‘active’ in activist.

For four years she was as busy as bee, attending Earth Day events, nature festivals, and conservation days – anything tangentially connected with pollinators. While a tiresome

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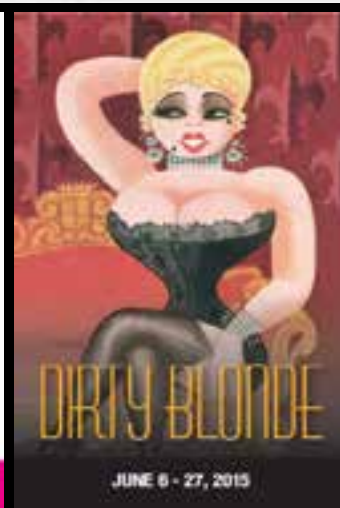
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## SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Ana Bonilla-Galdamez, a school social worker known for her work in turning around students who are gang members, has become the only school social worker from Virginia in 50 years to win the prestigious National Social Worker of the Year Award.

Bonilla-Galdamez is a social worker at Charles Barrett Elementary School and a former social worker and gang counseling specialist at the Minnie Howard Campus of T.C. Williams High School. She will receive her award at a reception in Washington, D.C. this month.

“This is an honor, but it’s really an award for all the kids I’ve worked with. They gave me permission to enter their lives and be part of who they are. I’m very passionate about what I do, but I’m also aware it’s a great responsibility,” Bonilla-Galdamez said.

Bonilla-Galdamez, who came from El Salvador as a non-English-speaking immigrant at the age of 12 years old, set up a program called Latino Youth for Excellence (LYFE) at Minnie Howard to help create healthier relationships and living environments for her students.

Through LYFE, Bonilla-Galdamez was able to provide her students the sense of belonging and self-worth that at-risk teens often seek through gang membership. If she had a student who was in trouble for graffiti, she would turn their creativity toward designing T-shirts and posters. The students in LYFE took ownership of their members’ success, and worked together to ensure members attended class on time and made positive decisions.

Bonilla-Galdamez has seen some of her students, such as Tammy Cavazos, who had practically dropped out of school and was homeless when she met Bonilla, end up at colleges such as the University of Virginia. Others, who were not lucky enough to find intervention, are serving a life sentence in jail for crimes she will not even name.

“I was struggling and not planning on going back to school when I met Ana in ninth grade. I had no idea that college was a way out of all this. She is the reason I am still in school. She never left me alone,” said Cavazos.

After 13 years at Minnie Howard, Bonilla-

Galdamez wondered how her students’ lives would have been different had interventions and supports been put in place earlier. This is when she decided to transfer from the high school level to the elementary level.

Bonilla-Galdamez’s arrival at Charles Barrett coincided with a dramatic population shift at the school. Many families requiring support and services had recently moved into new housing in the school zone, and felt disjointed from their previous school community. She worked with school administrators and staff to ensure that these families and students were immediately welcomed, supported and valued.

Seeing a need for positive role models for students at Barrett, she set up a mentoring partnership between the school and the Alexandria Police Department. Initially, this program had just one teacher and a handful of police officers and connected eight students with teacher or police officer mentors. Four years later, her program has 52 mentees participating along with 30 teachers, members of the Sheriff’s department, police officers and members of the U.S. Marshall’s office. This program has also improved the relationship between the school and these law enforcement groups.

“What Ms. Bonilla-Galdamez does is outside the typical box,” said Charles Barrett Principal Seth Kennard. “She is able to balance all the responsibilities of a school social worker with truly innovative programs to bring our community into our school and better support our students. What she has done is something radical. She has created a different reputation for school social workers.”

Bonilla-Galdamez’s parents decided to leave war-torn El Salvador when she was 12 years old because of the dangers of the armed conflict. Students were being killed or taken away from their families to join the military or the guerrilla. Fighting between government troops and guerrillas left a path of death for children to witness.

“I remember there were times that we were

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Herself at at-risk teenager once, Ana Bonilla-Galdamez has built innovative programs through her imaginative thinking and mentoring.

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### GED Testing Now at Braddock Place Adult Learning Center

The ACPS Adult Learning Center (ALC) announces the opening of a Pearson VUE® Testing Center. The Braddock Place Campus is now an official GED Testing Center for Alexandria and Virginia residents, with limited seats available for non-Virginia residents. The center offers a testing facility for both the GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test and the GED Official Test. For more information, test-takers are encouraged to contact the ALC office at 703-619-8027 or visit the ACPS Adult Learning Center website.

### High Achievement Scholars Build Cardboard City

16 ACPS Higher Achievement scholars spent their day visiting the architecture firm, Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc. in Silver Spring, Md. The scholars, ranging from fifth to eighth grade, learned about city planning and the behind-the-scenes work that takes place when constructing buildings. Architects from the firm created an interactive agenda that included challenging the scholars to create a strong structure in groups through the Marshmallow Challenge and constructing their own neighborhood with cardboard boxes and various building materials used by architects. Higher Achievement is a rigorous after-school and Summer Academy program located at Francis C. Hammond Middle School.



Francis C. Hammond Middle School High Achievement scholars planned and built a sample city using cardboard and other materials during outside field trip.

Photo courtesy of ACPS

### SSSAS Students Win Awards in Art & Writing Competition

Upper School students at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School received numerous honors in the 2015 National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, in association with the nonprofit organization Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. In regional competitions, Saints were recognized in three categories: Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention, for their photography, painting, art portfolios, ceramic creations, and writing.

#### Art Award Recipients:

Samantha Archer ’16, Adrienne Atkins ’16, Riley Flynn ’15, Haley Hassell ’16, Haley Henriksen ’15, Tara Laughlin ’15, Elizabeth Majure ’15, Falen Mehari ’15, Kate Miller ’15, Malcolm Reynolds ’17, and Catie del Rosario ’17.

#### Writing Award Recipients:

Haley Hassell ’16 and Julia Phaltankar ’17

Upper School Visual Arts Teachers Terry deBardelaben and Katherine Elkins are proud of their students and shared, “It has always been our objective to nurture creativity and reward hard work. Recognition through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards provides students with an outside source of validation that goes beyond our community. The opportunity to participate in an open competition with their regional peers serves to strengthen our students’ art forms, achievements, and creative emphases.”



Award winners all assembled.

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## Alexandria City School Board Starts Work of Redistricting

The Alexandria City School Board has started the work of redistricting elementary schools across the city, in an effort to reduce overcrowding and strengthen the sense of neighborhood schools.

In shifting the boundary zones for schools for the start of the 2016-2017 school year, the School Board intends to balance enrollment needs across the entire division and create suitable learning environments in each school. Crowded conditions are proven to have a direct impact on the delivery of instruction and the use of core spaces, like cafeterias and libraries.

“Redistricting doesn’t add more space to solve our city-wide capacity issue, but it will balance zones to match our growth. Most importantly, it will benefit the hundreds of families who are currently displaced from

attending their neighborhood schools,” said School Board vice-chair Chris Lewis.

The last time Alexandria City Public Schools changed school boundaries was in 1999. Since then, ACPS enrollment has grown by more than 3,200 students. Student enrollment is projected to rise by four percent every year for the next five years.

In April, the School Board and ACPS staff will finalize the framework for redistricting that includes the timeline and the process. There will then be extensive public consultation in the form of student and community engagement, public hearings and multiple discussions at School Board meetings. The final proposal is likely to go before the School Board in February 2016.

## Northern Virginia Regional Science and Engineering Fair Yields Many Local Winners

Ana Humphrey, an eighth grader at George Washington, received the Best of Fair award for middle school students for her project, The Digital Identification of Bacteria Colony Forming Units Through MATLAB.

Special recognition also goes to Isabella Lovain, a junior at T.C. Williams. She received a nomination to compete at the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair, which held at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA on March 27-28, 2015.

Additionally, Ana Humphrey, Ava Benbow, Emmett Cocke and Townson Cocke received nominations for the 2015 Broadcom Masters (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Rising Stars). This competition is the premier middle school science and engineering fair competition.



From left to right: Daniel Alcazar-Roman (Science Curriculum Developer), Anne Booth (Program Manager for Curriculum Design and Services), Dr. John Brown (Executive Director of Curriculum Design and Services), Ana Humphrey, Ava Benbow, Shawn Lowe (T.C. Williams Science Teacher), and Dr. Terri Mazingo (Chief Academic Officer).

Photo courtesy of ACPS

## W-L Student Goes 5-for-5 in Ivy League Acceptances

BY ETHAN ROTHSTEIN

Brandi Moore is far from your typical high school student.

Most days, she goes to bed at midnight or later to study or finish. Some days, she wakes up at 5:00 a.m. to get in a few extra hours of studying before attending classes at Washington-Lee High School. In the evenings or on weekends, you can find her performing in one of a handful of theater groups — at school or otherwise — or volunteering to clean up streams and mark sewer grates.

High-achieving students, especially in Arlington, are hardly news. But what makes Brandi stand out, her father George tells ARLnow.com, is her own self-possessed drive.

“I never had to push her to read or anything,” he said. “I used to have to tell her to stop reading and go to bed. I’ve never even had to look at her grades online. She just naturally absorbs stuff and wants to learn.”

Brandi’s hard work has paid off. This week, she received acceptance letters from all five Ivy League universities she applied to: Cornell, Brown, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia and Harvard. Those letters came after she had already been accepted at eight other schools, making her 13-for-13 in college applications.

A month before her flood of Ivy League acceptance letters, Brandi said she received “likely” letters from four of the schools, something she said the Ivy League universities only send to a few hundred students.

“They helped the process a lot. I knew my fate would be decided, because I was already pretty sure I was getting in,” she said.

Before she got those “likely” letters, it was a different story. Her first letter and package was from Brown University in Providence, R.I., which had been her dream school since she was 8 years old.

“When we got a pretty sizeable package from Brown, we didn’t know what it was,” she said, referring to the piece of mail that came. After



Brandi Moore with her 13 college acceptance letters.

Photo courtesy George Moore

she opened it, “I lost it. I was really excited.”

The Moores live in the Columbia Heights neighborhood, and Brandi has risen through the ranks of Arlington Public Schools, from Campbell Elementary School, to Kenmore Middle and now Washington-Lee. The 18-year-old senior has narrowed down her choices to Brown and the Ivy League school that gave her the biggest financial package: Harvard. The family will be traveling to Cambridge, Mass., tomorrow to visit the oldest university in the United States.

“Harvard is really, really pushing her,” George Moore said. He added that the whole process has been “so strange,” because, after all, what parent expects Ivy League schools to fight over any student? Reed College in Oregon paid for her to fly across the country to visit the campus. “I knew something was going on when they flew her out there and paid for everything. I thought ‘something special’s going on here.’ It just sort of comes one after another. It’s hard to keep up.”

Brandi said she hopes to make her decision in the next week. Next year, she hopes to start studying biology or something in the life sciences, while keeping up with theater, her passion. Brown appeals to her because the school doesn’t have a core curriculum; students can take whatever classes they want. On the other hand, Harvard is Harvard.

Either way, it’s clear she’s ready for bigger and better things.

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Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s party!”

— Robin Williams

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

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### Maury Seeking 'Dads of Great Students'

Fathers of students at Matthew Maury Elementary School are invited to join an innovative program that encourages the involvement of fathers and father figures in schools. The program, called WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students), was brought to Maury this year by Principal Lucretia Jackson and PTA President Brittany Fraser. The dads who participate provide positive male role models for the students and serve as an extra set of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

There's been great success with 13 "Dogs" that have already served a day in the school and 17 more who are scheduled to volunteer in the near future. There has been a noticeable impact on the students because of this program, and more volunteers are looking to get involved as they hear from their own children about their experiences with the "Dogs." Contact the school at 703-706-4440 to find out how to get involved.



Matt Estabrook and his son Jack.

Photo courtesy of ACPS.

### T.C. Williams Student Breaks Records to Become National 200 Meter Champion

Noah Lyles, a junior at T.C. Williams High School, became the United States National Champion for 200 meters, setting a new meet record, national junior record and becoming the all-time U.S. number two over that distance. He ran the distance in 20.83 seconds.

Noah, 17, also came close to winning the 60 meter final, which required a photo-finish to put him in second place. The scoreboard showed him recording a time of 6.65, the same time as the winner.

His brother, Josephus, 16, came in third place in the 400 meter final with a time of 47.35. Days earlier at the Virginia State Track meet, he placed number one in the U.S. in the 500 meters with a time of 1:03:57. There, the T.C. Williams team of seven athletes became Virginia State Track Champions despite fielding a team that was less than half the size of other teams.

When the Lyles brothers graduate from T.C. Williams in 18 months' time, they both aim to become professional runners and follow in the footsteps of their father, Kevin Lyles, who ran for the United States in the World Championship 400 meter relay team in 1995.



Noah and Josephus Lyles.

Photo courtesy of ACPS.

### T.C. Students Excel at State Marketing Competition

T.C. Williams High School marketing students recently competed at the 2015 DECA State Leadership Conference held in Virginia Beach. DECA is an international association of marketing students. Twenty-six marketing students earned the right to represent T.C. at the statewide conference. More than 3,500 students attended the DECA State Competition and T.C. Williams students competed in role plays and written events.

Seventeen T.C. students received individual medals or state trophies. The students who won medals are: Noah Taylor, Abby Nelson, Alex Eggleston, William Donohue, Julia Ruffino, Jackson Moser, James Bambara, Scott Passalugo, Surafel Adere, Destiny Williams and Miniya Shabazz.

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## SOCIAL WORKER

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under our beds during the armed conflict and we heard the shells dropping on our roof and the gunfire. I remember my mother leaving to work carrying a white flag so she was not attacked. When I came to the U.S., I did not speak any English and I had left all my possessions behind. I had not seen my father in several years as he had come to the U.S. ahead of us. It was difficult to acclimate to the new environment.

The criteria for winning the award include an ability to demonstrate service beyond the job requirement and an ability to take risks to achieve results.

"This is the first time that a school social worker has been recognized and

received such a prestigious award. We are immensely proud that Ana Bonilla-Galdamez is part of the Alexandria City Public Schools social work team. The service she provides to students and families is invaluable," said Arnecia Moody, ACPS Lead School Social Worker.

Bonilla-Galdamez will also be honored by the Alexandria City School Board at a meeting this spring.

"I couldn't think of a person that is more deserving of this award. Working with Ana Bonilla-Galdamez is a privilege. She is understanding, flexible and compassionate. Her ability to empathize with her colleagues and students is uncanny. Ana's insight and experience is invaluable. She is able to connect with families and staff alike and is a treasured asset to our community," said Charles Barrett first-grade teacher and colleague Erin Waldeck.

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### Douglas MacArthur Students Raise Thousands for Leukemia

Douglas MacArthur Elementary students collected pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to raise \$8,443.17 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients campaign. Third-grade student Ronaldo Diaz-Paz, pictured here on the left, was so eager to help that he began saving his coins at the end of last year's drive and brought in \$349.50 for the cause. Fourth-grade student Lily Krakowski, also pictured here, took the fight online, raising \$385.15 through online donations from Florida to California. One fourth-grade class alone raised \$1,034.20. Each year the Pennies for Patients program brings together more than 12 million students from across the country to help find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

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Two teams of three T.C. students each were awarded trophies on stage as finalists in their events and will compete at DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando Florida in late April. The first team is

Razan Adam, Edom Tilahun and Jerry Wessen, who completed a marketing research and promotion project for the local business, Fairlington Pizza. The second team is Abby Hamilton, Reel Mustafa and Grant Chamberlain, who completed an Entrepreneurship Growth Plan for the business Patriot Portraits, co-founded by Abby.



Marketing students from T.C. Williams excel at marketing competition.

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**Beware Fee-based Financial Aid and Scholarship Services**

Some T.C. Williams High School students have been receiving letters from private companies offering to help determine college admission and financial aid eligibility. An unnamed parent of a T.C. junior contacted the school for advice saying, "We received a letter informing us about an upcoming appointment for our son with the company; however, no one in our family

had requested a meeting. It was confusing, so we contacted the school."

Parents are urged to "do their homework" before scheduling an appointment with a for-profit company that offers financial aid services for a fee. Additionally, families should not have to pay or provide a credit card number to apply for scholarships or academic honors. Executive Director of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Beth Lovain explains, "Our concern is that families will be misled to

believe they can receive college and financial advising only if they pay a fee. That is simply not the case. The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria provides all T.C. families with free support for completing scholarship and college applications as well as federal financial aid forms."

For more information, contact Beth Lovain at the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria via [scholarshipfund@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:scholarshipfund@acps.k12.va.us) or 703-824-6730, or visit [www.AlexScholarshipFund.org](http://www.AlexScholarshipFund.org).



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# IN THE DIRT

BY RAY GREENSTREET



## SUCCESSFUL GARDENING STARTS FROM THE GROUND UP

Spring fever is sweeping our area. Warmer days have us dreaming of gardens lush with abundant growth and vibrant color. What does it take to be a success in the garden? What secret does your neighbor know that you don't? The answer may surprise you.

It's all about the roots.....It's all about your soil. A customer can buy the best plant, one we have grown right here on our farm, but if the customer's soil(s) is poor, lacking aeration, poor porosity, poor ion exchange capacity (nutrient holding capacity), nutrient deficiencies and it is hard as a rock, they will not be a success. They will have to work twice as hard to have half of the results. The best investment a gardener can make to become a success, is to put "money in the ground." Invest in the root zone of your plants; this one step will make a poor gardener an overnight star. It not only will reduce a lot of frustration and worry, but will save money, produce healthier plants, reduce disease, increase drought tolerance and utilize fertilizer and water more efficiently.

Most soil in Alexandria is either clay or concrete – neither of which is hospitable to growing much. Properly preparing the planting bed or container is the first step to success. It is an easy step, after cleaning off any dead plant material, old leaves, weeds or trash that may have blown in over the winter. Then work in a soil amendment. Added to existing soil, a good organic amendment will help correct soil deficiencies, soil structure, and nutrient deficiencies. It improves physical and biological characteristics of the soil, improves porosity, aeration, water holding capacity. It will increase organic content, to improve and better utilize fertilizer. The bottom line... a soil amendment is great gardening insurance.

Over the years successful gardeners used to add homemade compost, manure, egg shells, coffee grinds and all sort of items to improve the garden soil. These all work just fine, and anything you do to improve your soil will help improve your garden.

After many years of gardening, and watching my parents prepare our family garden and flower beds when I was growing up, I have found a complete soil amendment I love and highly recommend. I normally don't talk about one product over another in this column; however this is one I have to talk about to make our gardeners more successful.

Bumper Crop Organic Soil Amendment, produced by the Coast of Maine, is my favorite garden product; my favorite key success in the garden.

Bumper Crop is seafood based and super charged with worm castings (adds great biology), composted shell fish, (lobster shells), composted cow manure, kelp meal, dehydrated poultry manure, and mycorrhizae. Nearly all plants



rely on mycorrhizal fungi for nutrients and moisture. The plant performs photosynthesis and other above-ground functions, and the fungi handle underground nutrition-gathering and protect the roots. Soils are greatly improved by the fungi sending millions of tiny root-threads far out from the plant roots. These root-threads separate clay platelets to allow essential air and water into the root zone, or will bind together sandy soil to form a moisture-holding biomass. Marginal, salty, and damaged soils can often be made productive with the introduction of mycorrhizal fungi.

Soil amendments should be added in a 70/30 mix (70% existing soil to 30% amendment). If your soil is exceptionally heavy with clay, go a little heavier with the amendment. Till it into the ground at least a foot; the deeper, the better. When planting a tree, perennial or shrub add it to the hole you dig and work it in around the new planted root ball.

Over the years we spend a great deal of time looking for products that make sense, ones that improve our gardener's chance of success. Products that have been perhaps something else or are a bi-product that we can use in the garden, that we can repurposed instead of ending up in a landfill. Lobster compost is just one of those products. What in the world do they do with all those Maine lobsters shells? Dump them in the ocean? Put them in the land fill? No! Compost them for our gardeners. One of the other challengers that face vegetable gardeners is blossom end rot on that beautiful tomato you have been watching ripen, only to rot on the end just before you harvest. Blossom end rot is a lack of moisture and calcium to the tomato fruit; calcium is the number one nutrient plants need. Lobster compost is body or shells of a lobster after the meat has been removed. The shell has nitrogen in it, calcium from the shell is release as the shell compost, it rich in chitin which feed the microorganisms that feed on it and excrete waste which is food for the plants. It is rich in humic acid great for growing roots, it a sweet organic amendment that works fantastic in your vegetable gardens, also for roses, and lilacs.

As a greenhouse grower, I don't look at all the pretty flowers on our benches. I look at the roots; it's all about the world many of us never think about. As I walk our greenhouses I'm constantly looking at the roots & knocking plants out of the pots. It amazes me you don't hear more about the soils and roots. It really is the key to success in the greenhouse, in your vegetable garden or in your pots. A whole world of bacteria, actinomycetes, fungi, algae, and protozoa, plant roots, mycorrhizal fungi, chemical reactions are just below the soil surface. The good news is you don't need to be a soil scientist to be a great gardener. Just a little common sense, thinking about soil, add a good amendment and/or compost and let Mother Nature do the rest.

One final important ingredient: Seek advice. My garden center staff loves to talk about plants, and they'll help you make well-informed choices. Because "Success Grows Here" at Greenstreet Gardens.



ON WATCH

## MARCH MADNESS

BY MARCUS FISK

*"...to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and... to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest..."*

*Preamble to the Charter of the United Nation's  
June 26, 1945*

By the time you read this, basketball's 'March Madness' will be over and the [Airline] Crash News Network (CNN) and the Forever Obnoxious X-tremist (FOX) News will shift its focus again to the real March Madness – the further adventures of ISIS.

"What? ISIS, again?" But like an elephant in the room – it's a tough thing to ignore.

While we were all enjoying the annual NCAA 'Hoop-o-rama,' following the latest titillating details of a deranged German airline pilot, or voting for our favorite on American Idol's 'Hollywood Final 164' – ISIS and Boko Haram have continued their rage against humanity adding more notches on their guns and further honed their marketing efforts to attract young people to the Middle East and Africa to join in on the all fun and excitement of killing, destruction, and mayhem – and all in the name of God.

ISIS's incredibly successful recruiting has both dazzled and dazed America's leading public relations agencies, who are usually contracted by the Department of Defense to create military recruiting ads for young Americans to join the services. These Titans of marketing are sitting in their plush Madison Avenue offices shaking their heads at the ISIS media campaign unfolding. They ask themselves, 'How did ISIS do it? How do they get onto the laptops and i-pads of young Middle Eastern girls holding dual-citizenship passports and get them to fly to Turkey and to disappear into the mass chaos that is modern-day Syria, and give their futures to 'fight for ISIS?' These wizards of media marketing who normally can control all manner of adolescent 'buying' behaviors are now struck-dumb at the success of ISIS. Clearly, young, handsome, six-pack-bedecked ISIS fighters that appear on 'Middle East Match.com' are drawing young women to that part of the world with appeals to them to do the ISIS version of 'Support the Troops.'

We may mock American college students and the wave of destruction they leave in their wake this time each year, but ISIS converts bring a whole new meaning to the destructive insanity of "Spring Break."

With all the chaos and total disregard for human life taking place around the world, we are very likely witnessing, for the first time since the U.N. was created in 1945, the 3rd World War. Really? Where do I come off with that assertion? Am I a diplomat? Am I a trained International Affairs specialist? Am I an experienced arms negotiator? Hardly. To borrow from Will Rogers, "All I know is what I read in the papers." And what we see on television and online is tantamount to a world at war – or at least certainly enough chaos to comprise a good, old-fashioned world war.

Now, whether you agree that it's a war or not, whether you think we should be involved or not, or whether you agree in seeking a diplomatic solution or not – whatever your opinion about it or whatever you want call all this destruction – there is an awful lot of killing going on around the globe. Whether ISIS is the Crisis, or Boko Haram causing Alarm – the most logical candidate to step up and fix the problem, in my humble opinion, is the U.N.

Unfortunately they don't seem too excited to get into the fray.

By the end of 2014 Boko Haram bragged of killing 2,000 in Nigeria alone and that doesn't include their terrifying kidnapping of over 200 adolescent girls from schools to serve as 'war brides' to the faithful.

ISIS claimed they successfully annihilated 9,347 civilians killed and at least 17,386 wounded in Iraq, with some 1,500 Iraqi soldiers killed. Reports also include over 30,000 dead in Libya at the hands of ISIS.

I haven't chocked-up the tallies for Algeria, Egypt, Yemen, Lebanon, and Syria, yet but with all that shooting, bombing and scimitar-wielding – well, you get the picture – the Middle East and Africa are what we affectionately refer to the military as – a 'soup sandwich.'

If the UN were to be candid, they would declare the regions are SNAFU-ed and mobilize an international force – a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-religious, and multi-just-

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## CLAIMING DAMAGES FOR WRONGFUL PROSECUTION

There are times when a person is wrongfully accused of a crime. Vindictiveness, discrimination, revenge, hate, or other improper motives may cause such accusations. An action for malicious prosecution is the remedy for baseless and malicious criminal prosecution. It is generally limited to criminal prosecutions (as opposed to civil suits), for example when a person swears out a false criminal complaint against another for an alleged assault and battery which never occurred for a malicious purpose or other vindictive purpose. The defendant in the initial case becomes the plaintiff in the malicious prosecution suit, and the plaintiff or prosecutor in the original case becomes the defendant. In most states the claim must be filed within a year after the end of the original case.

A claim of malicious prosecution is a tort action. A tort action is filed in civil court to recover money damages for certain harm suffered. The plaintiff in a malicious prosecution suit seeks to win money from the defendant as recompense for the various costs associated with having to defend against the case and other personal damages suffered, and send a message to the defendant to refrain from future wrongful conduct.

An action for malicious prosecution is distinct from an action for false arrest or false imprisonment. If a person is arrested by a police officer who lacks legal authority for the arrest, the proper remedy is an action for false arrest. If a

person is confined against her or his will, the proper remedy is an action for false imprisonment. An action for malicious prosecution is appropriate only when the judicial system has been misused.

The tort of malicious prosecution in Virginia has four main elements. The criminal prosecution must be: malicious; instituted by or with the cooperation of the defendants; without probable cause; and terminated in a manner not unfavorable to the plaintiff.

In most malicious prosecution cases, the second and fourth elements are not at issue. It is usually clear that the defendants instituted the prosecution by going to the police and the magistrate and it is clear that the prosecution ended in a manner favorable to the plaintiff when the charges were dropped or dismissed. However, the plaintiff must show all four elements to succeed in the action. Under Virginia law the plaintiff has a relatively high burden since actions for malicious prosecution are not favored in Virginia, where established case law has held that "the standard for 'maintaining such actions are more stringent than those applying to most other tort claims.'" quoting *Lee v. Southland Corp.*, 219 Va. 23, 26 (1978).

The two remaining elements are probable cause and malice. For malicious prosecution in Virginia, probable cause is defined as "knowledge of facts and circumstances that excite the belief in a reasonable mind at the time the action

complained of was taken that the person is guilty of the crime for which he is charged." This probable cause must have existed at the time the complained of action was taken. *Reilly v. Shepherd*, 273 Va. 728, 733 (2007).

While having an arrest warrant issued from a magistrate judge is helpful to the argument that the defendant had probable cause, it is not conclusive. The arrest warrant is only a complete defense if the defendant provided all of the pertinent details to the police and the magistrate prior to the magistrate issuing the warrant. *Am. Rwy. Express Co. v. Stephens*, 148 Va. 1, 15, 138 S.E. 496, 500 (1927) (finding that the defendant had a "perfect defense because of the fact that all through this unfortunate affair it acted under the advice of the counsel . . . who were in possession of all the facts known" to the defendant). On the other hand, if the Defendant did not share all of the facts with the Magistrate or police, then the arrest warrant does not conclusively demonstrate probable cause. *Oxenham v. Johnson*, 241 Va. 281, 291 (1991) (noting that the arrest warrant "was so totally lacking probable cause" despite the magistrate finding probable cause from the statement of the defendant). Instead, probable cause must be determined from the facts by demonstrating that the Defendants responded to circumstances that "excite the belief in a reasonable mind" that the Plaintiff is guilty of a crime.

If the Plaintiff is able to show that the

Defendants lacked probable cause then the fact finder could infer malice. *Reilly*, 273 Va. at 733 ("Malice may be inferred from a lack of probable cause, but a lack of probable cause may not be inferred from malice."). But, if the Defendants are able to demonstrate that there was probable cause then it does not matter if the Defendant acted maliciously since both elements are essential to the cause of action. "In the context of a malicious prosecution action, malice is defined as any controlling motive other than a good faith desire to further the ends of justice, enforce obedience to the criminal laws, suppress crime, or see that the guilty are punished." *Hudson v. Lanier*, 255 Va. 330, 333 (1998).

Overall, if the Defendants are able to show that they shared all of the relevant information with the magistrate prior to the issuance of the arrest warrant than it is likely that the lack of probable cause element will not be met. If this element, or the malice element, is not met then the plaintiff does not have sufficient evidence to show malicious prosecution. However, if it is not clear that the magistrate had all of the relevant information then the case will probably come down to convincing the fact finder, the judge or jury, that one side is more believable than the other. Whether you ultimately win or lose, bringing the malicious prosecution case accomplishes the proper ends of justice.

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## Alexandria Electrician Stays Close to Homes

BY KRIS GILBERTSON

Close-in Northern Virginia neighborhoods are a hotbed of home improvement projects as householders upgrade, renovate, or add on rather than move out of long-established homes. The search for skilled, reliable, and fairly priced contractors is often an on-going, and frustrating, challenge. But residents of North Alexandria, Old Town, and South Arlington in need of an electrician can avoid that problem altogether.

Based in the Parkfairfax neighborhood, Allegro LLC is a full-service, Class A electrical contractor specializing in the older homes and structures that are so much a part of Alexandria's identity. Its services range from changing out a light fixture to whole-house renovation.

Allegro has been a business since 2007, but owner Greg Drone's knowledge of this area goes back much farther. Raised in rural Illinois, Drone first came to DC in 1975 as a musician (French horn) with the Marine Band. Seven years later, he moved on to the San Juan (PR) Symphony, but returned to join the Washington Opera at the Kennedy Center. After 29 years with the opera, he retired in 2012.

In 1979, Drone moved into Parkfairfax, where he and his wife Andrea raised a son and two daughters.

Allegro grew out of a hobby. "The opera season is 30 weeks, and even during the season, I had lots of free

time," he says. "I tried different things and found I liked working with electric. I was good at it."

Drone educated himself and took on increasingly complex DIY projects at home. Then it escalated. Family members were the first to ask for help, then friends. When complete strangers started calling with jobs, Drone knew it was time to get licensed.

The Commonwealth of Virginia issues five levels of contractor licenses, with criteria based on experience, knowledge, and the size of jobs taken on. Allegro holds Class A, the highest level with the most comprehensive requirements. "If you have someone doing electrical work in your home, don't you really want a Class A contractor?" Greg asked.

Drone stays up to date on industry research and education through membership in the National Association of the Remodeling Industry and National Fire Protection Association. NFPA developed the National Electrical Code, adopted in all 50 states as the benchmark for safe electrical design, installation, and inspection.

When John and Shelly Biechman decided to double the area of the first floor of their mid-century Beverly Estates home, Greg Drone suggested working with builder Bob Odmark. Together with the Biechmans, Drone and Odmark drew up plans to knock out the home's back wall and add a spacious family room and screened porch.

This evolving, six-month project included numerous decisions made and changed along the way. "Greg and Bob were Renaissance men," says John Biechman. Pointing out eight



Greg Drone of Allegro

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Be sure to check out the website gallery—pretty photos mostly of renovation projects. But, as Greg Drone says, "It's hard to shoot sexy pictures of electrical."

recessed LED light fixtures, he said he'd envisioned having a dozen installed, but Greg tamed that number for optimal lighting in the room. "He watched out for our needs rather than our perhaps overly active imagination," Biechman says.

### Focus on a defined market

Allegro LLC gets calls from people throughout the metro area, but concentrates on residential work in neighborhoods from Old Town north and west to South Arlington, including Del Ray, Parkfairfax, Beverly Hills, and Fairlington. The Allegro staff includes Drone and other one full-time electrician, plus part-time employees when needed, and they collaborate with renovation companies working in Allegro's service area.

Before estimating a job, Drone asks multiple questions about the problem or project and the home's construction and accessibility. Not every potential

customer appreciates the process, but "the last thing you want," Drone says, "is someone who quotes you \$100, then gets on-site and says, no, this will be \$300." Pre-determining the scope of the job tells the customer what to expect in both price and experience.

"Greg gave us a reasonable estimate, handled the permits, coordinated the gas line installation, and wired and installed the 17kw whole house generator," reports Dave Cavanaugh in Alexandria. "He was courteous throughout the process. We are pleased with the installation and it works as advertised."

Online reviewer David F. in Arlington noted: "Not only did he fix the problem, but he was also able to give me helpful tips with a better understanding of the problem as well as how it was fixed...I highly recommend Greg. Extremely professional, quick service, and very friendly."



## CAN KIDS HAVE FUN AT THE DENTIST?

BY ROWAN CECH

I knew from the moment that I stepped into Dr. Joseph Lopez's practice, that this was something new and different. It was everything that I wish my childhood dentist could have been. From the entertaining and colorful pictures on the bright happy walls to the teddy bears just waiting for cuddles from playmates, this is the perfect place to bring your kids.

Let's start from the beginning. When I was asked to profile a dentist, I thought to myself, there really can't be anything more boring and dull than this. Isn't all that they do is just stick annoying metal things in your mouth and tell you everything that you have been doing wrong? But after visiting and spending some time chatting with Dr. Lopez, my mind was quickly changed. Going to the dentist at Alexandria Pediatric Dentistry is actually quite a bit fun.

The space is filled with splashes of bright, cheerful colors that just make you smile as you walk in. Okay, so maybe that one kid who hates the dentist won't smile right away, but once he sees all of the stuffed animals and toys waiting to be played with, it's really hard to resist. But best of all, and I think all dentists should have this, Dr. Lopez has set up TVs on the ceiling above the cleaning chairs so that kids can watch compelling Disney movies while getting their teeth cleaned. I almost wanted to stay and get my teeth cleaned just so I could hold a stuffed animal and watch *Despicable Me 2*.

One of the main things that Dr. Lopez likes to focus on is making sure that the parent is comfortable and feels like their child is in good hands. Especially when it is a new parent. To do this, the cleaning room is a large open space so parents can sit in on the check up with their kids, and also learn new things on how to keep those teeth

looking good. This helps the parents relax and overall create a more calm and casual environment. And I mean, let's not forget that there are teddy bears, because really, who doesn't like those? Also Alexandria Pediatric Dentistry is a bilingual practice where Spanish is also spoken, which comes in handy since there is a significant Latino population in the Alexandria area.

Some of you are probably reading this and thinking well this sounds all well and good, but what is exactly is a pediatric dentistry and how is it any different from a regular dentist? Well instead of me looking something up that might be wrong, here is what Dr. Lopez says, "A pediatric dentist has two to three years specialty training following dental school and limits his/her practice to treating children only. Pediatric dentists are primary and specialty oral care providers for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health needs."

Now for a little bit about Dr. Joseph Lopez. When I asked him why he chose dentistry, his first response was actually not what I expected, "I was never that kid at four years old saying, hey I want to be a dentist." But he changed his mind during grad school at George Washington University when he got to learn more about dentistry through shadowing some of his colleagues. At one point he told me, "I was looking for my own little niche," which turned out to be dentistry. Before coming to the Alexandria area, Dr. Lopez studied at the University of Pittsburgh. Different opportunities over 10 years led him



Dr. Lopez of Alexandria Pediatric Dentistry.

Photo by Rowan Cech

here to Alexandria and eventually the opening of Alexandria Pediatric Dentistry a little under a year ago.

So why should you choose Alexandria Pediatric Dentistry? Well first and foremost, as the doctor said himself, they are honest. If something is wrong he will make sure that the parent understands what is going on, then help fix the problem. "While we may be an authority in the field, I feel like we should come down to a level where you can easily distribute and summarize that information so that the parents can more easily understand and appreciate the help." Another thing that Alexandria Pediatric Dentistry offers is up to date technology. This allows for better work to be done. But overall Dr. Lopez wants to create a stimulating and comfortable environment to keep those teeth in perfect shape!

*Alexandria Pediatric Dentistry is located at 3223 Duke St in Alexandria VA, 22314.*

# LIVING LEGENDS



Photo by Steven Halperson/Tisara Photography.

## ALICE P. MORGAN

by Sherry Wilson Brown

Suppose you must select one word to describe 2015 Living Legend Alice P. Morgan. There are many choices: groundbreaker, activist, and nurturer come quickly to mind. But perhaps the most all-encompassing is inclusive. Morgan is about including people. For example, when Morgan chaired Alexandria's annual Martin Luther King Day celebrations, she found a way to include anyone who showed an interest, even children.

"Youngsters were never too young to help, even if all they did was distributing programs. If they wanted to help, they could," she explained. "Some of those young volunteers returned each year. It gave them their first experience as volunteers." Kenya Turner, today a Community Center Director in Fairfax County, explains, "I have known Mrs. Morgan all my life. She introduced me to my first role in public service when I was 5 and she allowed me to be a hostess for the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service." With continued backing and encouragement from Morgan, Turner went on to receive an Outstanding Achievement Award as a senior at Alexandria's T.C. Williams High School and eventually to obtain a degree in Public Administration from George Mason University.

Morgan initiated Alexandria's Martin Luther King Memorial Service in 1973, before the holiday was officially recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia or the United States Congress. She went on to volunteer as chair for 34 of the next 35 years before finally retiring in 2008, leaving behind a well-established legacy.

Perhaps, it is the pioneering side of Morgan (another good word) that motivates her to undertake challenges no one like her has attempted. It is part of why she was selected in 2010 by the Alexandria Commission on Women for the Marguerite Payez Lifetime Achievement Award. Her nomination cited that Morgan was the first woman and the first African American woman to be appointed to the Alexandria Planning Commission (on which she served two terms). This was during a significant period in Alexandria. Ira Robinson had been elected to City Council, the first African American since Reconstruction Times and he faced all-white Boards and Commissions. Robinson had been mentoring Morgan with whom he worked on voter registration and his Council campaign. At his urging, Morgan applied for the Planning Commission and was appointed.

In 1979, she was the first African American woman to run for City Council. Although not elected, her candidacy was an encouragement for other African American Women. Morgan's activities have led to entries in *Outstanding Young Women of America* (1970), *Who's Who among Black Women* (1975-76), and *World Who's Who of Women*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (1978).

The first child in a closely-knit family of two brothers and a sister in Richmond, Morgan graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School which was named for her grandfather's half-sister. Her father, Elmore W. Johnson, Jr. was an acquaintance of King associate Reverend Wyatt Tee Walker whom he held up to his children as an example of service with the reminder that "if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Morgan believes that she developed her interest in community service from that and in social work from her mother, Fannye Mae Quarles Johnson who often fed or housed friends and relatives in need.

After high school, Morgan earned a B.A. from Virginia Union University and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University. She had an eye toward being an Army nurse but a dislike of needles and blood ended that so she concentrated on a professional career as a social worker focusing on mental health. In 1980, Morgan was one of 25 people selected nationwide for an Intergovernmental Management Program sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services. Her field placement was the Bureau of Medical Services as a Program Analyst while taking accelerated classes that led to a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California Washington Center. Among her duties was preparing a briefing book on Public Health for the Reagan Transition Team. Now retired, she had been a Social Work Administrator in various positions in such organizations as Prince William County Welfare Department, Hopkins House, then an Alexandria settlement house, and St. Elizabeth's Hospital which began as a Federal Government hospital now serving the city of Washington, D.C.

Volunteer is another good description for Morgan. Volunteering became an early pattern for her. At seven, she began making "Use Me" books for the Red Cross. Using construction paper, she created books that included such things as a stick of chewing gum and invited the reader to "chew me" and a comic strip that invited the reader to "read me." That was followed by being a Candy Striper. By the time Morgan was in her third year of college, she was recognized by the Red Cross for having donated over 500 hours of service. She also volunteered in Richmond for voter registration and for marches and sit-ins to desegregate restaurants and movie theaters.

Morgan moved to Alexandria in 1967. Early involvement focused on affordable housing, senior citizen advocacy and affordable health care. Among her first activities were volunteering for the Alexandria Tenants' Council, the Alexandria Boys Club and the Legal Aid Society. She served on the Police Community Relations Task Force, the Board of the Alexandria Mental Health Association, and the local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. From 2010 to 2013, she was on the Board of Living Legends of Alexandria. Since 2007, she has served on the Board of Agenda: Alexandria organizing programs on African American history, affordable housing, immigration, and T.C. Williams students after graduation. The last is especially important to Morgan as her children Weldon "Donnie" Morgan and Arvette Morgan Reid are graduates.

In 2012, she received the President's Volunteer Service Award for Community Service in Alexandria which was accompanied by a certificate and letter of congratulations signed by President Barack Obama.

She has been married to Wilson Miles Morgan since 1966. They "met" in college but on a visit home, Morgan discovered that they had known one another as toddlers when their parents swapped babysitting duties. She is the proud grandmother of W. Miles and Alexandra "Zan" Morgan and Jarren M. and Sovay A. Reid, a new generation to include in Public Service.

Sherry Wilson Brown is Executive Director of Agenda: Alexandria

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— Benjamin Franklin



# APRIL Z-EVENTS

## APRIL 1-JANUARY 2016

### Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape at Mount Vernon

9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
George Washington's Estate & Gardens  
3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway  
Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, highlighting the first president's interests and talents as a landscape designer through the exciting new exhibition, "Garden & Groves: George Washington's Landscape at Mount Vernon." On view in The Donald W. Reynolds Museum & Education Center's F.M. Kirby Foundation Gallery, "Gardens & Groves" showcases more than 40 objects combining rarely-seen items from Mount Vernon's collection with original Washington books and letters loaned from institutions across the country. The centerpiece of "Gardens & Groves" is a spectacular 8'x 9'x 11' model of Mount Vernon's landscape as Washington last saw it in 1799. 703-780-2000. Event included with purchase of a General Admission Ticket \$17 adults; \$8 children ages 6-11; free children ages 5 and under.



### APRIL 4-MAY 4

#### Campbell's 'Not-Just-Soup' Food Drive

9 am-11 am  
Safeway  
3526 King St.  
Campbell Reid, age 5, is conducting this fundraiser every Saturday in April from 9 a.m. -11 a.m. He or a schoolmate will be there at other times on Saturdays and weekday afternoons as schedules permit. There will be a spot for donations at all times through the month of April.

### APRIL 4-SEPTEMBER 26

#### Baseball Boat to Nationals Park

Alexandria Marina  
1 Cameron St.  
The Potomac Riverboat Company offers baseball

## CARPENTER'S SHELTER HOSTS 13TH ANNUAL COOK-OFF

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Carpenter's Shelter is bringing together new and old local restaurants at their 13th annual Cook-Off from noon to 3:00 p.m. at The Birchmere. Cook-Off is a fundraising event designed to raise money and awareness for Carpenter's Shelter, one of Northern Virginia's largest homeless shelters.

At Cook-Off, over twenty of the area's best restaurants will offer samples of their finest dish and compete for four different awards determined by judges and guests. While guests snack, they will also enjoy a musical performance by the Alpha Dog Blues Band and get the chance to bid in a live auction featuring one-of-a-kind trips and getaways. All auction item proceeds go toward funding Carpenter's Shelter's programs and services.

Carpenter's Shelter has been serving homeless individuals in Northern Virginia for 27 years. Contributions from organizations, community partners, and individuals assist Carpenter's Shelter in doing the following: operating a 60-bed emergency residential shelter with comprehensive case management and supportive services; offering the only day shelter in the City of Alexandria that addresses the basic needs of the chronically homeless population; providing a Winter Shelter from November to

enthusiasts the chance to avoid the crowds and take a leisurely cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the scenic Potomac River. Online-ticket purchases include free parking. Boats returning to Alexandria depart 20 minutes after final pitch. Boat operates for 80% of Nationals games - check website for specific available dates. 703-684-0580

### APRIL 7- OCTOBER

#### Doggy Happy Hour Opening Day

5:00-8:00 pm  
Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria  
480 King St.



An Old Town Alexandria institution, Doggy Happy Hour will kick off this spring on April 7 and continue on Tuesdays through October, offering specials on handcrafted cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. 15% of proceeds benefit P.A.L. (People. Animals. Love.) Free. Drinks sold separately.

### APRIL 13

#### History Lecture Love, Lust, and Magic in the Ancient World

7:00 pm  
The Athenaeum  
201 Prince Street  
People throughout history have tried to enchant, tempt, woo, and seduce people into falling in love (or lust). Come learn about love, lust, and magic in the ancient world from Egyptian love poems to the origins of our Valentine's Day in the Roman Empire. Adult Content: Not appropriate for children. 703-548-0035 Free

### APRIL 16-19

#### Beatley Library Spring Book Sale

4/16/2015 4:00 pm-8:30 pm Member preview,  
4/17/2015 10:00 am - 5:30 pm,  
4/18/2015 10:00 am - 4:30 pm, 4/19/2015



April; and offering a Community Case Management program for formerly homeless clients to help them maintain their stability in the community.

In its 13th year, Cook-Off has consistently been an Alexandria favorite, drawing in over 500 attendees each year. Along with showcasing many local Alexandria restaurants, Cook-Off represents a partnership between Carpenter's Shelter and active community businesses and members. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.carpentersshelter.org/cookoff-2015](http://www.carpentersshelter.org/cookoff-2015) or tweet @CookOff2015.

1:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Beatley Central Library  
5005 Duke St.

Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and more will be available for sale. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Beatley Central Library. Located in the Large Meeting Room.

### APRIL 18

#### Carlyle House Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale

8:00 am-4:00 pm  
Carlyle House Historic Park  
121 N. Fairfax St.  
Celebrate spring with the Friends of Carlyle House's Annual Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale, where culinary and decorative herbs and plants from Mount Vernon and Layng & Company will be available for purchase. Listen to performances by area musicians throughout the day, bring your garden questions to our Master Gardeners, and shop for items made by local artisans and crafters. There is a pre-sale of plants only on Friday, April 17 from 11 am until 3 pm. 703-549-2997. Free, \$5 to tour house; free tours with Alexandria Garden Day ticket.

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# APRILZ-EVENTS

## APRIL 18

### Alexandria Historic Homes & Garden Tour

10:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Celebrating the 82nd anniversary of Historic Garden Week in Virginia, this tour features privately owned Old Town homes and gardens, offering visitors the rare opportunity to see behind the brick walls into some of the most gorgeous residences in this unique neighborhood. The tour ticket also access to the following historic properties: the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, Carlyle House Historic Park, George Washington's Mount Vernon, and Geirge Mason's Gunston Hall. Tickets and information available at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. and The Lyceum, 201S. Washington St. \$40 in advance; \$45 day of; \$25 for single sites

## APRIL 19

### Eclipse Chamber Orchestra: Spring Concert

3:00 pm  
George Washington Masonic Temple  
101 Callahan Drive  
World premiere of David Teie's adaptation of the Brahms Piano Quartet in C Minor orchestrated for the full resources of Eclipse Chamber Orchestra. In the program: Brahms/Teie: Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Minor Brahms: Serenade No. 1 in D Major. All ECO concerts and recitals are "admittance without charge - pay what you can," with donations always gratefully accepted. To make a donation, please call the ECO office at 703-635-2770.

## APRIL 22

### Spring2ACTION: Alexandria's Biggest Day of Giving

Times vary  
Spring2ACTION celebrates its fifth year with the goal of engaging 10,000 donors to raise \$1,000,000+ to support local charities in 24 hours. More than 30 participating local shops and restaurants are joining Spring2ACTION by donating up to 20% of purchases to any school or charity the customer chooses. To sweeten the deal, the Old Town Boutique District will award \$500 to the school or charity that rallies the most customers to one of its member stores. Customers need only mention "Spring2ACTION" when paying.

## APRIL 23

### Shakespeare's Birthday: The Mad Wooing

7:00 pm  
The Athenaeum  
201 Prince Street  
Celebrate Shakespeare's birthday with a staged reading of Kimberley Lynne's new play, The Mad Wooing. Set during the Inter-Regnum when theatre was illegal, a troop of hapless and brave actors perform a scene lifted from William Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew in a bar one town over from Stratford on Avon. 703-548-0035 \$15

## APRIL 25

### Rebuilding Together Alexandria's National Rebuilding Day

Starting at 7:30 am  
Event kicks off at First Baptist Church, 2932 King Street  
Throughout day, volunteers will restore and upgrade homes for limited income, elderly, and disabled homeowners in Alexandria. Year round, Rebuilding Together Alexandria works to preserve housing affordability and revitalize the city by providing free, safe, and healthy home repairs. Volunteer/sponsor deadline is April 10. <http://www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org/>. 703-836-1021  
<http://www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org/index.php/news/events>

## APRIL 25

### Splendid Fabulous Affair

Scholarship Fund of Alexandria (SFA)  
6:00 pm - midnight  
Alexandria Hilton Mark Center  
5000 Seminary Rd.  
Join a who's who of Alexandrians at this great event! Have fun dressing up and seeing friends and neighbors! The evening begins with a full open bar reception with passed hors d'oeuvres while guests mingle and have fun bidding on

silent auction items. After the reception, guests move to the dining room to feast on lobster tail and bistro steak. Dessert and coffee will be available just as the amazing live band, Grooveline, begins. All proceeds benefit our City's graduates who cannot afford to attend college. The Gala is the Scholarship Fund's biggest single fundraiser. Tickets at [www.501auctions.com/sfa](http://www.501auctions.com/sfa). 703-824-6730 or [scholarshipfund@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:scholarshipfund@acps.k12.va.us)

## APRIL 25

### Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale (formerly the Parkfairfax Native Plant Sale)

9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
The Church of St. Clement  
1701 N. Quaker Lane  
About a dozen vendors from VA, MD, PA, and WV will be selling plants native to our area. [www.facebook.com/NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale](http://www.facebook.com/NorthernAlexandriaNativePlantSale)

## MAY 2-30

### Historic Alexandria Attics and Alleys Tours

Saturdays 9:00 am - noon  
Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. or Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.  
The curious are invited to visit rarely seen spaces at four of Alexandria's historic sites on this special three-hour walking tour of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden and Carlyle House Historic Park. \$35 (Advanced reservations required). Tickets reserved online at [www.Shop.Alexandria.gov](http://www.Shop.Alexandria.gov). 703-746-4242.



## MAY 2-3

### Revolutionary War Encampment

Mount Vernon Estate  
Mount Vernon's largest-ever Revolutionary War encampment! Step back in time and walk through a reproduction of the marquee tent that served as General Washington's field headquarters throughout most of the Revolutionary War. This special tent is on loan to Mount Vernon this weekend only from the Museum of the American Revolution. Meet more than 450 Revolutionary War military re-enactors, learn more about life in the 18th century, discuss military techniques, and watch battle re-enactments. The original sleeping and office tent was one of a pair of marquees made for Gen. Washington in early 1778, at the end of the Valley Forge encampment. Washington returned to his Mount Vernon home with his tents and other military equipment in December 1783 after he resigned his commission.

## MAY 7

### Dog Days in Del Ray

6:00 - 9:00 am  
Mt Vernon Ave.  
Del Ray's business association and "Your Dog's Best Friend" hosts this First Thursday evening's event. Businesses along the Avenue will provide dog themed activities. Several animal rescue groups including Homeward Trails and Lost Dog Rescue will bring dogs available for adoption. See them in front of the elementary school. Free

## MAY 10

### Free Mother's Day Museum Tours

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum  
105-107 S. Fairfax St.  
1:00 - 5:00 pm  
Friendship Firehouse Museum  
107 S. Alfred St.  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
In honor of Mother's Day, moms enjoy free admission to two of Alexandria's premiere historic sites. At the Friendship Firehouse Museum, mothers will receive a complimentary family photo.



# THE COVERT REPORT

BY HARRY M. COVERT



## Remembering ... Judge Daniel Fairfax O'Flaherty

[Editor's Note: Judge O'Flaherty passed away peacefully, at home, age 89 on March 26, 2015. This is a tribute piece originally published in 2011 in *The Covert Letter*.]

One of my favorite Alexandria judges is retired General District Court Judge Daniel Fairfax O'Flaherty.

Even though he's been retired a long time, he presides regularly as a substitute. He's a fixture and still has second-floor chambers in the Backus Courthouse on King Street. He's a familiar face in surrounding jurisdictions, too.

As the General Assembly ponders the Alexandria courts, I'm recalling a January a few years ago when two Haitians from Harlem escaped jail and criminal records, because of an illegible note.

In early December 1998, two young Haitians took a wrong turn off Interstate 95 and ended up in an Alexandria apartment complex in Alexandria. They fell asleep in their car. At about 3 o'clock in the morning, police were called to a suspicious vehicle with two men inside. Residents of the complex were scared, figuring they were drug dealers, especially since their car had New York State license plates.

City police arrived, questioned them at length and didn't like the several different stories as to why they were in Alexandria. One said they were "coming to Richmond," the other said they were looking for Greensboro, N.C., and then said they were going to New York.

The boys, 20 and 21, were arrested, charged with trespassing and lying to police. Bail bonds were set at \$25,000 each. For the next two weeks, they languished in the Alexandria Jail, hopeless to be released for Christmas with trials set for January.

At the behest of veteran Sheriff's Deputy Mike Kimble who felt sorry for them, I went to the jail and interviewed them on the chance they were bondable. (Frankly, I figured it would be a nice Christmas fee for me.) I discovered one of the boys had \$1,600 in his jail account. The other was penniless. Their families were unable to raise the \$25,000 bond or the bondsman's fee. They only person who may help was their church pastor.

I called the Harlem pastor. He confirmed that one of the boys

worked in his church. The other, the one with no money, was dating the pastor's daughter. "Both are good young men," the pastor said. I explained they needed bail bonds to get out of jail, someone to sign for them (guaranteeing their appearance in court) and someone to send the money. I was the bondsman.

The pastor wired \$2,500 bail money for one boy and \$800 for the other. The boy with \$1,600 scribbled a note to the sheriff's property deputy giving his \$1,600 to me. By the afternoon, the money was transferred for his bond release.

I put the note in their file, drove them to the bus station for the long ride back home to Harlem. I was hoping they would return in time for court as I remembered I was responsible now for \$50,000 if they disappeared. But, they did appear for General District Court. Judge O'Flaherty was presiding, listening to the case with eyes closed, his white hair gleaming, and bright bowtie showing under his robe. He wasn't asleep. The prosecutor's evidence seemed pretty good. Public Defender Kevin Gaynor was working hard in their defense.

I listened. I was just happy the boys had appeared for court. To pass the time, I looked in the file. My ears perked up when the prosecutor asked for 12 months in jail. Suddenly, I realized in re-reading the file, that in the note to the sheriff's property deputy, the boys could barely speak English, let alone write. I stood up and walked to the front, asked to speak with the Mr. Gaynor, the public defender. Judge O'Flaherty appeared a bit startled, didn't challenge me, and agreed to my intrusion. I showed Gaynor the handwritten note, explaining these Haitians didn't understand English very well and probably didn't know what the policeman was saying.

The prosecutor saw the nearly illegible note and took it to Judge O'Flaherty. The charges were dismissed. I've always appreciated Judge O'Flaherty. He's a wise man. He always pays attention to the cases. And, he's always available if Chief Judge Becky Moore needs a substitute for the courts she administers.

# VANITY PLATE

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exercise, it was an effective way to expose people to the plight of the bumblebee, as well as connect with other like-minded pollinator protectors.

After finally acquiring the required signatures, Gallagher's last hurdle was to find a state legislator to sponsor a bill that would commission her new plate. Both of her local legislators, Senator Dick Saslaw and Delegate Charniele Herring, refused to submit a bill on her behalf.

Fortunately, Gallagher knew of a high-profile fellow pollinator enthusiast in Virginia politics: former gubernatorial candidate Senator Creigh Deeds. Deeds already introduced pro-pollinator legislation in 2012, and Gallagher figured he would be a like-minded ally to help bring her cause to fruition.

"The problem is we're losing pollinators' population dramatically - whole colonies of bees at a time," Sen. Creigh Deeds said in a telephone interview. "Not just our agricultural economy, but our whole economy is based on pollinators." According to the Virginia Department of Agriculture, bee colonies in the Commonwealth sustain a 30 percent loss every winter, much higher than the national average.

"Sam is a leader statewide raising awareness of the plight of pollinators," Deeds said. "She did a great job with the design, and when people see the tag they will wonder about it, ask questions, learn what they can do help pollinators."

While various charities have helped champion the "Protect Pollinators" plate over the past five years, Gallagher felt there was no incentive to make her plate affiliated with any single one. Regular custom plates cost \$10 for a DMV processing fee, whereas non-profit plates (like the Parrot Head one) add a \$15 donation to the organization atop the fee. "The DMV is going to get their money either way," she said.

Besides, Gallagher cares more about the cause than collecting money from people. "Hopefully, the lower price will get a higher volume of drivers to purchase the plate, and then they can still donate \$15 to a charity that benefits pollinators if they want," she said.

When asked if she had advice for people who want to help pollinators thrive (besides getting the license plate), Gallagher said that it is crucial to "refrain from using any pesticides" in the home or garden, and beyond that "plant flowering native plants that bloom throughout various seasons." She recommends milkweed, an important food source for the monarch butterfly, and mountain mint, which "attracts a wide variety of all kinds of pollinators."



Senator Creigh Deeds was an enormous help getting the plate approved. Courtesy photo.

# MARCH MADNESS

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about-everything-else force, comprised of every member nation of the UN and knock ISIS and Boko Haram out of the galaxy. With the UN mission statement including "peacekeeping, peace-building, and counter-terrorism," I thought that's what the UN was supposed to do. How silly of me.....

The UN has issued numerous statements that Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon was "...outraged..." at the loss of life and destructive tactics of ISIS.

Given the death and wanton eradication of upwards of 200,000 people might have raised a few hackles amongst the members of the UN sufficiently to mobilize a UN Peacekeeping (read: 'ass-kicking') force of substantial numbers to

erase ISIS and Boko Haram and restore peace to the two continents.

But wait, there's more. Ironically, these crimes against humanity of death and dismemberment weren't as heinous as others.

In March ISIS decided that many of the world's statues, artworks, and other antiquities were really pagan idolatry, so they waltzed into the ancient Iraqi towns of Mosul, Hatra, and Nimrud and began taking sledgehammers and axes to hundreds of 2000-year-old-plus artifacts held in museums. ISIS actually bulldozed the town of Nimrud to the ground.

This took 'crimes against humanity' to a new plateau of righteous indignation from the UN.

"We cannot remain silent. The deliberate destruction of cultural heritage constitutes a war crime," said Irina Bokova, Director-General of UN

Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). "I call on all political and religious leaders in the region to stand up and remind everyone that there is absolutely no political or religious justification for the destruction of humanity's cultural heritage."

So there, take that ISIS!

I really didn't make this up.



Marcus Fisk is a retired Navy Captain, Naval Academy graduate, sometime actor, sculptor, pick-up soccer player, and playwright. He and his wife Pamela live in Connecticut.

# APRIL PUZZLERS

ANSWERS ON PAGE 28

## ACROSS

1. Prevaricators
6. Church alcove
10. Rapsallions
14. Shot from a bow
15. Kaolin
16. Not less
17. "There you have it!"
18. An enclosure
19. Trudge
20. Deductive
22. Telephoned
23. Fizzy drink
24. Come forth
26. Winglike
30. Mesh
31. Pull
32. Fail to win
33. Again
35. Escargot
39. Paving material
41. Sideways
43. S S S S
44. Cumberbund
46. Foot digits
47. Be unwell
49. Utilize
50. Where the sun rises
51. Not singular
54. Young cow
56. Permits
57. Not natural

63. Dogfish
64. Drudgery
65. Eccentric
66. Fee
67. Maguey
68. Not upper
69. 1 1 1 1
70. Transmit
71. Garden tool

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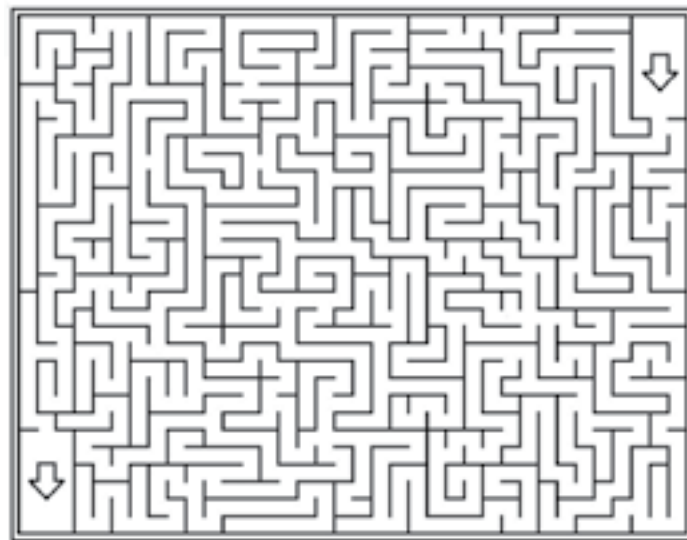
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2. Press
3. Operatic solo
4. Somersault
5. Swings
6. Unfortunate mishaps
7. Mollify
8. Epic
9. Shoelace hole
10. Make pregnant
11. Back tooth
12. Tine 13. Marsh plant
21. Anagram of "Talon"
25. Scent
26. Wings
27. Not a win
28. Vipera
29. Practices
34. Celebrated noisily (archaic)
36. Dwarf buffalo



37. Frosts
38. "\_\_\_ we forget"
40. Largest continent
42. Mantelpiece
45. Sell to the highest bidder
48. Andean animals
51. Ancient Athenian philosopher

52. A tart fruit
53. Practical
55. Satiates
58. Part in a play
59. Henhouse
60. Hawkeye State
61. Copied
62. Stringed instrument

## IT'S A-MAZE-ZING



## SUDOKU

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## ANIMAL TAILS

### Pets Need Regular Dental Care Too!

BY ADRIENNE HERGEN, DVM

Did you realize that greater than 85% of dogs and cats over the age of six have dental disease? Dental tartar and bad breath can be sources of infection, are painful and will progress to tooth loss eventually. If there is visible tartar on the teeth then you should schedule a dental appointment for your pet.

Pets develop dental disease from not brushing their teeth and not having regular professional dental cleanings. Some breeds of dogs, particularly small breeds, can be more prone to dental disease. Brushing the teeth daily and having the teeth cleaned by your veterinarian when recommended is the only way to prevent dental disease. Feeding prescription diets, using sprays, sealers or wipes can help but not as much as brushing.

A thorough dental cleaning requires general anesthesia. Your pet will have an intravenous catheter in place and will receive intravenous fluids during the procedure. A trained assistant will monitor vital parameters, such as heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, and respiratory rate, to decrease the risk of complications. The teeth will each be ultrasonically scaled, polished and checked for any signs of disease.

At Shirlington Animal Hospital, we recommend dental x-rays for every patient. This allows us to evaluate the enamel of each tooth as well as the structures below the gum line. We make every effort to save the teeth but if a tooth is unhealthy it should be surgically removed to prevent further sources of pain and infection. If you are particularly concerned about preserving a broken tooth, for example, there are board-certified veterinary dentists who can provide more advanced care such as root canals and dental implants. Shirlington Animal Hospital has invested in top of the line dental radiology equipment, anesthetic monitoring equipment, and high speed dental equipment to ensure your pet receives the best possible dental care.

Many clients are concerned about the possibility of their pet needing dental extractions. Removing diseased teeth is actually better for your pet than leaving diseased teeth in the mouth. Diseased teeth that are left in place can continue to be a source of pain and infection.

Many clients perceive that since their pet is eating normally that he/she must not be in pain. This is not the case because animals have a strong natural instinct to hide pain. By the time they stop eating, the pain is more severe than the will to survive and eat. Normal eating is not a reliable indicator of pain. Your pet's mouth should be evaluated by us at each visit to determine when a dental cleaning is needed. Most clients notice a dramatic improvement in their pet's behavior after dental disease is treated appropriately.

Many people are concerned about the risk of anesthesia as their pet gets older. There is

always a risk associated with anesthesia but that risk is minimized by having a thorough physical exam completed before the procedure and having pre-anesthetic bloodwork done. This bloodwork, in particular, looks at the liver and kidney function which is important because it is the way the body filters the anesthesia. If your pet has a heart murmur, additional diagnostics will be recommended prior to proceeding with a dental cleaning.

It is very important to try and prevent dental disease from developing in your pet. Brushing the teeth at home and having dental cleanings done when

minimal tartar is present will help prevent major oral surgery from being necessary in the future. Unfortunately, many pets we see have severely diseased mouths that require more advanced, and costly, procedures. You should always feel free to discuss your pet's dental health with your veterinarian so we can develop a treatment and prevention plan to allow your pet to have a pain and infection free mouth.

*Adrienne Hergen, DVM is a veterinarian at the Shirlington Animal Hospital, 2770 S. Arlington Mill Dr., Arlington, VA.*



Adrienne Hergen, DMV

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## All-star pup lineup featured in “Acappela” group

Remember that adorable lab puppy that fell in love with one of the Budweiser Clydesdales in the 2014 commercial titled “Puppy Love”? In the commercial he was adopted away from the horse ranch, but managed to find his way back to the Clydesdale stables and be escorted up the road home by 5 of the beautiful horses to be reunited with his BFF.

Cooper was one of the six puppies that were each trained to do different shots in the commercial. Cooper was the one that touched noses with a Clydesdale in the stable.

After the commercial Cooper ended up in the capable and loving hands of Susan Guillot of Second Hand Souls Animal Rescue & Animal Actors in Perris, California. It was a lucky place for a dog that had been trained to be in commercials and movies.

Lucky, too, for Cardinal Laboratories!



The “Botanifits” is an acappella singing group of dogs.

Susan heard that Cardinal’s commercial producer, Shira Lane of Unleashed Productions, was looking for dogs for their commercial. Susan contacted Shira and the rest, as they say, is history now. Of course, Cooper doesn’t look the same as he did in 2014. In the commercial he plays one of the 8 “Botanifits,” an acappella singing group of dogs. The other seven dogs in the commercial are also part of the Animal Actors of Susan’s rescue, so Cooper was right at home with his canine crew.

“I went to the shoot expecting total mayhem on the set,” says Barbara Denzer, VP of Marketing for Cardinal. “I knew Shira was calm and patient and had her own well trained dog, but couldn’t imagine one trainer tending all

eight dogs while shooting on a sound stage. Plus, they would be wearing costumes since they were imitating a human vocal group!

“My anxiety was due to the fact that I hadn’t met Susan Guillot. They were

the most beautifully groomed, well cared for and highly trained dogs I’ve ever seen. Susan had helpers, and the dogs were well hydrated, fed, exercised and cared for the entire day without a single incident. She got them all to perform to the script and ‘sing’ their song. It was a calm, interesting and totally rewarding day. We can’t say enough good things about Susan and her adopted or rescued dogs-turned-actors.”

Look for the Botanifits dogs on [www.facebook.com/PetBotanics](http://www.facebook.com/PetBotanics) too!



### Hero Tails

On March 28th, Animal Services Officer Howes was dispatched to the 100 block of Strand Street for a report injured seagull. After observing that the seagull could not achieve sustained flight, Officer Howes determined that the gull would not be able to survive in its condition. The gull was followed to the shoreline where Officer Howes realized that if the gull was able to swim away from the shoreline, it could be lost. Howes chased after the gull into the water, wading up to his knees in the Potomac and was able to net the bird to bring it back to shore where it was then taken to Paws Purrs and Exotics Animal Hospital for treatment. Since his trip to the vet, “Clipper,” has been transported to a wildlife rehabilitator. Thank you to Officer Howes for helping to save this bird!

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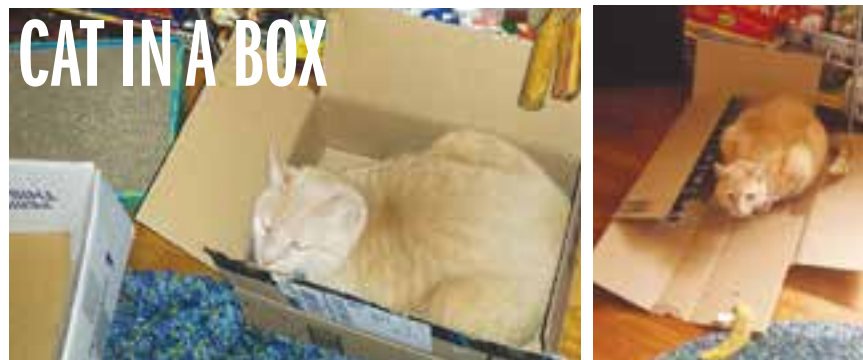


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### CAT IN A BOX



### Meet Penny Lane

“Penny Lane climbed in and then wiggled around so much getting comfortable that she actually broke the box, but she stayed in it!”

— Submitted by Evan Labb and Courtney Fyfe from Del Ray in Alexandria.

The truth is the truth. Cats love exploring boxes. The next time your kitty finds his or her way into a cardboard predicament, snap a photo and send it to us and if yours is the cutest, you will be published. Be sure to include your name and neighborhood as well as your cat’s moniker. Please send photos and copy to [mary@thezebrapress.com](mailto:mary@thezebrapress.com).

# APRIL ANSWERS

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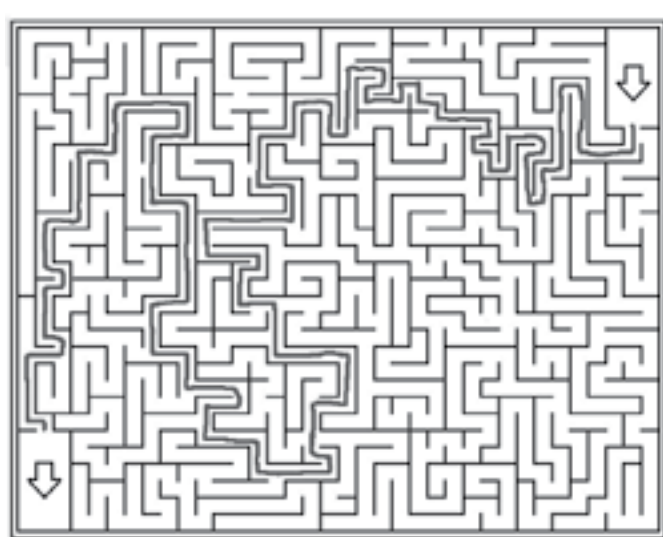
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### IT'S A MAZE-ZING





**JEFF**

Hi! My name is Jeff and I'm eager to find my forever family! I'm a neutered male Dogue De Bordeaux mix, estimated to be about two years old. I love meeting new people and am always excited for playtime. Tug-of-war, fetch, tag- you name the game and I'm happy to play! If you're looking for a goofy dog who will keep you active and on your toes, you can count on me!



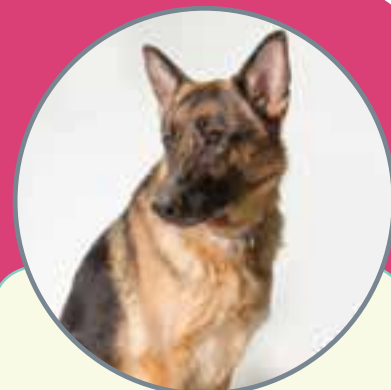
**GRACE**

Meet Grace! This sweet girl came to us as a stray and has been stealing hearts ever since. Grace is a spayed female Pit Bull Terrier, estimated to be about three years old. She is an easy-going, gentle girl who loves cuddles and hot dogs. Grace would love a home with affectionate owners (she would prefer to be the only child!) with lots of time to take her on walks and give her all the attention she deserves!



**BROWNIE**

Hi! My name is Brownie and I'm searching for a new best friend who will run with me to my heart's content! I am a neutered male American Staffordshire mix, estimated to be about four years old. I may be four years old, but I still have as much energy as a puppy! As you can probably tell from my dashing photo, I'm pretty muscular and I will need a couple hours of exercise every day to keep up with my fitness plan. We can go running, hiking, play chase in the yard, or whatever activities you like! If you're looking for a dog to compliment your active lifestyle, take me home today!



**COCO**

Allow us to introduce Coco! This beautiful girl is a spayed female German Shepard, estimated to be about two years old. Coco is a sweetheart who loves to be with her people, and especially loves to play in the snow! She is looking for a loving home that can provide her with the special attention she needs - Coco has hip dysplasia in her left hind leg, so she will need an owner who is prepared to take on this added responsibility as she gets older. Coco is an attention hog so she would prefer to be the only dog in your life, but trust us, it's worth it to have such a wonderful dog in your home!

# SAVE THE TAILS!

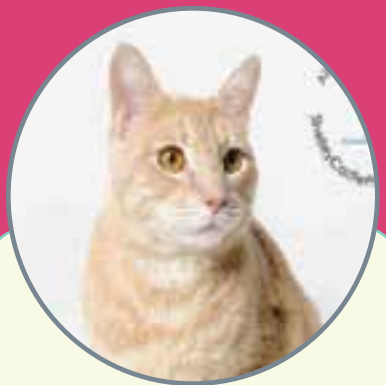


**CHESTER**

Chester is cuddly boy who would love to go home with a quiet, laid-back family. He is a neutered male Domestic Shorthair, estimated to be about five years old. Though he is a little shy, he loves to be pet and he purrs loudly when he's happy! If you're looking for a sweet, quiet buddy, Chester is the guy for you!

Starting the week of April 13th, the shelter will be closed on Wednesdays and open on Fridays.

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**BISCUIT**

We would like to share our recipe for a terrific cat named Biscuit, who is sure to exceed your every expectation! He is a neutered male Domestic Shorthair, estimated to be about one year and 6 months old. Biscuit's ingredients are: 4 cups of sugar (because he is so sweet!), 2 tablespoons of meow's, 1 teaspoon of catnip, 1/2 cup of tuna fish, plenty of water, and a pinch of magic. Follow these directions for a purrrfect Biscuit: snuggle and pet him regularly between play sessions, let rest when needed, repeat. Whether or not you enjoy baking, Biscuit is sure to butter you up!



**SCOOBY**

At the AWLA, it's no mystery that Scooby has a lot in common with his canine namesake (Scooby Doo!). Scooby is friendly, outgoing, and always ready to lend a helping paw when you're in need! This adorable kitty is a neutered male Domestic Shorthair, estimated to be about nine years old. He is declawed in his front paws, but that never stops him from playing with all sorts of toys. And if you're feeling lazy he'll be perfectly happy to spend the day snuggling with you! Not only does Scooby love making new human friends, but he is open to the idea of making feline friends as well :)



**LION-O**

Lion-O may have an intimidating name, but this kitty is far from ferocious! In fact, his front paws are declawed. Lion-O is a neutered male Domestic Shorthair, estimated to be about eight years old. He truly does have the heart of a lion, though, and has overcome many obstacles in his eight years. When he first began his journey at the AWLA, his fur was matted so much it looked like a wild mane! After we groomed him, he was much more comfortable and friendly. However, after his shave, a mass was revealed on his tail which we then removed and found out it was benign. Now that his makeover has been complete, Lion-O is ready to start his next adventure with you!



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## After five years of waiting, New York pup finds a home

Chester finally has a forever home. After a five year stint at a shelter (that's 36 in dog years!), and partly thanks to this very photo that seemed to take the internet and social media sites by storm, Chester's long wait, is finally over.

The North Fork Animal Welfare League on Long Island, New York posted Chester's photo just this past Wednesday to their Facebook page. His adorable little face and sad eyes accompany a sign saying, assumed in his own words:

"Why doesn't anybody want me? I've been waiting 5 years. Everyone at the shelter tells me what a good boy I am. So why has no one adopted me?"



The photo from a Facebook post on The North Fork Animal Welfare League's page that finally helped Chester find a good home.

I promise to be good and love my new family. Please maybe you are my new family. I sit and wait for you to come." – Chester

After gaining a full head of

steam in the way of over 2,800 "likes" and 20,000 "shares" on the Facebook page alone, that very Friday, Good Friday to some around the world, Chester had a new family.

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**Bandit**  
 Breed: Husky Mix  
 Aprox. Age: 6  
 Bandit is a husky mix weighing around 40 lbs. Bandit has been waiting a long time for a home. She was given up over a year ago due to a divorce. She is very sweet and smart, and would prefer to be the only animal in her home. Bandit is housetrained and enjoys long walks as well as curling up on the couch. She is very adaptable and would make an excellent best friend!



**Foxy**  
 Breed: DMH/Tuxedo  
 Aprox. Age: 8  
 Foxy is a wonderful handsome adult cat that has been waiting a very long time to find a home. Foxy came from a home with both dogs and cats and currently is in foster with another cat. He is a laid back boy who enjoys his humans. Foxy would love a forever home.



**Herbert**  
 Breed: Black & tan coonhound  
 Aprox. Age: 3  
 Herbert was found tied up outside with no food or water, completely emaciated. Because he was starved, he does guard his food around other dogs, but has absolutely no problem when his humans handle his food. Even with everything this poor boy has been through, he's a complete sweetheart. He loves being outside on long walks and loves curling up on the sofa after a long day.



**Frita and Shelia**  
 Breed: DSH/Tabby/Tortie  
 Aprox. Age: Mom 2 years, Baby 4 months  
 This bonded pair would love to be adopted together. Frita took little Shelia in when she was an orphan kitten. They sleep, cuddle, and groom with each other. Please help this adorable pair find a loving home



**Kota**  
 Breed: Husky  
 Aprox. Age: 8  
 Kota is beautiful, white, and 71 pounds of love. Kota has a great personality, loves people, and gets along with other dogs and cats too. He really loves going for long walks and easy jogs. He's a pretty quiet dog but will "talk" too. He enjoys riding in cars and likes to be near his humans whenever possible.



**Lilly**  
 Breed: Lab/corgi mix  
 Aprox. Age: 3  
 Lilly was abandoned at a doggy daycare by her original owners. Lilly has a warm personality and beautiful blue eyes. She is house-trained and gets along well with other dogs.



**Meadow**  
 Breed:  
 Aprox. Age: 5-7 years old  
 Meadow was found in an abandoned house with her litter of puppies. She is a sweet, gentle girl and gets along well with dog and people of all sizes. She was underweight but with some time should be about 50 lbs. She is a lovely girl who would make a great addition to any family.



**Scotty**  
 Breed: Boxer/English bulldog  
 Aprox. Age: 6 months  
 Scotty is an absolutely wonderful 80 lb mix looking for a new home through no fault of his own. He has been a wonderful family companion and can't wait to start a new life. Scotty is wiggly and super friendly, a true happy-go-lucky fellow. He is good with other dogs and cats too.



**Robin and Pigeon**  
 Breed : DSH/Tabby  
 Aprox. Age: 6 months  
 Meet bonded sisters Robin and Pigeon. These adorably Tabby sisters will give you nothing but love and affection. They are great with each other, people of all ages and other cats.



**Smokey**  
 Breed: DSH  
 Aprox. Age: 3  
 Smokey is a sweet shy girl who would love a home of her own. She is great with other cats and a very easy kitty to be around. Smokey is quiet and calm and great with her litter box.

**About Us:**

Homeward Trails seeks to find permanent adoptive homes in the Mid-Atlantic Region for dogs and cats from high-kill shelters or whose owners can no longer care for them. In so doing, we seek to reduce the rate of euthanasia of adoptable animals through the rescue and placement of homeless animals; to support proactive spay/neuter practices; to promote positive and ongoing behavioral training; and to educate the public about how to care for their animals in a humane way. Homeward Trails not only facilitates adoptions from local shelters, but also supports a large network of foster care providers who take homeless dogs and cats into their homes, care for them, rehabilitate them when needed, and prepare them for their permanent adoptive homes.

There are many ways to get involved with Homeward Trails, from becoming a foster parent to helping us plan events or assisting with administrative tasks. Go to our page about volunteering or contact our Volunteer Coordinator: [volunteer@homewardtrails.org](mailto:volunteer@homewardtrails.org)

**Want to foster a dog or cat?**

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 Dog Foster Program: [fosterdog@homewardtrails.org](mailto:fosterdog@homewardtrails.org)  
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