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Colorful Opening

Classes begin for most Alexandria schools; controversy grows over middle school changes.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Shades of lime green, lemon yellow and aqua blue greeted students for the first day of school at Hammond Middle School on Tuesday. The new colors are part of a drastic reorganization at the building, which has been separated into three different schools with three different principals and three different administrations. Each of the schools at Hammond will eventually choose its own name, its own color scheme and its own mascot.

"I was at Hammond when the kids selected the mascot and the color scheme, and I don't think that anyone has the right to change the school's traditions," said Mickey Moore, a former teacher and principal at the school. "It's as though all the traditions have been wiped aside, and that's not the way to honor the brave young man who gave his life so that we could have freedom."

School officials insist that they will continue preserve the memory of Francis C. Hammond, an Alexandria man who served as a Navy hospital corps-



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Francis C. Hammond Middle School 3 principal Sara Schafer helps a student with logistics to the next class.

man and became a Korean War hero. Hammond was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 1953, and the high school was named in his honor three years later. Since then, alumni and community members have revered the school's namesake and its Navy-inspired colors. So when the vibrant shades of green, yellow and blue appeared on the school over the summer, a sense of

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Hammond Alumni Bristle over Change

Dear Superintendent ...

George Washington High School (1935-1971) and Francis C. Hammond High School (1956-1971) - two Alexandria institutions steeped in history and tradition, named for two American heroes and two Alexandria heroes. The blue and gold has led GW for more than 74 years, and Navy blue and white honoring Francis C. Hammond for more than 53 years. Colors chosen with care. Traditions chosen with care. At GW, we developed a presidential theme honoring the Father of our Country. At Hammond, we honored an Alexandria native, Navy hero, and Medal of Honor recipient

Our respective alumni associations have played active roles at GW and Hammond, both monetarily and personally. We have spent long hours nurturing those relationships. That we - and our membership - love our schools is beyond question.

The school board developed a plan to institute several different schools within each, renaming the schools as "campuses". We admit to not understanding the board's reasoning, but on the same hand, we find that we hardly stand alone. The school board plans to allow each individual school on the "campus" to select its own colors, disregarding the gold and blue and the Navy blue and white. In doing so, the students are denied a valuable history lesson,

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Race Gets Personal

Englin and Vasques campaigns exchange political barbs.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

With less than two months to go before Election Day, the race for the 45th District of the House of Delegates has taken an intensely partisan tone with each side taking jabs at the other. During a debate in Arlington last week, the Republican challenger Vicki Vasques criticized Democratic incumbent David Englin for taking money from the developers behind a controversial project to build private roads on public lands. Then, minutes after the debate, an Englin's campaign advisor issued

a tersely worded fund-raising appeal attacking Vasques for asserting Englin "couldn't be counted on to stand up for his family" even though Vasques hadn't actually used those words.

"Attacks are seen as a kind of silver bullet in campaigning," said Isaac Wood, assistant director of communications for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "When you have a policy disagreement there's a risk because some people are going to agree and other people are going to disagree. So mudslinging is seen as an easy

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Legacy of Preservation

Anne Richardson fought against urban renewal.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

For years, Anne Richardson fought to preserve buildings in Old Town Alexandria from the wrecking ball — a battle that was passionately waged yet with a sense of decorum toward opponents on the other side of the struggle. Richardson and a vocal group of opponents founded the Historic Alexandria Foundation, a group that remains active in preserving the city's history. Richardson died Aug. 21 at her home in Old Town. She was 86.

"She was infamous for her old-fashioned honesty and no-non-



A portrait of Anne Richardson

sense frankness, her skills as a cook, her needlework and her passion for historic preservation," said Anne Newbold Richardson, her daughter. "My parents settled in

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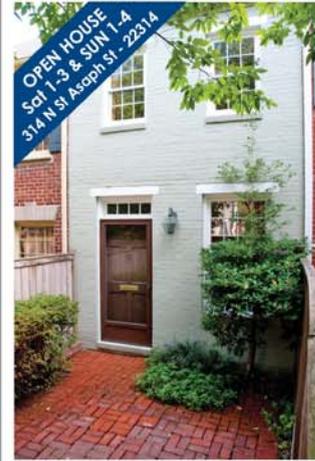
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A Dissenting Vote

The previous Alexandria City Council was known for its unanimity, but things have changed at City Hall. The new council, which made its legislative debut this week, includes a Republican and an independent to challenge the prevailing orthodoxy. Such was the case Tuesday night, when Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** cast her first dissenting vote.

At issue was a \$30,000 allocation from the contingent reserve to fund an outreach initiative designed to help immigrants and minorities participate in the 2010 Census. While Hughes acknowledged that reaching out to uncounted groups was a worthwhile goal, she questioned some of the items listed as “giveaways” to encourage participation — \$2,400 for key chains, \$900 for download cards and \$360 for iPods.

“Funds are tight in the city,” she said. “The likes of download cards and iPods to give away to children coming out of the city funds, I’m not very comfortable with this.”

Deputy Planning and Zoning Director **Karl Moritz** explained that the giveaway items are designed to reinforce the message and spark conversation between students and parents about the need to participate in the Census. By marketing the items specifically to schoolchildren, he said, organizers hope to reach households that are often overlooked by the Census. If the 2010 Census misses 3,300 people, which is the estimated undercount for the 1990 Census, budget officials estimate that could jeopardize about \$30 million over the next decade.

“These folks are probably the most underrepresented folks in our community, and they probably deserve more to be counted than, let’s say, any of us up here,” said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. “Thirty thousand dollars amortized over 10 years is hardly worth the concern.”

Hughes voted against the expenditure; all the other members voted for it.

Unifying Command

To prepare for the possible consequences of a swine-flu outbreak in Alexandria, city officials have convened something they call a “unified command.” Basically that means that various groups are in command of the situation rather than one person, a phenomenon designed to encourage collaboration between agencies and foster a sense of cooperation. Groups participating include the city manager’s office, the Health Department, the Office Emergency Management, the Police Department and the Fire Department.

In the past, events that have required unified command have been much more temporary — a hostage situation or a presidential inauguration, for example. But because fears of H1N1 have been building since April, the unified command group met every other week during the summer and has now taken to conducting once-a-week sessions.

“This has been a slow burn,” said Fire Chief **Adam Thiel**.

The group plans to complete continuity of operations plans by the beginning of October, shortly before the federal government plans to release the H1N1 vaccine. The initial release of that vaccine include about 900,000 for Virginia, with another 4 million for the commonwealth by the end of the year. Ultimately, health officials say, those who receive the vaccine will need two doses.

“Whenever there’s a perception of shortage then people start acting a little crazy,” said Alexandria Health Director **Lisa Kaplowitz**. “Ultimately, you will be able to get H1N1 vaccine. It’s just a matter of timing.”

The group is also planning a seasonal flu vaccination event at T.C. Williams High School that’s expected to include Health and Human Services Secretary **Kathleen Sebelius**.

A Gift from Morocco

Toward the end of Tuesday night’s City Council meeting, Councilwoman **Del Pepper** presented Mayor **Bill Euille** with a gift from a Moroccan dance tribe that recently performed in the city. It was a message printed in Arabic on a goatskin scroll — complete with an English translation from the Moroccan embassy.

“They don’t have Twitter and Facebook and e-mail yet,” said Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. “But they do have goatskin.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Outcry over Possible Changes

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outrage began to build in the community.

“It borders on desecration,” said Patricia Henning, a former School Board member and former PTA president at Hammond. “The colors that are on the building now are more appropriate for a Jimmy Buffet concert or a tiki bar than a middle school.”

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Morton Sherman said the campus will always be called Hammond, and that the administration has refurbished many tributes to Hammond at the school — including a marker near the entrance of the school and an anchor in the school’s courtyard. Although the new schools will eventually be choosing their own school colors, Sherman insisted that the new colors are a dramatic improvement to the old rust-covered front entrance to the building.

“What the alumni association needs to recognize is that we have cared for this school more than it has been cared for in 20 years,” said Sherman while touring the school on the first day of classes. “Kids deserve to walk into a building that looks like it’s been cared for, and that’s what we’ve done.”

For now the three new colors represent the three new schools at the Hammond campus, tentatively called FCH1, FCH2 and FCH3. Sherman said that three principals at Hammond will lead a process for each school to select its own name, its own color scheme and its own mascot. That process started this week, with school administrators opening a dialogue with students about what they want. Eventually, the students’ vision will be presented to the parent-teacher association and the school’s alumni association.

“I would love to see the names have some kind of nautical theme,” said Marianne Hetzer, president of the Hammond parent-teacher association. “As far as the colors are concerned, I think they’re fabulous.”



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Francis C. Hammond Middle School choir director Kasey Bradbury talks with Superintendent of Schools Mort Sherman on the first day of classes.

SINCE BECOMING superintendent last year, Sherman has embarked on a number of dramatic changes in the school system. School officials have now banished phrases such as “at-risk” in favor of “at-promise.” They have replaced “foreign languages” with “world languages.” And they have created five new middle schools inside two buildings that used to be Hammond and George Washington Middle School. When stimulus money became available from Washington, Sherman decided to designate all five middle schools as “Title One” to pick up an additional \$1 million — money that would have otherwise gone to existing Title One elementary schools in the city.

“This is a decision that was made to provide the middle schools with resources to support higher academic achievement for at-risk students,” said Margaret Byess, the school division’s budget director. “That’s the purpose of Title One.”

During his first-day-of-school tour of Hammond, Sherman pointed out new landscaping at the front of the building that was purchased with \$400,000 of stimulus funds. During a series of classroom visits, he encouraged all students to start thinking about college and explained precautions to

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— Mickey Moore

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Police Arrest Suspect in Murder

Two days after a homeless man was found dead in the parking lot of a West End apartment complex, the Alexandria Police Department announced the arrest of a teenage fugitive from Louisiana. Around 11 p.m. on Sept. 3, officers responded to a call in the 300 block of South Whiting Street. When they arrived, police officers found a man who had been shot in the upper body. The victim was transported to INOVA Fairfax Hospital where he was pronounced dead. He was later identified as Sylvester Muskell, 50.

Muskelly had no fixed address at the time of the murder. Court records show that he once lived in the 900 block of North Henry Street. Muskelly’s wrap

sheet indicates he had convictions for petty larceny and probation violation.

After Muskelly’s murder, the Alexandria Police Department put out a description of a suspect over the radio. Soon afterward, they apprehended Jose Alberto Osorio Jr. — a 19-year-old man from Metairie, La., who was wanted in Louisiana for robbery. Court documents show that he was arrested about six hours after the murder and charged with concealing a Taurus semiautomatic handgun and being a fugitive evading robbery charges in Louisiana. On Saturday afternoon, he was charged with first-degree murder.

“A motive remains to be determined,” said Commonwealth’s Attorney Randy Sengel.

Race Gets Personal

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way to win people over to your side.”

The attacks started last week, when Vasques made her debut as a candidate at a forum in Arlington. During her remarks, Vasques blamed Englin for wanting to raise taxes while the economy was struggling. She said that Englin failed to act even though Virginia's schools need reform. And she criticized Englin for taking money from the Fluor Corporation and Transurban USA, two private companies seeking to build the hotly debated high-occupancy toll lanes on Interstate 395. Again and again, Vasques returned to the theme of her campaign: “families first.”

“Families need a seat at the table and a delegate who will focus on broad and important issues without distraction,” said Vasques. “Our district desperately needs a delegate with a focus on families, and I will be that delegate.”

These remarks were interpreted by the Englin campaign as implicit rebuke to the Democratic incumbent's record. Moments after the debate, Shayna Englin sent a fund-raising appeal accusing Vasques of asserting multiple times that David Englin couldn't be counted on to stand up for his family. The letter was immediately attacked by Republicans as a distortion of the Republican's remarks, but the Democratic campaign consultant defended her reaction as entirely reasonable.

“Republicans are really good at saying things with hints and innuendo, and they hope that we are not going to call them out on it,”

said Shayna Englin, who is advising her husband's reelection campaign. “I still have no idea where she stands on any issue other than the fact she doesn't think that David can be counted on to stand up for his family.”

The 45th District has been a solidly Democratic seat for many years, with Democrat Marian Van Landingham holding the seat since 1982. When she announced her retirement in 2005, Englin faced five other Democrats in a tightly contested primary. Since then, Englin has received more than 60 percent of the vote against two Republican opponents. Now Republicans are hoping that Vasques is the kind of candidate who will be able to reach voters that have been hesitant to support a Republican in the past.



Englin

Vasques

“They can say anything they want, true or untrue,” said Andrew Campanella, a policy advisor to the Vasques campaign. “But I know Vicki Vasques, and she is going to continue to run a positive campaign on the issues.”

Englin acknowledged that he took money from Fluor and Transurban. But he said that money didn't influence his vote any more than Altria money influenced his support for anti-smoking legislation. And he also conceded that he supports an increase in the gas tax to pay for transportation infrastructure. But he was quick to add that he was in favor of eliminating the sales tax on food. He flatly rejected the allegation Vasques made last week that “our schools need reform, but he has failed to act.”

“This is an issue that's personal for me,” said Englin, adding that he is the only candidate in the race who sends his child to a public school. “What she said is just a completely fabricated allegation to try to win an election.”

“Attacks are seen as a kind of silver bullet in campaigning.”

— Isaac Wood of the Center for Politics

ON MANY ISSUES, the candidates seem to be in alignment. Both oppose the high-occupancy toll lanes on Interstate 395. Both support the smoking ban in

restaurants. Both support efforts to restrict the use of plastic bags. Both support legislation that would force police departments to release incident reports. Both support efforts to require motorists to use a hands-free cell phone while driving. The only issue where the candidates seem to have a policy difference is increasing the gas tax to pay for transportation improvements. Englin supports the proposal and Vasques opposes it.

“We have a failing economy,” said Vasques in her closing remarks last week. “And he wants to raise our taxes.”

“My opponent kept trying to blame me for the failing economy,” Englin shot back during his closing remarks. “But I think most people would blame eight years of George Bush's failed leadership.”



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Massie dives into the pool after a water bottle is tossed for her. Massie prefers to retrieve water bottles over balls.

Doggie Swim

The 6th annual Doggie Swim was held at the Cameron Street pool this week.



Bandit competes in a tug of war for a toy in the kiddie pool.



Bear, a chocolate Lab, waits for a ball to retrieve.

Fought To Preserve Historic Buildings

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Old Town before it was chic, and before historic preservation was fashionable.”

Richardson had pronounced opinions about the character of houses in Old Town. For example, she called one house in the neighborhood as a “McKinley Stinker” — a reference to the era of former Republican President William McKinley, which was known for its over-the-top Victorian styling. Friends say Richardson had a reputation for having a quick-witted sense of humor and colorful personality that cherished the past and all it had to offer.

“She had a genuine sensitivity for objects and places that represented the human past,” said William Seale, an architectural restorationist and longtime friend, in a letter to the family. “You could hear it in her conversation and see it in the decoration of her house, which could never be called self-consciously decorated.”

A NATIVE of Philadelphia, Richardson was the daughter of Clement Newbold Taylor and Anne Walker Meirs. She attended the Shipley School and received a bachelor of arts in art history at Vassar College in 1944. After graduating from college, she took a position as a comparison shopper for Wanamaker's department stores designer depart-

ment. While vacationing in Paris in 1952, she met Air Force Col. Robert Richardson III, who was a planner on the NATO Standing Group in charge of preparing for the threat of a Soviet land invasion.

For the first four years of their marriage, the Richardsons lived in Versailles, France. In 1953, she gave birth to Anne Newbold Richardson. The following year, she graduated from the Cordon Blue Cooking School. By 1956, they were ready to return to the United States so the colonel could attend the National War College. In 1958, the Richardsons bought a house on South St. Asaph Street and set about restoring the historic structure. It was here where she fell in love with the historic buildings of Old Town and formed lasting friendships with a group of people who would later become advocates for preservation.

“What a great time it was to be in Alexandria after the war when the town was just shaking off the effects and we were reveling in picking up the pieces of an 18th-century town,” wrote Nancy Richardson, a longtime neighbor, in a letter to the family. “I can remember when there were as many as 42 in the block, some walking each morning to Robert E. Lee School — every front door unlocked and all the children sent home at six.”

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reported this change to the City should contact Personal Property so that an adjusted bill can be provided for them prior to the Oct. 5 due date.

The City of Alexandria is announcing a **Call for Artists for the Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial**, which will be located at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The City will conduct the search for qualified applicants through a Request for Qualifications. The anticipated installation date of the Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial is April 2011. Artists interested in applying to the RFQ are encouraged to register with the City of Alexandria's e-procure system at <http://eprocare.alexandriava.gov/bso>. Applications may be submitted

online, by postal mail or in person. The deadline for applications is Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. Three finalists will each receive an honorarium of \$2,000 to submit a complete proposal.

All inquires regarding the RFQ should be directed to Dominic Lackey, City of Alexandria Procurement Department, by calling 703-838-4946, ext. 600, or e-mailing dominic.lackey@alexandriava.gov.

Late-Night Hang-Out. Every Thursday and Friday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight. At Charles Houston Community Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Basketball league games, card tournaments, table game tournaments, DJ music. For young adults, 19 years and up. Call 703-838-4814.

NAACP, Fairfax County Branch. 7 p.m. Meets on second Tuesday of the month at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Call 703-591-4488 or send email to info@naacp.org.

The Wright to Read program will celebrate 30 years in Alexandria this September. Wright to Read volunteers or students from 1979-2001 may contact Leigh Hoyer at lhoeyer@campagnacenter.org or 703-549-0111 ext. 101.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

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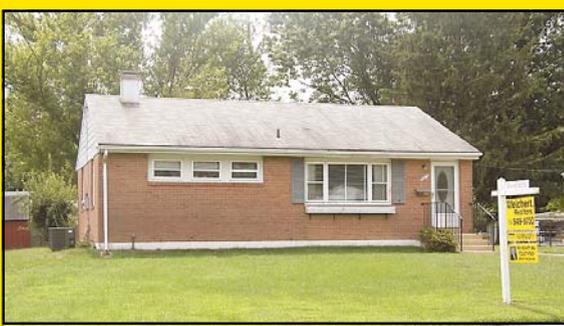
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Alexander Powalisz

Alexander (Alex) Powalisz, 77, died on Aug. 18, 2009 of congestive heart failure at the Hospice of the Comforter, Orlando, Fla. Born in Milwaukee, Wisc., Alex served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. He moved his family and business to Orlando, Fla. in 1976. He was a general contractor with domestic and international clients.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Anne and six children, Joseph Alexander, Thomas Alan, Cheryl Anne Colton, Ronald

Angelo, Neil Albert, and Lawrence Arnold. A son Mark Anthony died in 1981.

He is also survived by his sisters Mary Ann Sojat, Dorothy Lukasuk, Jenny Boehke and brothers Leory and Ted, along with 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Schaff Funeral Home, 5920 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53219 concluding with a private interment at Southern Eastern Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

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Alexandria. Contact the Beatley reference desk at 703-519-5000 ext. 3.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

Remembrance Ceremony. Noon. The City of Alexandria invites the public to pause, remember and reflect on the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. At Market Square, King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-3960.

Reception. 7 p.m. To honor Alexandria City Attorney James L. Banks, Esq., and Chief of Police, Earl L. Cook. Sponsored by the Departmental Progressive Club Inc. At the club, 411 Gibbon Street, Alexandria.

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OPINION

Labor Day

Thankful for the jobs we have; states need some bailing out.

After a long Labor Day weekend, most of us with jobs no doubt spent at least a minute in silent thanks for having a job; all the more so for those lucky enough to have jobs with paid holidays and health insurance.

Almost everyone knows someone struggling after having lost a job, someone who personifies and personalizes the so-called "jobless recovery."

In the Washington metropolitan area, the economy does have life, and there is growth in jobs, another reason to be thankful.

But while Northern Virginia has the lowest unemployment rate in the state, 5 percent in July, down from 5.5 percent a month earlier, it also has the highest number of unemployed people in the state.

In Northern Virginia, in July there were more than 75,000 unemployed people, down from

more than 80,000 in June, but up from just over 43,000 a year ago in July 2008.

Northern Virginia also tops the state in the number of people without health insurance, according to a recent Census Bureau report. In Fairfax County, there were 149,642 people without health insurance from all income levels. That's more than 16 percent. These numbers are from 2006, when the economy was quite a bit better than it is now.

EDITORIAL In Arlington, more than 21 percent, 38,018 people, lacked health insurance. In Loudoun County, the number was 11 percent, or 29,205 people without health insurance. In the City of Alexandria, more than 18 percent is without health insurance, 22,399. In the City of Fairfax, 18 percent or 3,685 people were without health insurance.

These are people who will be unlikely to get seasonal flu shots or swine flu vaccinations.

These are people who will have to turn to emergency rooms if they do get sick.

The Virginia budget shortfall is one looming problem that won't help the economic rebound, and it is a problem replicated at least another 47 times around the country. As the federal stimulus spending is kicking in, Virginia is facing a massive shortfall, and must trim well over \$1 billion in spending. In fact the infusion of federal stimulus dollars prevents the cuts from being far more difficult. But this is a terrible time for states to be forced to cut their budgets. Every dollar the state cuts diminishes the stimulus spending by a dollar.

With transportation spending down to an amount that would be laughable if we weren't all stuck in traffic, what's likely to be cut next include programs for the most vulnerable people. For the recovery to continue on track, the feds should consider spending some money to bail out the states.

Give Flu Prevention a Shot

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Every fall, healthcare providers across the country gear up for flu season by providing information on infection-control measures and by offering vaccinations to kids, parents and seniors. As in years past, those efforts remain in place. But we'd like to remind you that this year is different.

Not only are we preparing to treat the seasonal flu, which on average kills about 36,000 people in this country each year, but we're also fighting the novel H1N1 virus — also known as "swine flu."

H1N1 has emerged as a real threat in our area and across the globe. But you can protect yourself and your family from the seasonal flu and H1N1. Getting vaccinated is the best prevention measure. Hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes also are ways to protect yourself and others.

At Inova Alexandria Hospital — and throughout Inova Health System — our mission is to meet the healthcare needs of the community we serve. This flu season, we are offering vaccinations for the seasonal flu every Friday at the hospital beginning Friday, Sept. 11 — one month earlier than



usual.

The H1N1 vaccine is expected to become available later this fall. Inova will follow federal guidelines about who should be vaccinated and when. Look for more information from us in coming weeks.

As the leading healthcare provider for the City of Alexandria and beyond, Inova asks for your partnership in helping to prevent the spread of influenza in our area. Each one of us has a responsibility to take care of ourselves and to protect the ones we love. With students back in school and more people gathering in large groups for sporting events and other activities, the risk of catching the flu virus increases. Protect yourself. Get a flu shot.

Inova is one of the largest providers of flu shots in Northern Virginia, giving nearly 80,000 inoculations each year. Our staff is fully trained and experienced and we have a commitment to keep you healthy.

Remember, this year is different. Get your seasonal flu shot early, and wash your hands often. Avoid contact with sick people. If you feel sick, stay home and call your doctor.

For more about immunizations and other flu-related information, call 703-750-8818 or visit inova.org/flu.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Elevated Concerns

To The Editor:

The lack of many major repairs is evident throughout Olde Towne West.

Ignoring our concern for repairs only fills the City of Alexandria's phone lines to the City Code Enforcement, Nuisance Hot Line and the City of Alexandria Landlord and Tenants Relations.

The noise from the elevator has been overbearing. And residents — with disabilities or elderly — find themselves unable to get to their apartments when forced to take the stairs.

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

Unacceptable Scholarly Work

To the Editor:

There has been much discussion about the position taken of gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell's thesis and whether the views espoused there should be held against him, but I what I have not heard mentioned is that it's a terrible piece of work. It is full of loaded and hyperbolic terms; it argues a point of view with no scholarly consideration of the arguments against; and many if not most of the references are to non-academic sources. It is essentially a polemic, not a scholarly thesis. I have served on a number of graduate committees. What I read from Mr. McDonnell would never have reached the commit

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Hammond Alumni Bristle over Possible Changes

FROM PAGE 1

colors that have led the schools for a total of 127 years.

... Again, we would like to convey to the school board and the city government that we stand together in solidarity against changing the colors which have so honorably served George Washington and Francis C. Hammond.

David L. Beach, President, GWAA,

Jeri Kirby Burke, President, FCHHSAA,
Kassy Benson, Founder, FCHHSAA

I am a 1962 graduate of Francis C. Hammond High School. Through our alumni/ae organization, I have learned that the City of Alexandria and the school board have approved a process of selecting school colors through a vote of current students and parents. If this is the case, it is unfortunate that the long traditions of both

Hammond and George Washington High Schools are not being considered. As you well know, Hammond is steeped in the tradition of the US Navy and, in 1956, was named for an Alexandria native, a Navy corpsman Medal of Honor winner who gave his life for his country in Korea in 1953.

I respectfully request that you reconsider this decision and allow the solid traditions of both Hammond and George Washington to live on.

Edwin W. Aiken
(US Navy Submarine Force 1969-72)
Sunnyvale, Calif.

As a class of 1962 graduate of Hammond High School, it is with pride that I write to ask that, if in fact, a proposal to change the traditional Hammond High School colors (blue and white) is under consideration, this

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tee. Shame on him for submitting this and shame on Regent University for accepting it.

Craig Miller
Alexandria

Legislative History

To the Editor:

I am amazed by the recent at-

ention Republican Bob McDonnell has received as his school thesis has been made public. Is anyone surprised that a graduate from Pat Robertson's law school (before it was recognized by the American Bar Association) would hold archaic beliefs about working women and single mothers? It should also come as no surprise that McDonnell's political agenda has not wavered in 25 years. What is surprising is that McDonnell is following the current

Republican playbook of dodging questions on social issues.

Since his election to the House of Delegates in 1992, McDonnell has sponsored 34 bills to restrict a woman's right to choose. He's voted against educating our children on how to avoid sexual predators. He's sponsored four bills to re-define marriage and one to study the abolition of no fault divorce. Now, as a candidate for governor, he attempts to champion himself on economic turnaround

after lauding George Bush's economic policies? How many bills has he sponsored to help Virginia's economy? Zero.

It's time Bob McDonnell and other Republicans running for election this year stop hiding their true beliefs. Finding out the real agenda of Republicans on Nov. 4 will be a day too late and set Virginia back years.

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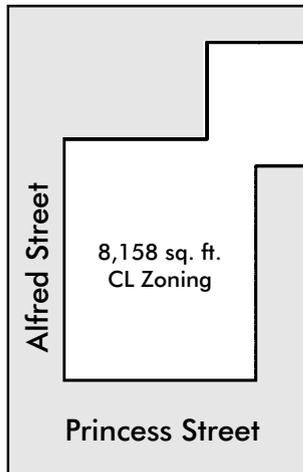
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LETTERS

On Hammond

FROM PAGE 9

50-plus year tradition be preserved. While the mission of the school has changed over the years, the memories of thousands of Francis C. Hammond High School alumni are alive and strong.

As you surely know, in addition to the school name, years of tradition including the colors, publication names and more evolved as tributes to Francis Hammond's heroic naval service. Hopefully those within

the School Board charged with this project have diligently tried to locate and seek input from any living descendents of this Alexandria native and Medal of Honor recipient.

Though Francis C. Hammond High School disappeared long ago, the memories and pride of it's alumni live on and represent something meaningful to the fabric of city and the school system. Are you and your board aware of the Francis C. Hammond alumni association which remains active after nearly half a century? If not, please take a moment to look at the web site at

<http://www.hammondhighschool.com/>. I believe you will be proud and pleased as well.

Tim Baylor
Kingsport, Tenn.

As a proud graduate of Francis C Hammond High School, Class of 1969, I urge you to retain our school colors and traditions. Francis C Hammond was a hero and should be admired and respected by all students, alumnae, parents and residents of Alexandria. How can you just decide to change and do away with all of our tradi-

tions related to him and his service to our country? Put yourself in our shoes. I am sure you would not be pleased if this was happening at your alma mater. It may not seem important to you, but it does to all of us. Please reconsider your rash decisions and consult with members of the community and alumni associations before you make such a unilateral decision.

Lonetia Lowell Gerken

I graduated from Hammond High School in 1968. I have just learned that there is a
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On one page or less, explain why you consider this person a Legend. Criteria are the creation of something tangible that would not likely exist without that person's vision and dedication—or a minimum of 10 years of exemplary service to improve the quality of life in the City.

See www.tisaraphoto.com/legends or call 703-838-8098 for a nomination form. **Nominations must include contact info**—name, address, telephone number and email—for the nominator and nominee.

Send your nominations no later than September 30, to alexandria.legends@earthlink.net or mail to: Legends, 1607 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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LETTERS

Reactions to Possible Changes to Hammond

FROM PAGE 13

move to change the school colors, totally disregarding our traditions and our memories.

Please do not change the colors of Hammond High School nor the name of the school. I still belong to the Francis C. Hammond High School Alumni Association for a reason — sacred, dear memories.

Alvin R. Gritz
Midlothian, Va.

In a city that prides itself on its history and traditions, I was most dismayed to learn that the City and its School Board are allowing each of Hammond Middle School's three components to select its own colors. Back in 1956, when Francis C. Hammond High School was dedicated, we selected Navy blue and white as the school's colors, this in honor of Francis C. Hammond, a Navy medical corpsman — and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient — after whom the school was named.

To change the school's colors now without even consulting its active alumni association is an affront to the Francis C. Hammond Alumni Association which works to preserve the school's traditions. Further, to change the school's colors now insults the school's history and makes light of its traditions.

Linda A. Johnson

President, FCHHS's First Graduating Class (January 1958) & Member, FCHHS Alumni Association

I graduated from Francis Hammond HS in 1962. I understood when the school had to be made into a Middle School. I do not understand why it makes sense to change the traditions of the school my classmates have continued to support over the years. Our traditions were patriotic. Isn't patriotism as important today as it was then? Isn't it important to support our armed forces today? I believe the answers to these questions are self-evident and I strongly oppose changing any of the symbolism that has existed all of these years to honor the Navy and a Navy hero from Alexandria.

Linda Catron Malone, Ph.D.

Professor, University of Central Florida



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Snapshot The Francis C. Hammond Anchor garden, Middle school courtyard. Sept. 8, 12:20 p.m.

It has come to my attention that our beloved high school is potentially undergoing a new identity.

My most significant years were my high school years. I even guided my son towards the Navy when he expressed a desire to join the military.

Now I hear that there is a movement underway to change the colors and other identifying characteristics.

I am very sad to hear this. I have a thriving editing business, taking in around \$100,000 a year editing doctoral dissertations, and everything I use in my work, I learned at Hammond. So, this takes away my identity as well.

A few thousand alumni should have some input into this decision to change the identity of the school. We do not mind the restructuring into "school-within-a-school" format, but please retain our identity.

Lorraine Silver Maslow

Class of 1965, NMSQT Letter of Commendation

I have recently learned that consideration is being given to changing the official colors and possibly even the name of Francis

C. Hammond Middle School. As a member of the Francis C. Hammond High School class of 1960 and one of the students who matriculated in Hammond's opening year of 1956, I urge you not to change either the colors or the name of the school.

The colors and name of the school were thoughtfully chosen to represent and pay tribute to a young Alexandria native and U. S. Navy Seaman who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism. I cannot imagine that there is a compelling reason to retract this tribute to a Medal of Honor recipient from Alexandria.

Another reason for not changing the name or colors of the school is that, from the outset, Francis C. Hammond High School was truly an extraordinary school in both academics and athletics. Many Hammond High School students went on to very successful careers in their chosen fields. A few examples just from the class of 1960 include Jack Edwards, Jr., M.D., Professor of Medicine and Chief of Infectious Diseases, UCLA School of Medicine; William Howell, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates; Albert Mitchell, Commonwealth's Attorney for Shenandoah County, Va.; and Steve

Rhoades, Ph.D., with some 140 research papers published in economics and banking journals. Remarkably, despite the achievements of these and many other students, and the many years since leaving Hammond, there remain to this day very strong bonds between the students and between the students and Hammond. This was most apparent at the 50-year anniversary celebration of the opening of Francis C. Hammond High School that many of us attended in 2006. Included in the anniversary celebration was a visit to the Hammond campus.

In view of the above, I hope you and others will abandon any plans to change the colors or name of Francis C. Hammond Middle School or any component schools that may be established. The memory of Francis C. Hammond, the young Medal of Honor recipient, deserves this consideration even if we earlier students do not. Perhaps efforts could better be devoted to acknowledging and celebrating the impressive heritage of the school rather than simply dismissing it. Such a heritage should be held up as a source of inspiration and pride to the young students at Francis C. Hammond Middle School.

Steve Rhoades

The city of Alexandria has always been justifiably proud of its history. History and pride, however, are not relegated only to the far distant past. During the last century there were two institutions which made great contributions to the quality of life in the community and to the citizens who, like me, took that pride to the far corners of the earth. Those institutions were George Washington and Francis Hammond High Schools.

These schools were not P.S. #1 and P.S. #2. They were named in honor of Virginia heroes. From their respective foundings, their students and faculties made appropriate associations with these heroes in the selection of mascots, school colors, publications, etc. GW's blue and gold were as representative of their namesake's uniform as our blue and white were of ours.

It was bad enough that a city the size of Alexandria decided some years ago to re-

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Snap Fitness owner Dave Rudy and general manager Anne Hardey. The business Web site is www.snapfitness.com.

Trainer Justin Mack works with Rebecca Hirselj. Snap Fitness also offers nationally certified personal trainers whose college studies included fitness and physiology. They are available to individualize fitness routines at an additional cost.

Working Out Is a Snap New gym is open 24/7.

BY SANDRA LEVITZ LUNNER
GAZETTE PACKET

There's a new place in town that caters to the after hours crowd, and no, it's not another bar.

Snap Fitness, a workout facility on upper King Street, aims to be Old Town's neighborhood fitness club — any time, night or day.

"We attract folks that are used to odd hours, like students and restaurant and shift workers," owner Dave Rudy said. But, he said, busy local executives and government personnel appreciate the odd hours, too.

"They leave for work at dawn and get home so late that they can't fit in a complete exercise routine at traditional clubs."

General Manager Anne Hardey has experience running larger fitness clubs but says she likes the personal approach that Snap Fitness offers.

"Snap Fitness is more of a boutique fitness club and easier for clients to customize their workout routines to fit their schedule," according to Hardey.

"Bigger clubs can have more amenities that you may or may not use. But if you can't get there because the hours of operation don't work for your schedule, or the location isn't convenient to home or work, you're going to end up not going at all."

Rudy added that the club's equipment selection sets Snap Fitness apart from other facilities, too. "It's made for a more efficient and effective workout."

Todd Luongo of North Payne Street is a founding member of the Old Town Snap Fitness.

"This is like having your own private gym," Luongo said. "I can pop over any time. It's on my schedule, not the gym's."

Luongo likes the location and 24/7 convenience of the Old Town Snap Fitness. He says he's able to get in 5 or 6 more workouts a week than at his previous gym. "That's helped me increase my cardio workouts. It's a nice situation to be able to come here when I want to."

Even though Snap Fitness isn't staffed round-the-clock, late night workouts are safe and secure. Members have access cards to enter, and the door locks behind them automatically. The club also has state-of-the-art surveillance cameras and emergency devices connected to a service that checks in via loudspeaker and contacts appropriate emergency responders when activated.

Snap Fitness, the company, is 5 years old and recently recognized as one of the nation's fastest growing franchises. Members can use their access cards at any of the 1,000 Snap Fitness locations worldwide, according to Hardey.

"One of our members travels often to India," Rudy added, "And he's looking forward to working out at a Snap Fitness the next time he's there."

Rudy, a 16-year resident of Old Town, purchased the rights to three Snap Fitness Clubs in Northern Virginia and opened the King Street location in May. It's the company's 1,001st location. He said it's been invigorating to do something entrepreneurial, despite the shaky economy: "People always want to exercise and take care of their health. Our goal is to grow with the community. We're here for the long haul."



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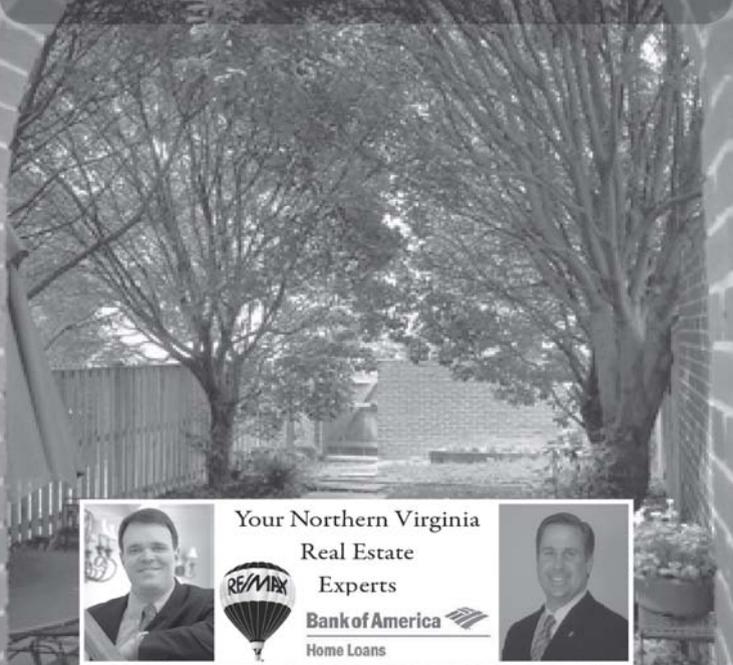
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Highlights

Friday, Sept. 25:

7:15 p.m.: "Rumba"

Synopsis: Teachers in a rural school, happy couple Fiona and Dom have a common passion: Latin dancing. One night, after a glorious dance competition, they have a car accident and see their lives turned upside down.

9 p.m.: "Clean Mic: Laughing Until It Hurts"

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11 p.m.: "Idiots and Angels"

Synopsis: In Bill Plympton's newest animated feature film, a morally ambiguous man spends his days at a dead-end job and his nights in an unfriendly dive bar. And then, one morning, a pair of wings begins to sprout from his shoulders. Filled with the Academy-Award winning animator's trademark weirdness and visual fluidity, this film is a surreal masterpiece.

Saturday, Sept. 26:

7 p.m.: "Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg"

Special Guest: Aviva Kempner, Filmmaker
Synopsis: A humorous story of television pioneer Gertrude Berg, creator, principal writer, and star of "The Goldbergs," a popular radio show for 17 years, which became television's first character-driven domestic sitcom in 1949. Berg received the first Best



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When they visit participating stores, shoppers will show their passports to the merchants to receive free gifts they can use to build their own gift bags. Each store will offer free items that scavenger hunters can pick up and add to their collections. They can collect as many or as few items as they want.

No purchase is necessary to receive the free gifts, but shoppers must have their passport.

Shoppers can use their passports to collect stamps from each of the participating merchants and enter to win the prize drawing.

"We thought this would be a fun way to encourage shoppers to visit more independent Alexandria shops and boutiques," said Amy Rutherford, owner of Red Barn Mer-

cantile. "They can get free gifts from the merchants of their choice, or if they really want to win big, they could visit every store and see all that Old Town's retailers have to offer."

The first place prize winner will receive \$2,700 in gift cards — \$100 from each participating merchant. Twenty-seven second-place winners will each receive a \$100 gift card from a participating merchant drawn at random.

To qualify for the drawings, shoppers must collect stamps from each of the 27 merchants between Friday, Sept. 18, and Sunday, Sept. 20. No purchase is necessary to receive a passport stamp.

"We did something similar last year when we launched the Old Town Boutique District and many long-time Alexandria residents were happy that we gave them an excuse to visit stores they had never been to before," Rutherford said.

"And it also drives home the point of supporting local merchants," she said. "We have a lot of wonderful shops and boutiques right here in Old Town, you don't have to drive out to Tysons Corner or the outlet malls to find great deals on quality merchandise. And when you shop locally you are also supporting the Alexandria community because more money stays here in our local economy."

Actress Emmy and paved the way for women in the entertainment industry.

Sunday, Sept. 27:

11:30 a.m.: "After the Storm"

Special Guest: Hilla Medalia, Filmmaker
Synopsis: A film that follows the production of the musical "Once on this Island" in New Orleans, from auditions through performances and also includes the story of each young actor's life in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

1:45 p.m.: "Crude"

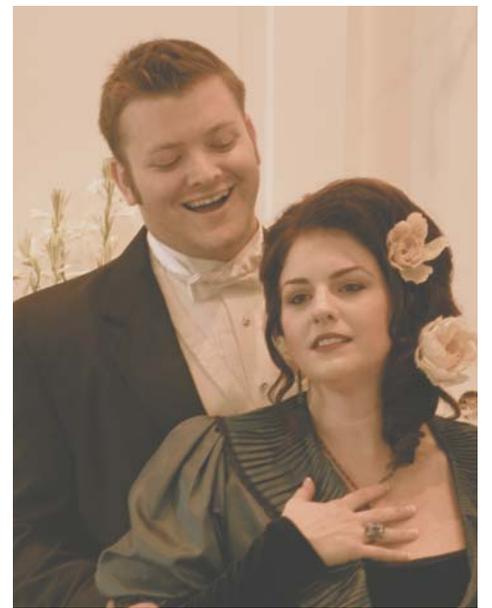
Special Guest: Steven Donziger, attorney featured in the film
Synopsis: The inside story of the infamous "Amazon Chernobyl" case, Crude is a real-life, high-stakes legal drama, set against a backdrop of the

environmental movement, global politics, celebrity activism, human rights advocacy, the media, multinational corporate power, and rapidly-disappearing indigenous cultures. Crude was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at this year's Sundance Festival. Film by Joe Berlinger.

4:15 p.m.: "Redemption Stone"

Special Guests: Tom Lewis and Tom Dzedzic, Director/Producer
Synopsis: Jury Prize Award Winner. Redemption Stone introduces Tom Lewis, a storyteller of quiet power, who recounts the social upheaval and rebirth that shape his American journey. A life-altering vision inspires Tom to open a place called The Fishing School and to turn hardship into hope for the children in his community.

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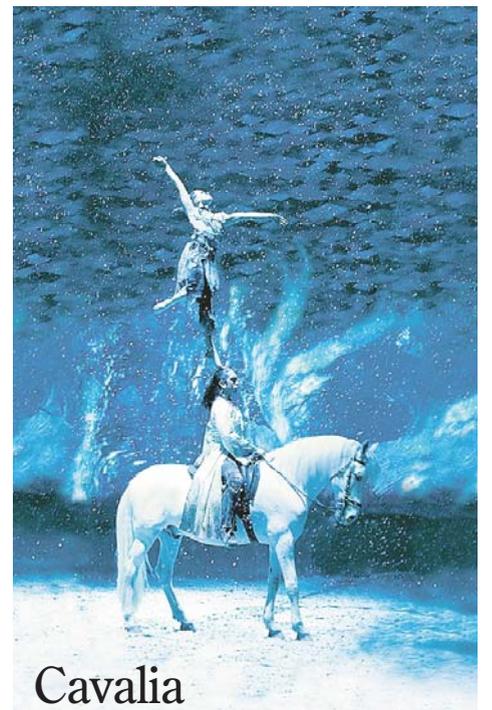


"La Traviata" Opera

The first season of the Repertory Opera Theater of Washington promises to be a wonderful collaboration of artistry, talent, and classic operas from some of the world's greatest composers. The first performance of the season is Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata," the story of an ill-fated love between a courtesan named Violetta, and a young nobleman named Alfredo.

One of Verdi's masterpieces, "La Traviata" is most famous for the opening chorus, Libiamo ne' lieti calici, (a.k.a. the "Drinking Song") a flirtatious scene between Violetta and Alfredo while the other partygoers drink in merriment, and Di Provenza, in which Alfredo's father sings to him of his family back in Provence.

The cast of "La Traviata" artfully pulls the music off the page to bring Verdi's masterpiece to life. Come see the Repertory Opera Theater of Washington's production of "La Traviata" on Sept. 18-19 at 8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-On-The-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$20 General Admission, \$15 Student/Senior. For presale tickets, call 571-403-0814.



Cavalia

Cavalia, an Equestrian Odyssey. Sept. 11-27 at 8 p.m. Cavalia is a lavish orchestration of multimedia, equestrian and performing arts. Acrobatics, aerialists, dancers, musicians and riders are showcased on a 160-foot wide stage. At South Fern Street and Army Navy Drive, Pentagon City in Arlington. Tickets are priced from \$45.50 to \$98.50. Special pricing is available for children and seniors. Call 1-866-999-8111 or visit www.cavalia.net.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Art is Everywhere. 6-9 p.m. Free. Part of the Second Thursday Art Night. Treat the family to an evening of open studios, wine and sweets, and a fun craft activity for kids. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Go to www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

Rick Udler in Concert — Music at the Athenaeum. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. At 201 N. Washington Street, Alexandria. Go to nvfaa.org.

Children's Chorus Auditions. 6:30-7:30 p.m. With the Alexandria Choral Society Children's Chorus. (Grades 3-12). Rehearsals are at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. All dates by appointment. For details and/or to schedule, email Kevin@AlexChoralSociety.org.

"Bronx Princess" Screening. 7 p.m. Port of Harlem magazine and the Alexandria Black History Museum will preview the new documentary "Bronx Princess," followed by a short discussion. "Bronx Princess" follows the real-life journey of headstrong 17-year-old Rocky as she leaves behind her mother in New York City to reunite with her father, a chief in Ghana, West Africa. Filmed during the tumultuous summer between high school and college, "Bronx Princess" tells Rocky's coming-of-age story. By confronting her parents' ideas of adulthood, Rocky reconciles her African heritage with her dream of independence. PBS will broadcast the 40-minute TV movie on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 10 p.m. The Alexandria Black History Museum is located at 902 Wythe Street in the Parker-Gray Historic District. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call the museum at 703-838-4356.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

Piano Trio Performs. 8 p.m. "Triptych" will perform piano trios by Beethoven, Dvorak and Turina. With John McCrary (piano), Sonya Hayes (violin), Charlie Powers (cello). At Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call John McCrary at 703-998-6100, or online at www.blessedsacramentcc.org.

African Children's Choir. 7:30 p.m. The choir performs throughout the world in such venues as the UN, Royal Albert Hall and Madison Square Garden to raise funds for Africa's children through the choir's programs. An offering will be received. At Washington Street United Methodist Church. Call 703-836-4324.

"That Day in September." Zemfira Stage presents one performance of the true story of playwright Artie Van Why's experience surviving 9/11 and how he coped with the changes that experience brought to his life. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Tickets \$15/general, \$10/seniors and students. For information about Zemfira Stage call 703-615-6626.

For reservations call 703-318-0619 or 703-615-6626.

Free Concert. At 7:30 p.m. By the internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir. At Washington Street United Methodist Church, 115 S Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.africanchildrenschoir.com or call 703-836-4324.

Irish Band. Piper Cillian Vallely and flutist Kevin Crawford from the Irish band Lunsá. At 8 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$29 at the door, children under 14 with an adult half price. Reservations can be made at



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"Why Young Mothers Feel Trapped" by Elizabeth Seaver.

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Casting Concrete Leaves. 1-3 p.m. \$55 fee. At Green Spring Gardens. Learn to cast concrete leaves in this workshop. At 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Church Yard Sale and Fair. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tons of household items, toys, clothing, etc. Games and prizes for the kids, glitter face painting, hot dogs, drinks and bake sale. At Calvary Presbyterian Church, 6120 N. Kings Hwy., Alexandria. Go to www.calvarypres.org.

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6335 Little River Turnpike at Lincoln Ave., Alexandria, two blocks west of I-395. Rain date Sept 19. Call 703-354-5176 or lincolniaumc@verizon.net; www.lincolniaumc.org.

Mindful Eating Workshop. 2:30-3:30 p.m. What do yoga and cupcakes have in common? Approached with the right intention, both can avail you more self awareness, fewer binges, more joy and less stress. \$15/advance, \$25/at door. Held at Radiance Yoga, 110 King St., Alexandria. Register online at www.radiance-yoga.net

Tea Tasting at Lee-Fendall House Museum. 3-4:30 p.m. \$25/person. Learn about the history of tea and Victorian tea practices. Includes six teas and tasting notes. At 614 Oronoco Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-1789 or contact leefendallhouse.org.

Art Activated. Noon to 4 p.m. Features artist demonstrations, hands-on projects, and special performances from BosmaDance (2:30-4 p.m.) and a member of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Go to www.torpedofactory.org; call 703-838-4565.

Craft and Family Fun Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria. Including crafts from over 50 vendors, pony rides, petting zoo, food and face painting. Rain or shine. Event is free. Contact 703-417-9219.

SEPT. 12-13

7th Annual Alexandria Festival of the Arts. Some 200 artists will be exhibiting their works as King Street in

Alexandria's Old Town is transformed into an outdoor art gallery. Discover spectacular paintings, life-size sculptures, jewelry, photography, ceramics and more. The weekend continues at the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Art Activated on Saturday, Sept. 12, from noon to 4 p.m. Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. King Street in Old Town, from Washington Street to the Waterfront.

Other weekend events include Children in the Church Yard, with family friendly activities from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 12-13 at Christ Church, 118 North Washington Street. On Saturday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., live swing band music will be playing in Market Square at 301 King Street.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Dick Morgan in Jazz Concert. 4 p.m. Free. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Limited seating. Admission first-come, first-served. Call 703-505-0700.

Revive Your Closet. 1-3 p.m. Del Ray Fashion guru Susan Boyd, owner of Wear It Well Wardrobe and Image Consulting, will show how to restyle, remake, repurpose, and otherwise revive what's in your closet during this hands-on workshop for you and your clothes. Open to men and women. Fee: \$10. Register on-line by Thursday, Sept. 10 (www.TheDelRayArtisans.org). Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Call 703-838-4827, www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Old Towne Dogge Walke. 9-11 a.m. This event gives pet lovers the opportunity to stroll through historic Old Town while raising funds for the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Starts at North Pitt and Oronoco Streets. Call Robert Mahoney at 703-836-7643 or email bobby@capitol-heel.com. Visit www.alexandriaanimals.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

Fall Book Sale. 4-9 p.m. At The Charles Barrett Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4555.

The Jefferson Street Strutters. 7-9 p.m. Enjoy traditional jazz and American popular songs from the early years of the 20th century. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, part of the Thursday Nite Local Spotlight series. At 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to www.torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 18

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- September 24-27: Alexandria Film Festival
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MONDAY, SEPT. 14

Gadsby's Tavern Museum will be hosting its fall session of Tavern Toddlers, beginning Monday, Sept. 14, and continuing weekly through Monday, Nov. 16. Because it's never too early for kids to appreciate history, the museum developed this special program for toddlers (walkers through 36 months) and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime on Mondays anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal Street in the heart of Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.



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MONDAY/SEPT. 21

Wine Tasting. 5:30-7 p.m. Discuss the wine making process with Dan Dineen and Michael Kerrigan while sipping on bottles from Australia and New Zealand and snacking on light fare prepared by Fontaine Chef and Owner Kyong Yi. Priced at \$20 per person. At Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, 119 S. Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-533-8151.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 23

Virginia WPA Writers. Old Town resident David A. Taylor, the author of *Soul of a People: The WPA Writers' Project Uncovers Depression America*, will discuss "The WPA Writers' Project in Virginia," and talk about the process of making the 1930s Virginia guidebook at 7:30 p.m. At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Alexandria. Go to www.alexandriahistorical.org or 703-683-2636. Free.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

Alexandria Film Festival Kickoff. 6-9 p.m. Up to a dozen "silent" films will show simultaneously throughout the building with live music enhancing the sensory experience. Guests are encouraged to dress in black and white. The 3rd annual Alexandria Film Festival will be at the Masonic Temple from Sept. 25 to 27, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. The festival includes high quality independent short and feature length films, documentaries, filmmaker panels and arts presentations. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

Charles Barrett Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4555.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Genealogist Char McCargo Bah. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Tells how she successfully traced descendants of people buried at Freedmen's Cemetery and how these techniques can be applied to any family research. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Annual Gala. 6-10 p.m. at River Farm. The American Horticultural Society gala's honorary chair is Cathal Armstrong. 703-768-5700 ext. 127 for tickets.

Country Western Dance. 8:30-11 p.m. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Bill Cole will be the DJ. Eileen Scott will teach the "Quarter to Six line dance and review the "My New Life" line dance beginning at 7:30 p.m., and Keith and Linda Buckle will review the "Chiquita" and Charleston Bump" couples

specialty dances at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 for NVCWDA members, \$12 for non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call the hot line 703-860-4941.

Book Signing. 10 a.m. to noon. Author Laurie Cameron, who wrote "The Ghost at Old Oak Way," a kid's mystery set in Alexandria, visits Barnes and Noble, Potomac Yards, and Horray for Books from 1-2 p.m.

Author Connie Briscoe. 10:30 a.m. Will discuss her newest book, "Sisters and Lovers," and celebrate 10 years with The Harambee Readers at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

Fall Book Sale. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the Charles Barrett Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4555.

SEPT. 19-20

18th Century Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 40 juried artisans will demonstrate their trades and sell their wares. Demonstrations, crafts and entertainment. At Mount Vernon. \$15/adults, \$7/ages 6-11; free for children under 5. Call 703-780-2000;

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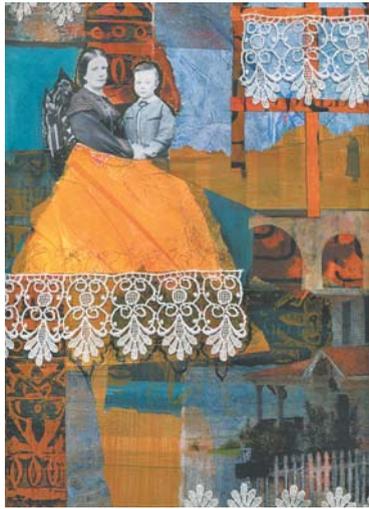
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SEPT. 11-OCT. 12

Artist Elisabeth G. Hudgins Common Threads, mixed media paintings. Opening reception is Saturday, Sept. 12 from 2-4 p.m. with an Artist's Talk at 3 p.m. The Gallery Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria.

SEPT. 10-OCT. 18

"From There 2 Here." At the Target Gallery. Reception on Sept. 10 from 6-8 p.m., gallery talk with Marian Van Landingham, founder of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 7 p.m. And at the Athenaeum, Sept. 10- Oct. 4; reception on Friday, Sept. 11 from 6-8 p.m. Part of the Torpedo Factory's 35th anniversary celebration. Exhibition features artwork from three regional art centers that were inspired by the Torpedo Factory's groundbreaking concept. The participating art centers are Liberty Town Arts Workshop (Fredericksburg), GoggleWorks Center for the Arts (Reading, PA) and the Prizery (South Boston, VA).

www.TheDelRayArtisans.org. The Del Ray Artisans gallery is located in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2407 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria; call 703-838-4827.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 30

"Creation Sings!!" a journey through the beauty of nature as photographed by Allen Pearson will be at The Gallery at Convergence, now through Wednesday, Sept. 30. The artist reception will be on Sunday, Sept. 13, 3-5 p.m. Pianist Mary Dart will join Photographer Allen Pearson to present the musical "Journey through Creation's Song". The Gallery at Convergence is located at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria; call 703-998-6260. Gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., by appointment at all other times. Visit www.allenpearsonphotos.com or www.convergencecccf.net.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

The Gallery at Convergence hosts Art in Autumn. This one-day event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 1-6 p.m. at the Gallery at Convergence located at 1801 N Quaker Lane in Alexandria.

Art in Autumn will feature contemporary artists who work green using non-toxic, renewable and recyclable materials. Hundreds of original works of art for sale including: paintings, jewelry, fiber art, photography and much more.

A portion of all art sales will benefit Convergence programs including Artists Way, Convergence Shared Artists Studios, and Club Tiger. Gallery hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260. Go to www.convergencecccf.net

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 27

Preview the exhibit, Revenge of the Sequel, Del Ray Artisans' September Art Show. At the Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Exhibit shows artists depicting their uninhibited and unabashed versions of a sequel. A reception to meet the artists will be on Friday, Sept. 11 from 7-9:30 p.m. Call 703-838-4827 or visit



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Jay Hardee and James Finley with the cast of “Camille: A Tearjerker.”

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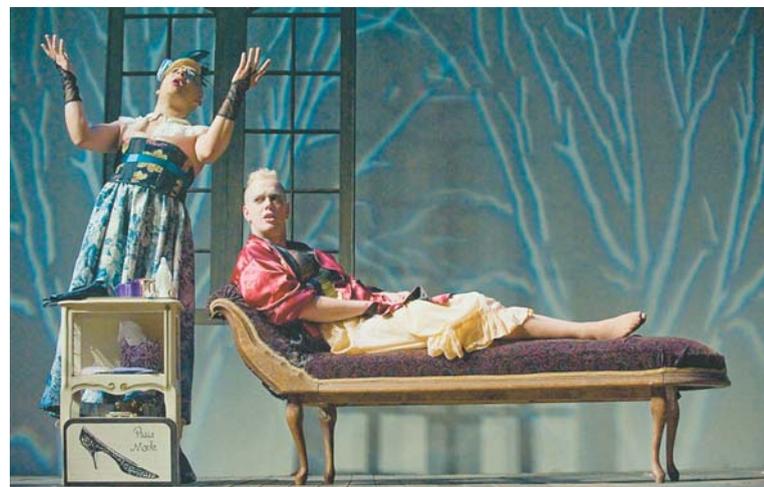
BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

The Washington Shakespeare Company's new production of “Camille: A Tearjerker” answers the question “Can one story accommodate the extremes of tragedy and comedy?” with a resounding “Yes, if it is extreme in the first place.” What's more, they throw in the very theatrical elements of a drag show, with marvelous actor Jay Hardee in the title role.

The novel written in 1848 which became both a classic of the stage and screen with such memorable actresses as Sarah Bernhardt and Greta Garbo, and a classic of grand opera as Verdi's “La Traviata,” makes a unique drag show that is fun and funny at one extreme and lives up to the promise of the subtitle “tearjerker” at the other.

The company didn't just decide one day to have the role of the beautiful but fatally ill prostitute played by a man instead of a woman. The approach is one of the most notable innovations of Charles Ludlam, the author of that other classic of drag theater, “The Mystery of Irma Vep” who, with his Ridiculous Theatrical Company, produced this drag version of the tale in 1973 with Ludlam himself as Camille.

Ludlam subtitled his version “A Tragedy on La Dame aux Camélias by Alexandre Dumas Fils” providing both the full title of the original novel and its author, the son (or “fils”) of the Alexandre Dumas who had written such hits of the adventure-romance genre as “The Count of Monte Cristo” and “The Three Musketeers.” There were no sword fights in the son's story, just a heart-touching tale of a love that



Frank Britton and Jay Hardee star in “Camille: A Tearjerker.”

couldn't succeed in the Parisian society of its time.

With Hardee as Camille, the production under director Christopher Henley takes on a heft that belies mere transvestitism or camp drag flippantry. That's not to say that the production isn't campy, it superbly fits the definition of “camp” as “humorously and outrageously utilizing exaggerated feminine behavior or attitudes.” From outrageous costumes (designed by Jennifer Tardiff) to over-the-top strutting and flouncing from actors like Kim Curtis, who makes some of the prose dialogue sound like spirited poetry, and Frank Britton, who lip-synchs nearly flawlessly to Lena Horne's recording of “Stormy Weather,” the production doesn't shy away from excess. Indeed, the bare bottom of one actor caught in a spotlight is the opening image of the entire show.

Hardee joins in the spirit of humor and high energy vamping for the lighter scenes of the play, but manages to shift to a heart-tugging

sadness as his/her character's illness turns terminal and the romance appears hopelessly undermined by society's expectations. Hardee takes the show to a higher level of emotional impact.

Also impressive are two non-campy performances, those of James Finley as Camille's lover who hasn't the fortune she needs to support her life style and John C. Bailey as the lover's father who begs Camille to break it off before the relationship ruins his son's reputation beyond repair.

Where and When:

The Washington Shakespeare Company production of “Camille: A Tearjerker” plays through Sept. 27 at the Clark Street Playhouse, 601 South Clark Street just north of Crystal City. Performances are Thursday – Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 - \$35. Call 800-494-8497 or log on to www.boxofficetickets.com/WSC.

LETTERS

On Hammond

FROM PAGE 14

duce Hammond to the status of a junior high school, but to learn now that all of the traditions associated with the history of both of these fine schools are to be discarded is mind-boggling.

Upon what touchstone will you build your legacy? Or will you just be FCH#1 and GWH#2? Will your students learn of the heroism of a Navy corpsman who sacrificed his own life on the battlefield to save his comrades? For that matter, will they learn anything of George Washington?

Some things in this world are just worth keeping.

Kathleen (Rainwater) Snow

Francis C. Hammond High School "63
Bullard, Texas

As a graduate of Francis C. Hammond High School, I'm writing to express my concern over the possibility that the school's colors may be changed. I believe retaining blue and gold is critical to preserving the heritage of an institution that has long served the Alexandria community, an institution of high quality with which its graduates are extremely proud to have been associated. I'm sure you're aware by now of rumors that the school's name may even be changed from Francis C. Hammond. Along with other Hammond Admirals, I respectfully call on you to use your influence to help ensure that Hammond's name and tra-

ditions are upheld.

Charles R. Sterling
Class of 1963

I am writing on behalf of Hammond High School's class of 1959. We were honored to be the first to enter the doors of Hammond High School when they opened in 1956. I also felt privileged to be part of the year-book staff since my words were the first to appear in the Anchor, "In our hands, we hold the future of Hammond High." Little did I realize that the "future" would be 53 years later when others would be given the opportunity to choose the school colors and change the traditions established at that time. Francis C. Hammond High School was steeped in Navy tradition since it was named after a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Following in that tradition, Tom Mercer (Class of 1958), went on to the United States Naval Academy and pursued a distinguished career in the Navy, retiring as an Admiral. How fitting that was since we were known as The Admirals! Others from Hammond (Classes of '58 and '59) and George Washington High School also attended the U. S. Naval Academy and were classmates of my husband, John S. Volk II, Commander, USN, Retired.

Those who graduated from Hammond High School would be deeply saddened to learn that changes were made to the proud traditions established 53 years ago.

Frankie Joan Carol Mauck Volk
Class of 1959

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 13-2-7 (PROHIBITING SHOOTING OF COMPOUND BOWS, CROSSBOWS, LONGBOWS AND RECURVE BOWS) of Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Chapter 2 (WEAPONS) of Title 13 (MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance prohibits the shooting of an arrow upon the property of another without permission from the owner or tenant of the property.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-9-12 (COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT; TERMS AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS; FILLING VACANCIES; OFFICERS) of Article B (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON AGING) of Chapter 9 (AGING), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The ordinance amends the membership of the Alexandria Commission on Aging by providing that one member come from the Alexandria Commission for Women.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 6-1-1.1 (SAME—HUNTING PROHIBITED IN ADJACENT AREA) of Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Title 6 (PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The amending and repealing of the relevant section of the city code is to comply with current state statute that prohibits localities from regulation of firearm possession.

AN ORDINANCE to repeal Section 13-2-4 (CARRYING LOADED FIREARMS) of Chapter 2 (WEAPONS), Title 13 (MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The amending and repealing of the relevant section of the city code is to comply with current state statute that prohibits localities from regulation of firearm possession.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the 1992 Master Plan (2008 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2008-0006 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2008-0006, to amend the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Chapter of the 1992 Master Plan (2008 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, to increase height for Block 20, from a maximum of 200 feet to a maximum of 220 feet.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the 1992 Master Plan (2008 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2009-0001, and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2009-0001, to amend the 1992 Master Plan (2008 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, by adopting the Urban Forestry Master Plan as a chapter of said Master Plan.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of 315 Madison Street to establish and maintain an encroachment for outdoor restaurant seating at 315 Madison Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

The proposed ordinance permits the restaurant located at 315 Madison Street to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing North Parkway,

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L.L.C., and its successors in interest, to establish and maintain an encroachment for a stairway and landscape planter wall into the public sidewalk right-of-way at adjacent to 532 North Washington Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

The proposed ordinance permits the owner to establish and maintain an encroachment for a stairway and landscape planter wall into the public sidewalk right-of-way at 532 North Washington Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 3500 Goddard Way to construct and maintain an encroachment for a portion of a stone retaining wall at that location

The proposed ordinance permits the owner of the property located at 3500 Goddard Way to construct and maintain an encroachment for a portion of a stone retaining wall in the public sidewalk right-of-way at that location.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Article C (EMPLOYEE HOMEOWNERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM) of Chapter 5 (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT), by adding thereto new Section 2-5-39 (ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYEE HOMEOWNERSHIP LOAN PROGRAMS FOR OTHER ENTITIES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would add the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Alexandria Sanitation Authority, and the Alexandria Transit Company as employers eligible to receive administrative services under the Employee Homeownership Incentive Program. Each additional employer would be required to budget funding for such loans through their individual budget process and would not have access to loan funds allocated to eligible city and school employees.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 3-3-36 (NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID) of Division 1 (COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING) of Article D (CONTRACT FORMATION AND SOURCE SELECTION) of Chapter 3 (PURCHASES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) and Section 3-3-64 (PUBLIC NOTICE) Division 2 (COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION) of Article D (CONTRACT FORMATION AND SOURCE SELECTION) of Chapter 3 (PURCHASES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would amend sections of the Code to update the public notice requirements for invitations to bid and requests for proposals to reflect technological advances.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Sections 3-2-61 (DEFINITIONS), 3-2-62 (TAX RATE AND LEVY), and 3-2-69 (DUTIES OF DIRECTOR) and repeal Sections 3-2-63 (APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL USER), 3-2-67 (APPLICABILITY TO TELEPHONE SERVICE), and 3-2-71 (CELLULAR TELEPHONE TAX) of Article F (TAX ON PURCHASING TELEPHONE AND WATER SERVICES) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT); repeal Article U (ENHANCED EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE, E-911, TAX) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT); and amend Section 9-1-84 (PUBLIC UTILITIES) of Article C (NONREGULATORY LICENSES), of Chapter 1 (BUSINESS LICENSES) of Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would amend and repeal sections of the Code to bring it into conformity with the taxing powers the City retains since the enactment of the Virginia Communication Sales and Use Tax Act (Section 58.1-645, et. seq. of the Virginia Code).

AN ORDINANCE to rollback the hourly wage rate that contractors are required to pay their employees under public contracts for the provision of services to the rate that was effective on July 1, 2008 (FY 2009), pursuant to Code Section 3-3-31.1 (SERVICE CONTRACT WAGES) of Division 1 (COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING) of Article D (CONTRACT FORMATION AND SOURCE SELECTION) of Chapter 3 (PURCHASES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would rollback the hourly wage rate contractors are required to pay their employees under public contracts for the provision of service to the rate that was effective on July 1, 2008 (FY 2009), \$13.13/hour. As required by the Code Section 3-3-31.1, the hourly wage rate adjusted upward to \$13.65/hour on July 1, 2009.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMEND-

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MENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, CMC, CITY CLERK



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Parker-Gray District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2009-0196
Request for approval of alterations at 211 N West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: 211 West LLP

CASE BAR2009-0197
Request for approval of after-the-fact alterations to previously approved plans at 229 N West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: James & DeShuna Spencer

CASE BAR2009-0198
Request for approval of new construction at 425 N West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Stephen Kulinski, AIA

CASE BAR2009-0199
Request for approval of after-the-fact alterations to previously approved plans at 227 N West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Brendan Owens

Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 838-4666

IN MEMORIAM



STANLEY PAUL ARMSTRONG
Aug 26, 1973-Sept 13, 1992

Paul died at age 19 of a heart attack 17 years ago in his dorm room at Marshall Un. He was loved by all: his family; his friends growing up in the Ft. Hunt area & West Potomac HS; First Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA, and the ATOs. He was a kind and gentle man.

We love you, Paul.
Stanley, Judy and Mary

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020774-06-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
MACKENZIE DJEDDOUR

The object of this suit is to: For approval of a foster care service plan with the goal of adoption, and for the termination of the parental rights of the unknown father of Mackenzie Djeddour (dob 5/31/07) and/or to enter any other appropriate dispositional orders to protect the health and safety of this child. It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/15/2009 at 1:30pm

BUSINESS



Owner Franco Landini and his son Noe T. Landini.

Grand Opening

Owner of the Fish Market Restaurant Franco Landini, Mayor William D. Euille and Noe T. Landini are about to cut the ribbon. The restaurant and its new Anchor Bar in Old Town held its grand opening Wednesday Sept. 2.



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Manager of the Fish Market Chris Williams and Lyn Heister.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021170-09-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
CHANTE M WALLS

The object of this suit is to: Approve the foster care review plan submitted by Alexandria DHS with a goal of adoption, and terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of Natalie Anderson, mother to Chante M Walls, born 7/28/2007. "Residual parental rights" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with the parent after transfer of legal custody and guardianship of the child to DHS, including but not limited to the right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation and the responsibility for support. It is ORDERED that the defendant Natalie Anderson appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/29/2009 at 2:00pm

ABC LICENSE

Pacific Enterprises, Inc trading as 650 S. Pickett St. Alexandria, VA 22304. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Importer & wholesaler of Beer license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Jorge Cossio, President & Ramiro L. Morgana, Vice President

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021170-10-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
CHANTE M WALLS

The object of this suit is to: Approve the foster care review plan submitted by Alexandria DHS with a goal of adoption, and terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father of Chante M Walls who was born 7/28/2007 to Natalie Anderson "Residual parental rights" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with the parent after transfer of legal custody and guardianship of the child to DHS, including but not limited to the right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation and the responsibility for support. It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/29/2009 at 2:00pm

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NEWS

Richardson

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Richardson was founder of the Historic Alexandria Foundation Antiques Show and later a founding director and director emeritus of Antiques in Alexandria. She was a master needlewoman who served on the Altar Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and much of her needlepoint work remains in use at the church. She was once awarded first place at Woodlawn Plantation's annual needlework exhibition for her set of needlepoint luggage.

"She was quite talented with the needle and the scissors," said Marion Young, who met Richardson when they were both members of the St. Paul's Altar Guild. "Can you imagine what an undertaking it was to make needlepoint covers for an entire set of luggage? I can assure you it was quite an undertaking."

She is survived by her husband, Brigadier General Robert Richardson III; a son, Robert Richardson IV of Annapolis, Md.; two daughters, Newbold Richardson Smith of Alexandria and Lydia Richardson Cardin of Andover, Md.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sept. 12. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be sent to either the Antiques in Alexandria Endowment Fund or the Salvation Army.

PEOPLE NOTES

Morgan Rose Cheatham, a freshman at Thomas Jefferson High School, Alexandria, attended the National Junior Classical League Convention this year on the campus of the University of California Davis, in Davis, Calif., July 27-Aug. 1. There were about 1,200 in attendance.



The National Junior Classical League seeks to encourage an interest in and an appreciation of the language, literature, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome.

Morgan scored in the top five for competitions entered and received awards in Graphic Arts, Modern Myth, Essay and Creative Arts and placed in the top 20 for every academic test taken at the convention. She was awarded first place in the English Oratory out of all Latin levels and grade levels in attendance, receiving the honorable mention of "Best in Show." Her speech discussed how one's imagination can help them achieve "the dream," no matter what the dream may be.

Morgan is the daughter of Reginald and Annemarie Walsh-Cheatham, and granddaughter of Luther and Louise Bond-Cheatham of Alexandria.



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Fast Start Ends in Loss Against Robinson

Titans surrender 14-7 lead to Rams.

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T.C. Williams High School Head Football Coach Dennis Randolph stood outside the team buses following a 36-23 loss to Robinson Secondary School on Sept. 3, proud and disappointed.

For one half, the Titans looked like they could pull off an upset of a Robinson team that hopes to contend in the Concorde District. The second half, however, told a different story as fumbles and failure to move the football down the field spoiled the upset attempt.

"I've got mixed feelings," Randolph said. "We started out really fast and then Robinson caught up with us. I'm disappointed that we made a lot of mistakes that we shouldn't have."

T.C. Williams opened the game with a 60-yard touchdown run by Cortez Taylor. Taylor followed that effort with a kick-off return touchdown for 90 yards and gave the Titans an unexpected 14-7 lead.

The strong offensive effort dwindled as the game went on and the Robinson defense held the Titans scoreless in the second half. The Titans also had a total of five fumbles, two off of errant pitches that further hampered the offense.



T.C. Williams quarterback John Bray runs with the ball against Robinson while lineman Luke Dorris (75) blocks and lineman Jay Whitmire (77) looks for someone to block.



"In several situations, we didn't convert on third down and we didn't hit open passes," Randolph said. "We just didn't execute the way we should have. We've got to go back to the basics, but I think we just got frustrated we couldn't move the ball."

Adding to the Titans' troubles, second string quarterback John Bray, who was replacing injured quarterback Joe Hargrove, went down with a minor injury in the second half.

"He had a muscle strain and he couldn't give it his all," Randolph said. "[Bray] didn't play as well as we would have liked. In this offense, you have to move down the field and score."

Hargrove, an ESPN.com college prospect, is not expected to return from his fractured wrist injury anytime soon.

"We got the rug pulled out from us when [Hargrove] got hurt," Randolph said. "He can move down the field well. It could be three or four weeks before he has a chance to come back, but it could be six to eight weeks total."

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T.C. Williams' Cortez Taylor runs with the ball during the Sept. 3 game against Robinson.

Saints Field Hockey Thrives in Spotlight

JON ROETMAN
BY GAZETTE PACKET

Being in the spotlight can have many adverse effects on a team. Egos can inflate. Chemistry can turn sour.

Athletes can succumb to pressure.

But there are also teams which thrive under pressure, transforming attention garnered into motivation.

Such is routine for the St. Stephen's/St. Agnes field hockey team. The Saints, considered one of the top programs in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, are the two-time defending Virginia private school state champion and haven't lost a game since 2006. Head coach Marsha Way, entering her 31st season with the program,

has won 19 Independent School League titles in the league's 24-year existence, and four state championships. Saints athletes grow up playing together, forming a bond which helps deal with consistently receiving an opponent's best effort.

Translation: the St. Stephen's/St. Agnes program has a target on its chest — and players wear it as a badge of honor.

"It's exciting," senior Emily Rhoads said. "It's a lot of pressure, but it's a good pressure."

Rhoads, a defender, and midfielders Reilly Woodman and Kelsey Horton are the Saints' leaders in 2009 and among 10 seniors on the team. The girls said entering the campaign with a two-season winning streak helps them focus.

"I think that motivates us to

work even harder in practice," Woodman said, "and make sure we keep up that legacy."

Way said she sees getting an opponent's best effort every game as a compliment. It also helps the team stay focused during practice.

"IT'S SOMETHING I'm always thinking about," Way said of opponents' desires to beat the Saints. "If anything it's ... something I can use to motivate and to keep our kids focused. ... There is no easy game. The other team [is supposed to] lose, so they play a lot looser. ... [Opponents] are looking to us. I wish they wouldn't. I would kind of like to have some easy games."

The Saints' most valuable asset may be their team chemistry. Some of the girls start going to school together as early as kindergarten,

and spend many years getting familiar with one another on the field.

"I think that our grade, especially, has a great chemistry on the field," the senior Woodman said. "We move the ball really well to one another and we can always figure out where each other are and we all know our place on the field."

The players also have a strong bond with Way. "I feel like her passion for field hockey and for this program kind of rub off on all of us," Horton said of her coach, "and that's what makes us ... successful."

The Saints opened their season Wednesday against Elizabeth Seton. Results were not available as of press time. St. Stephen's/St. Agnes plays in a tournament Saturday and hosts McLean on Tuesday.

Sportsman's Club To Host Coaches Night

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will host its annual high school football coaches night Sept. 15 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. Social hour begins at 7 p.m., with a meeting to follow at 8 p.m.

The varsity football coach from each Alexandria high school — T.C. Williams' Dennis Randolph, Bishop Ireton's Anthony Verducci, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes' David Holm, Episcopal's Mark Gowin — will speak during the meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.



Francis C. Hammond Middle School students exchange books in lockers between classes on the first day back to school.

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Outcry over Possible Changes

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avoid swine flu. And he explained that the middle-school reorganization was a way to create a more individualized educational environment for students. "It's a more personalized and customized experience," said Keisha Boggan, principal of FCH1. "Teachers will be able to get to know the students very well and get a sense of what their strengths and weaknesses are."

MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI association say they have no opinion on the creation of three new administrative units. But they have bristled at the idea that their school colors and mascot might be set aside. Back in 1958, the student body voted for the Admirals mascot and a school color scheme of Navy blue and white.

Now that the three schools colors and mascots remain undetermined, many alumni say they are con-

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cerned their traditions are being cast aside.

"It would be the honorable thing to retain the name of Francis C. Hammond," said Kassy Benson, a member of the class of 1962 and the founder of the Hammond Alumni Association. "I have a difficult time with anything that would do away with the traditions we established when the school was founded."

Alumni at George Washington High School are also upset about the prospect that their colors and mascot may not be part of the two new schools at the George Washington Middle School campus. Members of alumni association at both Hammond and George Washington say they weren't informed until last week of the new names, colors and mascots.

"We are totally against this," said David Beach, president of the George Washington Alumni Association, adding that Hammond graduated from George Washington High. "We don't want the traditions to change because we have a lot of memories there."

No Opt Out For Obama Speech

Students returning to classes on Monday found themselves in the midst of a national controversy involving a televised speech delivered to the nation's students by President Barack Obama. Some Republicans criticized the speech as an inappropriate intrusion into the classroom by the Democratic president. Unlike other school divisions, which allowed students to opt out of watching the speech, all students in Alexandria Public Schools watched the speech on Tuesday. No student was given the opportunity to opt out.

Superintendent Morton Sherman said that he was approached by one parent at Hammond Elementary School who requested that his child avoid the speech. Sherman denied the request, insisting that all students watch the speech delivered from Wakefield High School in Arlington.

"He's the president of the United States," said Sherman, adding that Ronald Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush conducted similar telecasts. "We honor the office, we honor the President, and we honor the message. As a result, no student was offered the option to opt out of watching the speech."

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CALLING ALL CARS - It's not quite a crime wave. But some of the natives are restless these days as our hot, sticky summer wears down.

Who but a member of Alexandria's finest would know better? Lt. Len Fouch of the Alexandria Police Department is the police liaison officer for the Old Town Civic Association. In a recent report to OTCA, relayed to your hardworking correspondent by Association President Poul Hertel, Lt. Fouch said there have been 15 burglaries in Sector One (Old Town) in the last two weeks — interestingly with no pattern other than they occurred between midnight and 8 a.m. and included five residences and three businesses.

Three of the burglaries occurred while nobody was home. Another attempt was thwarted by a neighbor who observed someone who looked suspicious and called police. One burglary of note was at the Chart House Restaurant on the City Dock on Aug. 26 at 3 a.m. A delivery man called police after seeing four suspects departing the rear of the building. The suspects were arrested at nearby Founders' Park and were charged after being identified by the delivery man.

Lt. Fouch offered this advice to "Townners": "Please pass along to OTCA members to let their neighbors know when they will be out of town. Mail and newspapers piling up on doorsteps or yard is also an indicator to bad guys that no one is home. One other item that is beginning to surface is the increasing amount of people who blog about their vacations. Please remember this information is available to everyone, including the bad guys, so please don't place your address and pictures of your home in these blogs."

AHOY, MATE - Hearing from OTCA reminds us that the gallant watchdog group will hold its annual cruise aboard the au-

thentic paddle wheeler, the Cherry Blossom. This party and membership recruiting affair is Sunday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. Members and friends will meet at 6 p.m. near Union Street at the rear of the Torpedo Factory and depart at 6:30.

Cruise tickets are \$25 each for members and \$30 for guests. Membership dues for the Sept. '09-10 year are \$12 for singles and \$20 for a household.

Finally, the OTCA Cherry Blossom cruise is for adults only. Everyone else goes overboard. (Just kidding, Poul).

ALEXANDRIA FORUM AT 51 - The wonderful and oh-so-educational Alexandria Forum is set for its 51st annual run on Sept. 25 and 26 to the theme of "Rediscovering the Federal City." Opening session (black tie optional) is at 6 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. on the 25th and the keynoter will be Alexandria's Sumpter Priddy III, well-known preservationist and expert consultant to collectors and museums. Registration and an opening reception starts at 6 p.m., followed by a banquet at Gadsby's.

The program on the 26th switches a few blocks away to the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., with lectures starting at 9 a.m. They include "Salt-glazed Stoneware in Early America," "Reading Alexandria's Historic Buildings" and "Sargent and the Sea." The afternoon bus tour, with box lunches provided, leaves the Lyceum at 1 p.m. and will visit Decatur House and Dumbarton in Washington. Tickets for the Forum are \$175 per person (\$125 Friday only) and \$100 for Saturday only. For more information or tickets call 703-838-4 554 or visit www.historicalexandria.org.

An important representative of this column, who I happen to live with, will see you there. The Forum is truly special.

— BOB FELDKAMP

APTA Provides Home Repairs

The American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) Board of Directors and senior staff teamed up with Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a nonprofit organization that rehabilitates the homes of low-income homeowners, to conduct home repairs for a 92-year-old resident in Old Town.

Repairs scheduled to be completed include securing an inside stair railing; leveling front and back doors; painting a bedroom; installing a grab bar, tub seat, toilet seat, smoke detectors/CO detector, and a window air conditioning unit; and removing trash.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria will donate supplies and gloves. APTA will make a donation to the organization to cover the cost of supplies that will be used during the project.

The effort is being done in conjunction with the annual retreat of APTA's Board and senior staff, during which current issues in the physical therapy profession are discussed.



APTA President Scott Ward and Treasurer Connie Hauser work as a team to install smoke/CO2 detectors.

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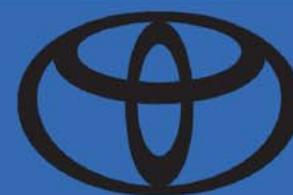
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