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Amina Bagatti and Christopher Goss dance the Meringue with the 9-12 Ensemble.



The students who came dressed in costume or wore shirts with their native countries name presented themselves to the audience, from left to right: Eduardo Santos, David Coreas and Christopher Flores.



Orelia Calderon dances a traditional Guatemalan Dance.



Program coordinator McKenya Dilworth-Abdalla

Immersed in Hispanic Culture

A Hispanic Heritage Celebration was held Friday, Sept. 25 at the William Ramsay Recreation Center. The countries represented in both the exhibit and performing arts portion of the program included Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Bolivia, Guatemala, El Salvador and Venezuela. Youth were taught Spanish by resident Spanish scholar Orelia Calderon, who is from Guatemala. The children were taught dances and songs in Spanish as a way to semi-immense them in the Hispanic culture.

How To Pay?

Democrats favor increasing gas tax; GOP pledges to avoid raising taxes.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When voters head to the polls next month, they'll face stark choices on the issue of transportation. Alexandria candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates have dramatically different views about how improvements should be funded. Democrats favor raising the gas tax, although they differ on when that should happen. Republicans oppose raising the gas tax, preferring other potential sources of revenue such as reducing waste in state government, changing the funding formula of how transportation

dollars are distributed from Richmond and privatizing Virginia's state-owned liquor stores. "This has become is one of the central questions in this election," said Isaac Wood, assistant director of communications for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "Are voters going to vote for candidates that support raising taxes to fund improvements or are they going to vote for candidates who are vague about how they'll pay for it."

Candidates who support raising taxes face obvious perils, but they also stand to benefit. Groups such as the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, for example, praise candidates who refuse to take pledges against raising taxes for transportation funding. The alliance, an advocacy group for congestion relief, estimates that the tax would need to be raised from 17.5 cents a gallon to 35 cents a gallon to have the same purchasing power as it did in 1987, the last time the tax was raised.

"Are voters going to vote for candidates that support raising taxes ...?"

— Isaac Wood, University of Virginia's Center for Politics

"Fiscal and political realities dictate that the commonwealth's transportation needs cannot be met without new, reliable revenues in the form of dedicated taxes and/or fees."

REPUBLICANS ON the ballot in November say raising the gas tax would be a mistake in the current economic climate, and both favor selling the state-owned liquor stores to find new money for transportation. Sasha Gong, who is challenging Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), says she would work to change the funding formula in Richmond to make legislators increase funding for Northern Virginia. This line of argument has been used for many years by candidates and incumbents, even though no one has been able to persuade rural interests in Richmond from giving up their own transportation funding in exchange for sending more cash to Northern Virginia.

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Demolish Building or Preserve History?

Fate of Legion Hall hangs in the balance during Saturday's public hearing.

Since 1944, a narrow wood-frame structure has been a fixture of 200 block of North Fayette Street. Originally constructed as a wartime nursery, the building served for many years as the

home of American Legion Post 129. Now it's in the crosshairs of developer Bill Cromley, who wants to demolish the building and construct an eight-unit condominium building. Many neighborhood residents are in support of Cromley's proposal as a way to bring new life to the block that has had lingering problems with street crime and alcohol abuse.

"There's nothing architecturally significant about it," said Melissa Luby, who has lived in the Parker Gray neighborhood since 1986. "There are some things worth saving, but this isn't one of them."

Others say the history of the building is significant, and preserving the structure is crucial to maintaining the traditional fabric of the neighborhood. After the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review granted a demolition permit in August, historic preservationist Boyd Walker launched a petition drive to file an appeal.

"I would like to see the building restored and put to public use for an education or community purpose," said Walker, who collected 115 signatures on a petition to save the building. "The history of the building has good and bad elements to it, but that's better than a condominium building that has no relationship to the site and won't be for the residents of this community."

City Council is set to vote on the issue during Saturday's public hearing.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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The Alexandria City Council is set to consider the fate of this building on Saturday.

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Chief Wears Two Hats

Alexandria Police Chief **Earl Cook** is the city's top cop, but this week he took on another role in city government. On a four-to-three vote Tuesday night, the Alexandria City Council voted to appoint Cook to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Although the appointment is unprecedented for a police chief, the authority has a history of bringing high-ranking city officials into the fold. In the 1970s, **Doug Harman** served as the city manager and the executive director of the housing authority.

"I personally look at this as an opportunity for someone at the highest level to be at the table," said Mayor **Bill Euille**, who also grew up in Alexandria public housing. "So many of the concerns deal with policing matters."

Three City Council members voted against the appointment, expressing concerns about the possibility of conflict of interest. Would the never-ending competition for scarce city resources pose a financial dilemma for Cook? How would he balance the interests of public safety with the need for public housing? The three members who voted against appointing Cook were clear that their opposition was about anyone in his position holding the job, not Cook personally. "I'm concerned about this precedence this sets," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**. "I would hope there would be other ways we could strengthen the relationship between the police and ARHA."

Survey Says

People have always suspected that Alexandria is swell. Now there's proof. According to a telephone survey of 1,000 residents conducted in September, 97 percent of respondents rated the overall quality of life as either "good" or "very good." The poll was conducted by the Connecticut-based Center for Research and Public Policy and has a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points. One of the more surprising findings was that 55 percent of respondents say they are "somewhat willing" or "very willing" to pay more taxes.

"I don't really buy that people are willing to pay more taxes," said Councilman **Frank Fannon**, who was one of the 1,000 people randomly selected to participate in the telephone survey. "That's not what people are telling me, and that's one of the things I'm trying not to do was we go through this recession."

Despite the chorus of voices proclaiming the so-called death of newspapers, 48 percent of respondents said newspapers were the preferred way to get information about city services. And the number of people who say they use newspapers to get information about city services rose 40 percent in 2004 to 56 percent in 2009. Although people listed traffic and taxes as local issues of concern, the most popular response for "issue of most concern" was "none/nothing/don't know."

"That indicates people don't have issues of concern because they are generally happy with the city," said **Michael Vigeant**, executive vice president of the Center for Research and Public Policy. "People like Alexandria."

Imperfect Attendance

Schools often give awards for perfect attendance, but City Hall does the reverse — issuing punishment for being absent. City Council members voted this week to oust 15 members of board and commissions who are consistent no-shows. According to city records, these appointees missed 75 percent of their meetings or more. "Each of the 15 persons has been notified by letter of their attendance record," wrote City Manager **Jim Hartmann** in a memorandum outlining the punitive measures. "These persons may reapply with other new applications when the positions are advertised."

Groups that met most often over the course of the last year are the Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments (41 meetings) and the Old Town Board of Architectural Review (21 meetings). Some of the groups didn't meet at all, including the Building Code Board of Appeals and the Fair Housing Testing Program Advisory Committee. Despite the July 15 deadline, Hartmann noted that eight committees have yet to submit attendance reports.

"When all eight committee reports are received, staff will docket a supplemental attendance report for council's consideration," Hartmann added.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Leader in Business Honored

Charlie Collum to be named Chamber's Business Leader of Year.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A native of Alexandria, Charlie Collum graduated from St. John's College High School in 1960 and began working as a bookkeeper for Alexandria National Bank. In 1971, he moved to Burke and Herbert Bank in 1971, where he's now the chairman. Later this week, he'll be named the Business Leader of the Year by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

Why did you go into banking?

I wanted to go to college, but I wanted to take a year or two off. So I started working in the bank, and I liked it. I just never left the bank to go back to school. I took courses at something called the American Institute of Banking, but they were all courses in accounting and things relative to banks rather than college courses.

You didn't go to college?

I don't recommend it in today's world, but it can be done. I think it took me a little longer to get ahead, but I had more experience by working my way throughout most of the departments of the bank.

How did your career in banking begin?

My first job in the loan department was in the collection area, where I had to call people who weren't making their payments on time and ask them when they were going to make their payment and exert whatever pressure needed to be exerted in order to collect those payments. From that point I became a lender. Once I learned the process of making loans, I moved into the branch system and became an assistant branch manager of a branch of Alexandria National Bank at the corner of Fern Street and Kenwood Avenue, which is now a Burke and Herbert branch.

Why did you move to Burke and Herbert?

I wasn't getting ahead as fast as I wanted to get ahead, so I went looking for a job. David Burke at Burke and Herbert hired me, and as I've told David a number of times I think that was one of the better decisions he's ever made.

How is Burke and Herbert different from other banks?

At this point, we've never purchased a branch of another bank or another bank. That doesn't mean we might not consider that if the situation was right, but it's not been in our game plan up to now. We have grown internally, and we've picked spots to place branches where we thought there was a need. We've grown slowly, very slowly, which has allowed us to keep the same personal contact with our customers that we've always had. We think it's important to serve a community where our footprint is not so wide, and I think we can better serve those communities that we know.

You've been named Business Leader of the Year in what could be the worst year for business since the Great Depression. What has Burke and Herbert done over the last year that made it stand out?

City Attorney: Wait on HOT Lanes Action

For weeks, members of the Alexandria City Council have been hearing from constituents urging them to join a lawsuit filed by Arlington County filed in August against the Federal Highway Administration and the commonwealth of Virginia. The lawsuit charges that state and federal officials failed to conduct the necessary environmental-impact study and traffic analysis, a concern shared by many Parkfairfax residents who would like to see the city take action against a proposal to construct High Occupancy Toll lanes along the Shirley Memorial Highway. But City Attorney Jim Banks recommended against joining Arlington's lawsuit this

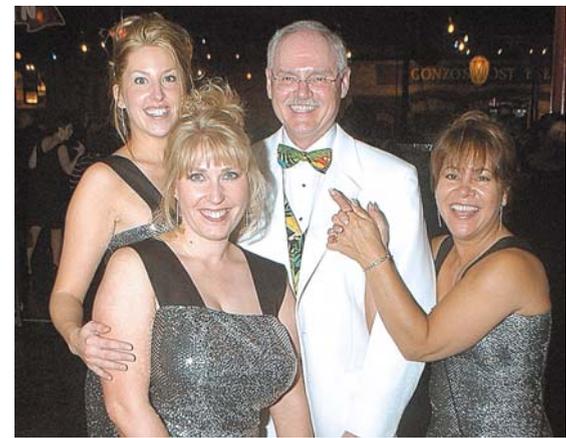


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Charlie Collum poses as James Bond during the 2005 Chamber of Commerce chairman's themed gala.

We have stuck to the same type of lending practices that we've had throughout our 157-year history. We make loans to people who can demonstrate they can pay them back, generally with some type of collateral that we consider is bankable. In most cases, we know our borrowers. That makes a big difference, doesn't it? We've not been big in the residential construction lending business, which got an awful lot of people into trouble. The investments we make are very conservative investments. So here at Burke and Herbert, we're seeing the benefits of growth because of the uncertainty of some of the larger financial institutions. It's what you might call a flight to quality.

How do you imagine Burke and Herbert might change in the next 150 years?

I see us continuing to expand at a slow pace — maybe not as slow as we have in the past. We are about to open our 21st branch in Burke. We have acquired a lease on a piece of property that was a Wacovia branch, and we are looking seriously at several others. We're doing more of an infill right now for ourselves rather than going further afield, we are beginning to look strategically at locations from the furthest out to our core here in Alexandria to fill in some spots we think would be good locations for us. We will do that over the next five or 10 years, although I can't tell you about the next 150 years.

You chose James Bond as the theme for the gala when you became chairman of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. What's your favorite James Bond movie?

"Octopussy." When we did the chairman's gala, we wanted to do the dress in the theme of James Bond. And I've always liked "Octopussy." My wife got into it as well.

Where do you see the economy heading in the next year?

I believe we are slowly working our way out of the bottom of the economic crisis that we've been in. Although we may not be at the bottom on unemployment, we're probably close to the bottom, and there appear to be signs in Alexandria that things are getting better. Tourism numbers have been better than anticipated, and we are beginning to see other life that's helpful. There appear to be leases for empty storefronts along King Street. I hope that those retailers that have struggled will have the opportunity to come back over this next year. I really believe that things will be better, but we've got to make it through this winter. Don't you?

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Georgie's Pilates Loft open.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
GAZETTE PACKET

Above the Walgreens on King Street, floor to ceiling windows allow passers-by to have a glance at people stretching on some of the strangest-looking contraptions. It's Georgie's Pilates Loft that opened at the beginning of the summer this year.

"No muscle is forgotten," said owner Georgina Hancock in an enthusiastic British accent. "Your entire body from the tip of your toes to the crown of your head will be trained."

Pilates, says Hancock, is a full body workout that transforms the way the body looks, feels and performs. It is a method of body conditioning known for its ability to strengthen, tone muscles, improve posture, flexibility and agility — developed more than 80 years ago by Joseph H. Pilates. It's also known as a form of corrective exercise that can help relieve backache, neck issues and other related problems that can be caused by muscle imbalances.

"There are so many different ways to exercise, and many ways to get results," Hancock said. "But with Pilates, the equipment finds a person's weak muscles and works them, elongating and strengthening, creating muscle elasticity and joint mobility. A body with balanced strength and flexibility is less likely to be injured."

Caty Poulin is a client at Georgie's Pilates Loft who benefited from the corrective attributes of Pilates. She threw her back out a few months after giving birth and just days before her 40th birthday. "I was in bed for a month before being able to do any physical therapy," Poulin said. A friend introduced her to Georgie's Pilates Loft and she started private instruction with Joshua Dobbs, one of six certified instructors who work with Hancock. "I feel a huge difference already," she said smiling. "Joshua has given me the first pain-free days I've had in months. And Robert, my husband, keeps asking me if I'm wearing high heels because I'm standing so much taller."

Hancock used to have a studio in her home, and her 30 clients followed her to the new location. Since opening her doors at the end of June, Georgie's Pilates Loft has added more than 200 new clients.

Pat Karlsson Backe of Franconia describes her



PHOTO BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER / GAZETTE PACKET

Georgie Hancock (left) encourages client Allison Erdle of Alexandria on the Reformer. Erdle calls Hancock a fantastic teacher. "She's really personal about how she works with you," says Erdle. "Plus, I've had two babies in the past five years, and I think I look pretty good!"

friend and colleague Hancock as enthusiastic and warm with a special ability to connect with all kinds of people.

"She works you hard," says Backe, "and encourages and challenges you to your best ability."

Ellen Turnbull of Old Town has been working out with Hancock for a year and a half. She's been so pleased with the results that she convinced her son Ben to give it a try. He's an 11th grader at T.C. Williams High School and is on the Crew team.

"Crew requires a lot of strength in your core. I invited Ben to come and do Pilates because it would help him with Crew, and it has."

Turnbull says her son works out with Joshua every other week. "Pilates can become an addiction. I'm addicted," she said with a smile. "Now my son is addicted, too."

Georgie's Pilates Loft offers private, semi-private and group classes for all ages and fitness levels. Classes include Mat, Equipment, Teens and Children, Pre/Post Natal, Mommy and Me, Balanced Boomer, Runners, Golfers, Men's, and Pilates Boot Camp. A new class, Pilates in Your Pocket, will teach basic classical mat routine and provide handouts so that clients can learn it, understand it, and be able to do it at home or when they travel.

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Transportation Divides Candidates

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"If I get there, I'm going to scream murder," said Gong, adding that she wasn't sure how much money would be available as a result of changing the funding formula. "Raising taxes will hurt the economy."

Vicki Vasques, who is challenging incumbent Del. David Englin (D-45), is also opposed to the idea of raising the gas tax to pay for transportation improvements. She says money can be found by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse in government. Vasques said that she was able to find savings during her time as a political appointee in the United States Department of Education, and she would do the same thing in Richmond by convening a panel of Democrats, Republicans and private-sector representatives to find spending reductions. Although she couldn't

mention any specific cuts, she estimates she would be able to find about \$1.8 billion in savings.

"Most folks are having to do it at home," said Vasques. "This should not be difficult for us to do at the state level."

DEMOCRATS ON the ballot in November support the idea of raising the gas tax, although they are divided on when that should happen. Both described the idea of selling the liquor stores to fund transportation projects with one-time revenue a gimmick. Englin says he supports raising some taxes, such as the gas tax, while lowering or eliminating other taxes, such as sales tax on food. While eliminating the sales

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Debating The Debates

So far, Del. **David Englin** (D-45) and Republican challenger **Vicki Vasques** have participated in one debate against each other, which was conducted in early September by the Arlington County Civic Federation. Since then, Englin missed a forum hosted by the Arab American Institute that Vasques attended. And Vasques missed a debate hosted by the League of Women voters that Englin attended. So when Vasques declined an invitation to participate in a debate conducted by the Taylor Run Citizens' Association, Englin supporters balked.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

"She really doesn't want voters to know what she thinks," wrote wife and campaign advisor **Shayna Englin** on her Twitter account.

Vasques supporters say they are more than willing to share the message of their campaign, although Vasques advisor **Mike Lane** said the Republican's campaign made a strategic decision to focus on neighborhood meet-and-greet events rather than civic association debates. Lane added that Vasques is planning to participate in one more forum and one more debate before Election Day.

"If the Englin campaign wants to be negative, that's their prerogative," said Lane. "Vicki doesn't want to run against David, although I think there's plenty in his record to be criticized."

Waiting For Obama

The final days leading up to an election are a traditional time for rallying the troops. By the closing days of the campaign, policy positions have been taken, funds have been raised and endorsements have been announced. All that's left to do is build excitement.

That's why the Alexandria Democratic Committee has a habit of reserving Market Square for the night before a big election. Back in 2006, the Democrats held an Election Eve rally featuring former President **Bill Clinton** stumping for Democratic Senate hopeful **Jim Webb**. Last year **Joan Baez** performed in Market Square and Democrats wheeled in a JumboTron to simulcast a speech **Barack Obama** was delivering in Fairfax County. This year, the Democrats are planning a rally to boost their ticket. Details remain foggy.

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OBITUARIES

David Lamar Griffith

David Lamar Griffith, 20, of Alexandria, died on Oct. 12, 2009. He is survived by his loving parents Lanny and Susan Griffith and his caring sister Sally Hamilton Griffith, all of Alexandria. He is also survived by his grandfather George O. Griffith of Corinth, Miss. and aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Friends may call at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009 from 6 till 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 at 10 a.m. Guests are invited to a reception in the Westminster Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Interment will be held at Presbyterian Cemetery, Alexandria, on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 at 1 p.m. Contributions may be made in David's memory to the David Griffith Memorial, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Walter Patrick Lukens

Walter Patrick Lukens of Alexandria died on Oct. 9, 2009. Mr. Lukens is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia. He is also survived by his brother, Robert Lukens; sister, Elizabeth Lukens; nephews, John and Timothy Noble; and sister-in-laws, Elaine and Ray Biondi.

A funeral service with Full Military Honors will be held at the Ft. Meyer Chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009 at 11 a.m., with burial to follow at Arlington National Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, Northern VA Chapter, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 402, Fairfax, VA 22030.



Helen J. Tubbs

Helen J. Tubbs, beloved wife of 54 years to William H. Tubbs, Sr., mother of Michael A. Tubbs and the late William H. Tubbs, Jr., died on Oct. 9, 2009.

She is also survived by two brothers; five sisters; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009 at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Paul Campbell. Interment will be at Mount Comfort Cemetery.



NEWS

FROM PAGE 5

"It's a work in progress," said **Susan Kellom**, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee.

Returning To Civility

Candidates always talk about returning to civility, although they're never quite clear about when this nostalgic period took place. Certainly they can't be talking about the era of **Thomas Jefferson**, who was described in one newspaper of the time as "a mean-spirited, low-lived fellow, the son of a half-breed Indian squaw, sired by a Virginia mulatto father ... raised wholly on hoe-cake made of coarse-ground Southern corn, bacon and hominy — with an occasional change of fricasseed bullfrog."

In comparison, BET founder **Shelia Johnson's** stuttering impression of Democratic gubernatorial hopeful **Creigh Deeds** seems mild. Even radio shock jock **Rush Limbaugh's** description of Deeds as a "mealy mouth idiot" doesn't seem all that shocking. Nevertheless, Republican standard-bearer **Bob McDonnell** is among those who say they would like to see a kinder, gentler discourse.

"We need more civility in politics," McDonnell said Tuesday night during a televised debate.

Democrats were quick to fire back. "We couldn't believe that Bob was pleading to change the political discourse when he can't even muster the courage to purge this kind of hateful rhetoric from the ranks of his own supporters," responded senior campaign advisor **Mo Elleithee**.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

OBITUARY

Mary P. Bowen

Mary P. Bowen, 81 died peacefully on Sept. 25, 2009. Mary was a devoted mother and wife. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Glynn Mitchell Bowen. She is survived by five children: sons, Robert Bowen and Mitchell Bowen; daughters,

Edwina Rieder, Glynda Hughes and Marylee Bowen; 14 grandchildren; 7 great-children; sister, Shirley M. Hooper.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. A life celebration service was held on Thursday, Oct 1, 2009 at 11am. Interment was held at Quantico National Cemetery.



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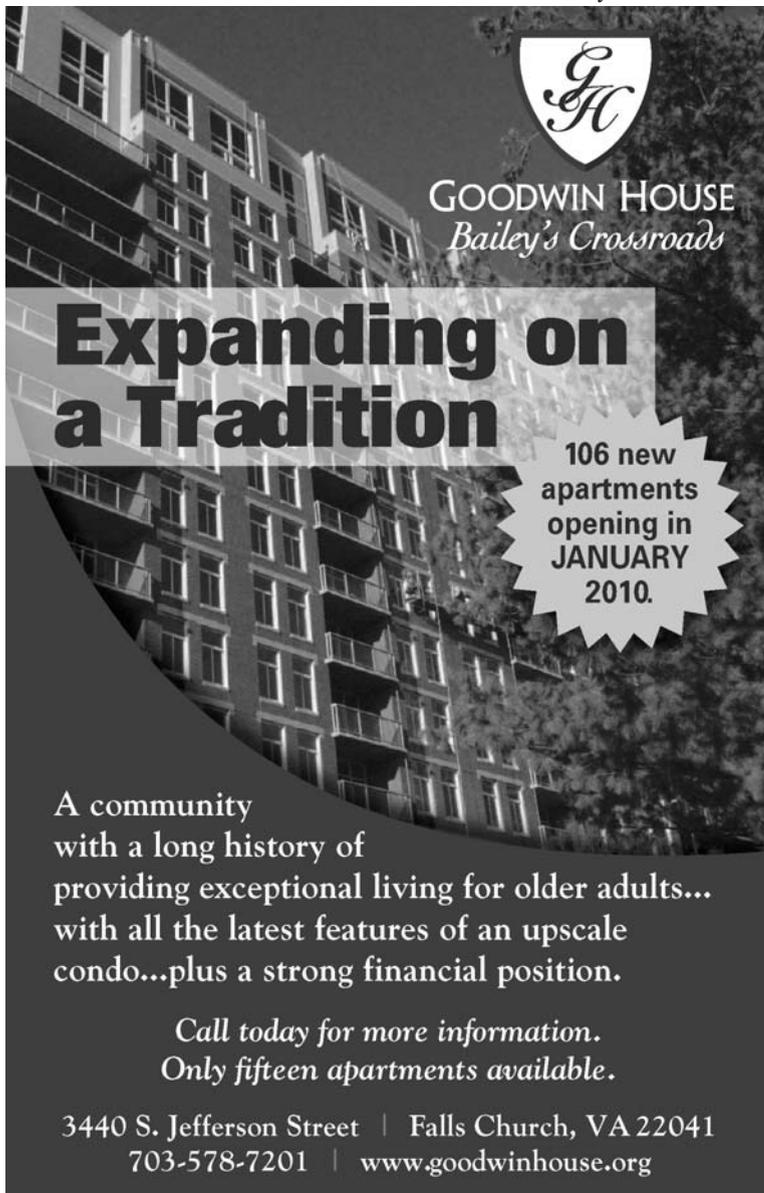
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OPINION

Volunteer on Oct. 24 and Beyond

Volunteering to help your community, to help people in need, is good for soul and good for families. But often it's hard to know where to jump in, how to be helpful, where your efforts will do the most good.

But many local organizations have geared up for Oct. 24, a national day of volunteerism, providing structured and specific opportunities for people to help out for a day. And by starting on that one day, perhaps your family will find a way to volunteer several times a year or more.

Many families find that they benefit from

volunteering at least as much as the organization or people they are helping. Volunteering develops a sense of community in children, and expands their capacity for empathy. In this area, many families' daily lives only bring them into contact with other affluent families. Volunteer efforts can give children and teens perspective, and more of an ability to count their own blessings.

Some teens might conclude that they are not well off because they drive an older car to high school — a cruise around a local high school student parking area could lead to the conclu-

sion that nearly everyone in our area is a millionaire. A little time helping serve meals to homeless, to collect food for families who are having trouble putting food on the table, to help with repairs in a homeless shelter can have a powerful effect.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria continues its energy conservation quest with Energize Alexandria. Volunteer teams will help weatherize and make energy-efficient upgrades to 20-30 homes this year. Call 703-836-1021 or see www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org.

For other Alexandria volunteer opportunities see <http://volunteeralexandria.org>.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Preserve Black History

To the Editor:

Alexandria is known for its history, and its preservation of that history for future generations. On Saturday, Oct. 17 in front of City Council, we will have an opportunity to make sure that history does not end by a certain date, and does not end when it reaches new territory. We have an opportunity to help preserve a World War II landmark, our "Greatest Generation" and a testament to segregation from the first half of the 20th century by preserving the African American Nursery and William Thomas Post at 224 N. Fayette St.

I believe it should be preserved for our children and their children to understand the circumstances at home in our neighborhoods during WWII when communities were segregated and defense workers went to work for the war effort. And when they came home

from the war African Americans had a legion hall that welcomed them and gave them a place to recuperate. There are detailed plans that show the building retains almost all of the characteristics of its original construction. "Virtually unaltered since the time of its construction," according to the city staff report.

This contrasts sharply to the applicant's statement that the building has outlived its usefulness, and that this is not the history that we want to preserve. That it was not meant to last this long is a testament to its survival, and what it will be able to teach this generation and future generations is certainly useful. There is a lot of history still to be told, and we have a solemn obligation, as we have practice in the Old and Historic District, to preserve this history for future generations.

The guidelines for the Parker Gray Historic District say there must be a compelling reason for a building to be demolished. In this

case, there is no compelling reason, except for the intent of the developer to clear a "blighted" building so that he can proceed with his not yet proposed development. The developer has made the determination "that it was not feasible to rehabilitate the building," not anyone else. It may not be economically feasible for Bill Cromley to rehabilitate the building, but it can be restored, and would add economic value to Alexandria. The Old and Historic District was once a pretty shabby area, but now is beautifully restored. And the Torpedo Factory Art Center, a WWI and WWII relic, which was virtually abandoned, has been transformed into Alexandria's most visited attraction.

This building can become, with the vision of the community, an asset to the Alexandria, not just because of its history, but because of its future. It has potential to have programming that would help lift the heart of the Uptown

community, serve an educational purpose, become exhibit or Art Space, drawing tourists and visitors to this nationally recognized historic neighborhood. It would make a wonderful restaurant in a historic setting surrounded by open space. This simple one-story building should remain where it is, as part of the park that was built for it. We should not be misled that eight new condominiums will add more economic value to the future of Alexandria than preserving history.

If the building cannot be reused why would the applicant have offered to move it to the Basketball Court in Hunter Miller Park? If it cannot be restored, how could it be moved? If it can be moved, then it can be restored. Lastly, if it is not history worth preserving then why would have the applicant arranged a meeting with the Smithsonian Institution, offering them the building for the National

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'Power of Pink' Brings Breast Cancer Awareness

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

At Inova Alexandria Hospital, we do more than detect and treat cancer — we educate. It's through education that we are able to increase awareness and empower our community to take an active role in their healthcare. Inova Alexandria Hospital, along with Inova's other hospitals, have banded together to form the Inova Breast Care Institute (IBCI), which offers a team of experts for each patient in need of care, from diagnosis through treatment and recovery.

What makes IBCI unique from any other breast cancer programs are the multiple access points across Northern Virginia and our breast care navigators, registered nurses who are there to guide a patient step-by-step through a possible cancer diagnosis. Our navigators are specially trained about the many facets of breast diseases, as well as the emotional and educational support needed for each



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October marks National Breast Cancer Awareness month and each year breast cancer survivors and supporters help bring awareness to this deadly disease.

Throughout the month, Inova hospitals will be holding a host of events entitled "The Power of Pink," focusing on breast health and breast

cancer education. On Saturday, Oct. 24, breast cancer survivors, their supporters, as well as friends and family members will hit the pavement in the Walk To Fight Breast Cancer. This fundraiser supports the Alexandria Breast Cancer Walk Fund at Inova Alexandria Hospital, which provides free mammograms and other screenings for uninsured women and those with very little health coverage in our city. This event is sponsored by The City of Alexandria and Inova Alexandria Hospital and supported by many generous sponsors from the community.

Inova Health System also partnered with the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation for the Washington, D.C. region's Breast Cancer 3-Day. Inova nurses, physicians and volunteers provided first aid for walkers at the 3-Day event.

Let's show our support for all those who continue to fight breast cancer. For more information about breast health events throughout Northern Virginia visit inova.org/girls.

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Boyd Walker

Greater Alexandria Preservation Alliance

ply this policy at the local, regional and state level as well.

Linda Couture
Alexandria

Funding Effect Of Stolen Signs

To the Editor:

This morning I made an additional \$50 online contribution to Bob McDonnell's campaign for Governor. It was the second such additional donation I have made to his campaign in the past two weeks — much more than I had initially planned to donate. Bob McDonnell can thank the campaign workers of his political opponents for my extra largess.

You see, someone has been stealing standard issue campaign signs promoting McDonnell's candidacy out of my yard. This past weekend was the second time a sign has disappeared.

Now I am not going to bother our local police officers and file an official report of the theft. They have much more important things to do protecting the citizens of Alexandria, and it would only waste local taxpayer dollars. Instead, each time a sign has gone missing from my yard, I get in my greenhouse gas emitting car and drive to McDonnell campaign headquarters to pick up a new sign. Then I go to my computer

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Gas Tax Too Regressive

To the Editor:

My support for efficient, safe and convenient mass transit remains unqualified. Most agree that this area especially needs as much as it can afford. That being said, adding a gas tax is not the preferred way to fund transit. That is, unless this tax is applied so that it does not affect the lower and middle income drivers more than those who operate Lexuses.

It would make better sense to add a larger tax, say 10 cents a mile, to all grades of gas except regular. This would not only encourage more of us to buy fuel-efficient vehicles, but it would also tax those driving expensive cars and SUVs at a rate that they can well afford. Additional taxes on middle and lower-income Americans is not what President Obama promised us. We need to ap-

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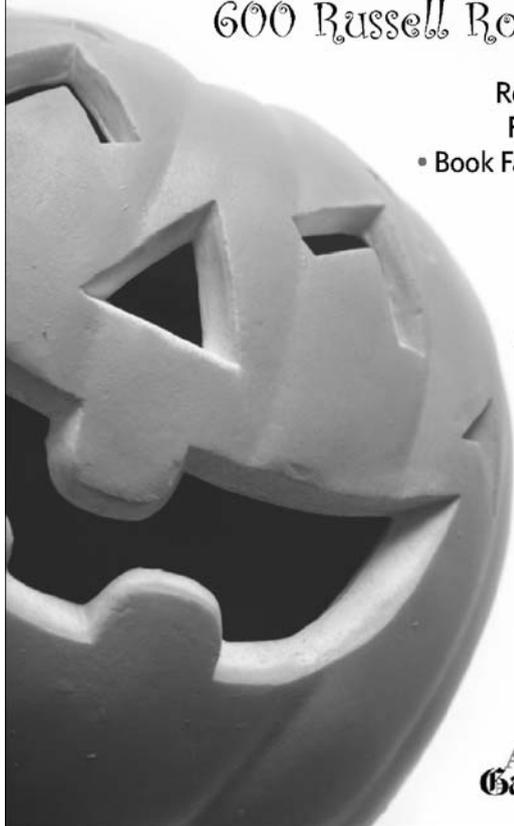
I have always been a proud supporter of minority conservative viewpoints in Alexandria. This year, I watched while operatives in the ruling Democratic Party attempted to smear and debase the character of Independent candidate Alicia Hughes after her legitimate win in the May city council election, and I watched a Democratically controlled lame duck council, despite widespread public opposition, move future city elections to a November calendar date to compensate for their inability to get out the vote for their slate of candidates. Tom DeLay would be justifiably proud of that august group of defeated politicians employing tactics from his political playbook.

These actions combined with the repeated theft of standard issue campaign signs from my yard have made me believe that those in Alexandria who advocate public acceptance of liberal progressive viewpoints would forcefully exclude expressions of divergent conservative opinion. I under

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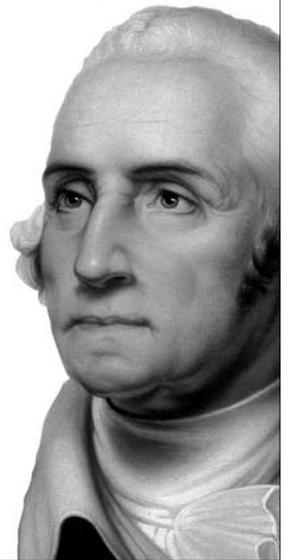
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 11
 stand their rejection of my political beliefs just as much as I reject theirs, but that does not give them the right to stifle support of legitimate candidates on private property. Regardless of how much I disagree with their viewpoint, I would not limit their liberty and freedom by stealing campaign signs out of their yard; I expect the same courtesies.

Between now and the election I foresee many additional campaign contributions to Bob McDonnell

should these thefts continue. The desperate actions of his political opponents who engage in midnight raids on private property exhibit a complete lack of faith in their candidate's ability to win the hearts and minds of the electorate in November. Thankfully, Virginia does not embrace limiting campaign contributions, and my checkbook is wide open to make additional unplanned donations.

John Henry Loomis
 Alexandria

Can't Accept Status Quo

To the Editor:

We were very pleased to read about the recent visit to Chicago by Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Attorney General Eric Holder at the behest of President Obama. They pledged to initiate a "sustained national effort" to address the issue of student violence

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Who would you call a Living Legend of Alexandria?

Who do you know whose vision and energy has improved life in Alexandria? The Alexandria Gazette Packet is seeking nominations in order to recognize Alexandria's Living Legends throughout 2010.

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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The second annual Taste for Giving is Friday October 23rd from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Torpedo Factory. Alexandria Commission for the Arts will give the Alex Awards. There will be 15 of Alexandria's best (and most community minded) restaurants giving a taste of their wares, Prince Michel Winery, and Guiffre Distributors and Misha's Coffee House supply the liquid refreshments. It will feature silent and live auctions as well. A guaranteed good time with the proceeds given to hard pressed local charities. Tickets are \$75 per person. Order online at www.alexandriarotary.org or by calling 703-535-1200.

Restaurants include: Jackson 20, Tempo, Finn and Porter, Cafe Pizzaiolo, Union Street, Hard Times, Bittersweet, Del Mere, Pork Barrel BBQ, Geranio Ristorante, Jamieson Grill, Overwood and Columbia Firehouse.

Friday, October 23, 2009 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
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Ofrenda – Art for the Dead

OCT. 31 SCHEDULE

Altars, shrines, art, & multiple performances throughout the night. Public altar by artist Andrea Collins. Anyone can place ofrendas (offerings) throughout the event.

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Free sugar skull activity with artist Heather Schmaedeke

3 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. — Mariachi Estrellas (traditional Mariachi music)

4:45 - 5:30 p.m. — Parliament Hill (Acoustic Folk)

5:30 - 5:45 p.m. — Moira (Silk Trapeze Aerialist)

5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — Wes Tucker & the Skilletts (Blues/Rock)

6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. — Belly Dancing

7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. — Parade with drummers from Market Square to Torpedo Factory

7:45 - 8 p.m. — Drum Circle at Torpedo Factory

8 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. — Belly Dancing

8:15 p.m. - 9 p.m. — Hootenanny Orchestra (Swing)

9 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. — Moira (Silk Trapeze Aerialist)

9:15 - 10 p.m. — American Sinners (Rock)

10:15 p.m. - 11 p.m. — Demivolt (Rock)

12 midnight — Event ends



Tybalt by Michael Auger



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Torpedo Factory Artists president Rosemary Feit Covey and Art Outlet founder and president Henrik Sundqvist try on a few of Anthony Delfin's hand-made masks for the upcoming parade and masked ball.

Ofrenda: Day of the Dead

Masked Ball, Parade, Art Exhibition in the Mexican Dia de los Muertos tradition.

Art Outlet presents Ofrenda 2009, an art exhibition of local artists' shrines, altars, and other art in the Mexican Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) tradition, along with a masked ball and parade. The third annual Ofrenda exhibition is presented in partnership with the Torpedo Factory Art Center on the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria.

A free Masked Ball will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 3 p.m. to midnight. Revelers are invited to come to the Ofrenda reception and parade dressed in the style of Day of the Dead, or decked out in Halloween finery.

An artist-led sugar skull activity and Mariachi performance by Mariachi Estrellas will kick off the celebration from 3 to 4 p.m. Live music including rock, swing, and blues will be interspersed with belly dancing and

silk trapeze performances throughout the event. Guests can participate in the exhibition by bringing personal remembrances — ofrendas — to contribute to the artist-made public altar honoring those who have left us.

The Ofrenda Parade will be held from 7-7:45 p.m., Oct. 31, and is open to anyone. It will be led by drummers, fire dancers, artists in costumes, and Day of the Dead puppets. It will begin at the historic Market Square near City Hall at 301 King Street at 7 p.m. and end at the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 7:45 p.m. with a drum circle.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC wishing to join the parade can come in their costumes, bring puppets, shrines, and noise makers. For details, go to ofrendaparade@artoutlet.org.

An art exhibition will be held from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. Art Outlet has curated 1152 square feet of wall exhibition space (18 panels, courtesy of Artomatic) and space for sculpture/media on the first floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. A public altar outside the Torpedo Factory will include candles and incense. Artist-made Dia de los

Muertos altars and ofrendas will draw the beloved dead to visit their loved ones, feast on their favorite food and drink and listen to their favorite music — remembering the dead and celebrating life. Artwork in a variety of media will be presented.

Exhibiting artists will include: Michael Auger, Kathlyn Avila-Reyes, Jennifer Beinhacker, Jennifer Bishop, Ismael Carrillo, Kate Clark, Andrea Collins, Rosemary Feit Covey, Anthony Delfin, Jackie Ehle, Cavan Fleming, Ric Garcia, Jeannette Herrera, Kevin Irvin, Jessica Jastrzebski, Rebecca Marion Kallem, Lori Katz, Shauna Lee Lange, Emily Green Liddle, Carolina Mayorga, Peggy Meckling, Heather Miller, Mara Odette, Claudia & Sergio Olivos, Chris Peloso, Kevin Chopper Peshkepia, Caren Quinn, Lisa Rosenstein, Skeeter Scheid, Heather Schmaedeke, Hillary Sloate, Kenya Rene Smith, Constance Springer Zabowski, Neil Leon Stavely, Erika Stone, Henrik Sundqvist, Roy Utley, and Alexandra Zealand.

For more information, Art Outlet: www.artoutlet.org, 571-214-9994; Torpedo Factory Art Center: www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.



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OPEN SUN!

1208 Tatum Drive \$875,000
Villamay!
Magnificent Colonial in exceptional condition on one of prestigious Villamay's nicest streets! Three finished levels, large room sizes, updated kitchen and baths. MBR suite has private balcony which provides panoramic vistas of the area with seasonal river views. Elevated grounds afford the ultimate privacy with gorgeous custom pool. Open Sun 1-4pm. S GW Pkwy, R Tulane, L Park Terr, R Tatum.

OPEN SUN!

7501 Park Terrace Drive \$1,150,000
Stunning!
Inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie style, this 1.13 acre property sits on a bluff overlooking acres of parkland with seasonal river views! Heart of redwood features, large room sizes, high ceilings and expansive glass window walls capture the natural beauty of the grounds. Off GW Pkwy just 3 miles from Old Town. (Adjoining 1.18 acre available for \$975,000.) Open Sun 1-4pm. S GW Pkwy, R Morningside Ln, R Park Terrace Dr.

300 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE #1
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313 CAMERON STREET
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Norma Gants 703.408.2560

OPEN SUN 1-4!

518 NORTH COLUMBUS ST
Parker Gray Historic District
\$549,900

- Charming 3 lvl Home
- Hardwood throughout
- Double parlors w/2 frpl
- 2 spacious BR + FR
- Beautiful backyard

Martine Irmr 703.346.7283

8108 East Boulevard Dr \$2,395,000
Premier Property!
Custom Boucher built classic on magnificent full acre lot just 3 miles to Old Town! Spacious residence with elegant Colonial detail, custom brick exterior, 3 finished levels, handcrafted cabinetry and brick work, gourmet kitchen, 4.5 luxurious baths, high ceilings, 4 frpls and 3 car garage. Magnificent private setting on professionally landscaped grounds, convenient to everything!

JUST LISTED!

4821 Stillwell Avenue \$499,000
Curb Appeal!
Character abounds in this fabulous Cape Cod, lovingly maintained and significantly updated by its caring owners. Four bedrooms, two full baths, hardwood floors, elegant trim detail, custom built-ins, updated kitchen and finished lower level. Gorgeous setting on magnificent half acre lot just steps to acres and acres of Fairfax County parkland!

3906 Rive Drive \$998,500
Stunning Property!
Truly the most spectacular property you will ever find! Unique home has been completely updated with breathtaking results! Bright & open floor plan, 3 finished levels including full walk-out lower level, 4/5 BRs, 3.5 BAs, updated gourmet kitchen, stunning master suite and custom river view screened porch house with deck. Expansive glass window walls capture river views and natural beauty of almost full acre site.

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PRICE SLASHED!

4307 Sheridan's Point \$794,500
Georgian Colonial!
Large price reduction! Classic updated Colonial in prime Mount Vernon location. This home has a combination of location, size and features typically only available in \$1,000,000+ homes! Three finished levels, open kitchen/family room, stunning master suite, two bonus rooms on lower level and dramatic sun room overlooking private fenced yard. Just off the GW Pkwy - easy commute to DC!

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OPEN SUN 1-4!

1184 N PITT STREET
Old Town
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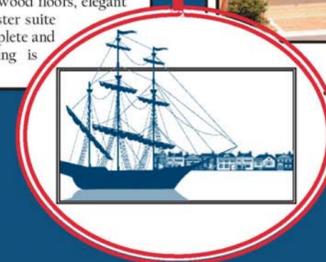
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THURSDAY/OCT. 15

Jim Stephanson and John Previti. 7-9 p.m. Free. Guitarist Jim Stephanson and bassist John Previti will treat visitors to an evening of blues, swing and jazz inspired tunes. 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/OCT. 16

Music for String Quartet. 8 p.m. Free. Presented by the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players Series. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafbnd.af.mil.

OCT. 16-DEC. 11

Spring Forest Qigong Practice Sessions. 10-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10/session. Qigong is the study of energy utilizing mental concentration, breath, and body movement. At the Institute for the Advancement of Service, 111 South Columbus St., Alexandria Call 703-706-5333.

OCT. 16-31

"Inherit the Wind" — a fictionalized account of the 1925 Scopes "Monkey" Trial in Tennessee. Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church - Wesley Hall, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Go to www.acctonline.org or 703-660-2611.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Hollin Hall Senior Center Bazaar. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 30 crafters, huge silent auction with services and new merchandise, a bake sale, door prizes and lunch. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Breakfast Reach Out Meeting. 9:15 a.m. Sponsored by Arlington Aglow with speaker Alice Holland. Breakfast provided for \$3.25 donation. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3439 Payne Street, Bailey's Crossroads. For reservations, call Betty Rose Forsell at 703-671-9264.

History and Tea. 2 to 3:30 p.m. \$20/person. Learn about history and the many uses of tea. At the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens. At 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria. Call 703-941-7987.

Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entertainment features the Beale Street Puppet Theatre, magic show and karate demonstrations. Activities and exhibits feature the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, face painting, pumpkin painting, Robbie the Recycling Squirrel, the Alexandria Fire Dept., an art activity, booth hay rides,



SUNDAY/OCT. 18

Concert. 7 p.m. Miche Fambro, and Brad Yoder with Jason Rafalak. \$18 general, \$15 members or in advance. Contact: Kay at kay@focusmusic.org, 703-501-6061, or log onto FocusMusic.org. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard St., Alexandria.

among others. At Armistead Booth Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. Call the Events Hotline at 703-883-4686 or the Special Events Office at 703-746-5418.

St. Aidan's Octoberfest and Silent Auction. 3-7 p.m. German Food and Music. Kinderfest from 3-5 p.m. Games, Pumpkin Patch, Face Painting. Fun for everyone. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria. www.staidansepiscopal.org.

Fall Festival. 3-6 p.m. Free. Enjoy Kids Games & Crafts, German Food, Bake Sale, Book Sale, also seasonal flu shots and blood pressure checks. At Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Call Lynne Rizzo at 703-678-9324

UpBeat OffBeat Auction. 7-10 p.m. Del Ray Artisans' classic whacky artful fund-raiser, featuring a live auction of home furnishings "extremely made over" by local artists. At the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Details and tickets (\$15 in advance / \$20 at the door) at www.theDelRayArtisans.org.

Wine Party. 7-10 p.m. "La Fête de Lafayette" wine party in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette, the hero of the American Revolution. After-five attire is requested, and reservations are required. Tickets are \$50 a piece for Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society members and \$65 each for non-members. At Gadsbys Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Tickets may be purchased online at www.gadsbystavern.org or by calling 703-838-4242.

Outdoor Craft Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will feature handcrafted items, including jewelry, fabric arts, knitting, oil & watercolor paintings and more. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum, 514 Oronco St., Alexandria.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. A concert of oboe, English horn and pipe organ. Presented by St. Luke's Friends of Music. \$20/adults, \$10/seniors and students. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Contact St. Luke's Church at www.saintlukeschurch.net/ or phone 703-765-4342.

OCT. 17-18

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SUNDAY/OCT. 18

Anna Mwalagho and the Afro Floetry Band. 4 p.m. \$15 donation. At Jazz at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334 or visit http://meadechurch.org.

"Metro Cabaret: A Musical Revue." 3 p.m. Free-will offering. With Stephanie Bonte-Lebair, Rachael Goldman, David McMullin and Mimi Youkles, piano. At Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mill Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-5500, ext.103 or visit www.trinityalexandria.org

Historic Huntley Open House. 2-4 p.m. Visit this Federal-style unrestored villa built in 1825 for Thomas Francis Mason, a grandson of George Mason. Kids of all ages will enjoy the puppet show featuring Thomson Francis Mason, as well as guided tours, a scavenger hunt, and light refreshments. At 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria.

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Bach Vespers. 6 p.m. Organ music by J. S. Bach, woven into a vesper liturgy in the tradition of ancient worship with Paul Stetsenko, organist. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria.

Zino Bogachek and Friends. 3 p.m. \$20 suggested donation. Zino Bogachek, violinist with Washington National Opera, is joined by musicians from the Orchestra for an afternoon of classical chamber music. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St, Alexandria. Call 301-229-2615 or visit www.thewashingtongroup.org.

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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY/OCT. 20

Writer David A. Taylor. 7:30 p.m. Free. Author of "Soul of a People," hosted by Friends of the Duncan Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4566 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 21

West Potomac Orchestra Fall Concert. 7 p.m. Free. Under direction of Mary Lindsay Wilkerson, it will perform Selected Chorales by J.S. Bach and English Folk Song Suite for String Orchestra by Charles B. Jones. Additionally pieces to be played by the Philharmonic Orchestra are Two Canzonas for String Orchestra by Girolamo Frescobaldi and Adagio and Fugue for String Orchestra by W.A. Mozart. At Springbank Auditorium at West Potomac High School.

THURSDAY/OCT. 22

Fall Marketplace. 9 a.m. to noon. Shop, chat, coffee, bake sale. Sponsored by Plymouth Haven MOPS. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, corner of Fort Hunt Road and Plymouth Road. Questions? plymouthhavenmops@hotmail.com or JJ Hogan, marketplace coordinator @ seahorsedesigns@cox.net.
Big Lebowski Bash. 9 p.m. \$12 donation. Costume party and screening of the Coen Brothers' movie, "The Big Lebowski," benefitting Community Family Life Services. At the Old Town Theater, 815 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-684-6000.
Lynn Hollyfield and Grace Griffith. 7-9 p.m. Free. Lynn Hollyfield and Grace Griffith perform traditional and contemporary folk music. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, part of the Thursday Nite Local Spotlight series. At



SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Art Exhibition and Sale. 12-5 p.m. Free. Work in a variety of media will be displayed, including: acrylics, oils, watercolor, mixed media, pastels, photography, pen and ink, digital media, etc. Presented by the Kingstowne Area Artists Association. At the Snyder Center, 6450 South Van Dorn Street, Alexandria. Contact Ginny Sywyj at duchessducky@msn.com or Nancy Hannans at nancy.hannans@yahoo.com.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 23

Music for Tuba. 8 p.m. Presented by the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players Series. At George Washington Masonic

National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.
Swing for Pink, a Breast Cancer Fund-raiser. 6:30 p.m. \$25/registration. Activities include round robin tennis, play the pro, tennis games and prizes. There will be special fitness classes which include Spinning, Zumba, Kettlebells, & Court Soccer. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer prevention, education, screening, and treatment. At Mount Vernon Athletic Club, 7950 Audubon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.mtvac.net or call 703-360-7300.

Taste for Giving. 7-10 p.m. \$75 tickets. Fourteen of Alexandria's best and most community-minded restaurants will be giving a taste of their dishes, including Jackson 20, Tempo, Finn & Porter, Cafe Pizzaiolo, Union Street Pub, Hard Times, Bittersweet, Del Ray's Del Merie Grill and Pork Barrel BBQ, Geranio Ristorante, The Jamieson Grill, Overwood and Columbia Firehouse, Prince Michel Winery, Guiffre Distributors and Misha's Coffee House will supply the liquid refreshments. Silent and live auctions will also be held, with a catered Pig Roast as the highlight. At the Torpedo Factory in Old Town. Order online at www.alexandriarotary.org or by calling 703-535-1200.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

EcoVoce Ensemble. 3:50 p.m. Free. A concert to benefit 350.org's International Day of Climate Action. With special guest Andrew Wingfield, and soprano Denise Freeland. At the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-6670 or visit www.opmh.org.

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Families and parade enthusiasts will not want to miss the 13th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. Last year, more than 5,000 participated in this annual event which included over 2,000 children, local dignitaries and elected officials; over 50 pets in Halloween costumes; and 25 decorated strollers.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Avenue, south of E. Bellefonte and continue down to the Mount Vernon Recreational Center play fields at Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues. Children, pets, and strollers in costumes are invited to march and show off their finest and scariest Halloween garb. To register your stroller, look for the registration desk at Bellefonte and Mt. Vernon Avenues beginning at 1:30 p.m. Pet registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at Barkley Square at 2006 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

This year's parade will feature awards for the Best Pet Costume, Best Decorated Business, Best Decorated Home, and Best Decorated Stroller. Judges include local city and community officials, past and

present. Awards will be given out at a brief ceremony at Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues following the parade, along with refreshments (hot dogs donated by 7-Eleven, cider, and cookies) and goodie bags for the children. Entertainment will be provided by Legend of Lummy Hallin, and again this year, thanks to the Alexandria Jaycees and DC Metro Church there will be games and activities for the children. They will take place at the Mt. Vernon fields immediately following the parade. All activities are free.

For the fifth year, Halloween costumes will be collected and distributed for children who would otherwise have to go without. Donated costumes can be dropped off at the Caboose Cafe, 2419 Mt. Vernon Avenue and A Show of Hands, 2204 Mt. Vernon Avenue. They will be distributed on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 2-4 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

After the parade, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., for the third year, families can enjoy a haunted graveyard that is being constructed by Bean Creative and will be located next to their lot at Mt.

Vernon and E. Del Ray Avenue.° It is definitely a must-do Del Ray tradition.

The parade is sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association (DRBA). Finally, if you would like to help stuff 2,500 goodie bags, join your neighbors on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

Contact Gayle Reuter at 703-684-3535 or gtrdelray@yahoo.com or www.visitdelray.com



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A float from last year's Del Ray Halloween Parade.

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LETTERS

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after the beating death of 16-year old Chicago student.

We commend the administration for taking a pro-active position on the issue of student violence. In Alexandria, although the issues are on a much smaller scale than Chicago, many parents have been eager to address the same issues and work to create a safer and more secure environment in the school system.

As parents of a new middle-schooler, we along with other newbie and experienced parents, have been shocked by the level of physical altercations and verbal confrontations in our schools. On behalf of the GW PTA, Beth spoke about this issue to the Alexandria School Board and to the principals at GW recently and we are heartened by the pro-active response on the part of the administration and school board members.

The principals at GW responded quickly with efforts to open the discussion to parents. They held a very well-attended "Listening Session" to hear parents' concerns and answer questions. In this meeting, they assured parents that this issue was a priority for them and that they had already enacted and will continue many efforts to re-

duce incidents:

- ❖ Open communication through monthly "Listening Sessions" with parents. These sessions are scheduled during day and evening hours to be accessible to working parents.

- ❖ Open communication through monthly meeting with students at each grade level

- ❖ A presentation to students on bullying

- ❖ Pro-actively addressing potential behavior issues before they happen

- ❖ Increased adult presence in the halls and after school

- ❖ Strengthening incident prevention

In addition, the superintendent was very helpful. As part of his pledge to personalize the learning experience of each student, he promised to look at the counselor-to-student ratio since a position has been cut at the schools. He also promised to work to improve our cultural competence as a school system.

Why is student safety such an important topic when there is admittedly such a great need and emphasis on closing the achievement gap? It's important because safety and achievement go hand in hand. Students need to feel safe

before they can concentrate on learning. Some of us can remember — and the rest of you can imagine — the dread felt during last period when you were afraid a bully may be waiting for you after school, or the knots in the stomach just before lunch when you were afraid you were going to be snubbed by a group of girls. These fears greatly interfere with the overall well-being of a student and that student's ability to learn.

Some say there are no more incidents this year than in previous years. Although reported incidents may be on par with previous years, are students best served by maintaining the status quo? Shouldn't our expressed expectation be zero as the acceptable number of incidents?

Some parents dismiss these issues as just a by-product of attending an urban public school. Does "urban" mean we settle for lower expectations of behavior and conduct? One teacher told us of concern that some students do not see success in their future. Are we implicitly expecting too little of some students in achievement, as well as behavior?

As they develop their identities,

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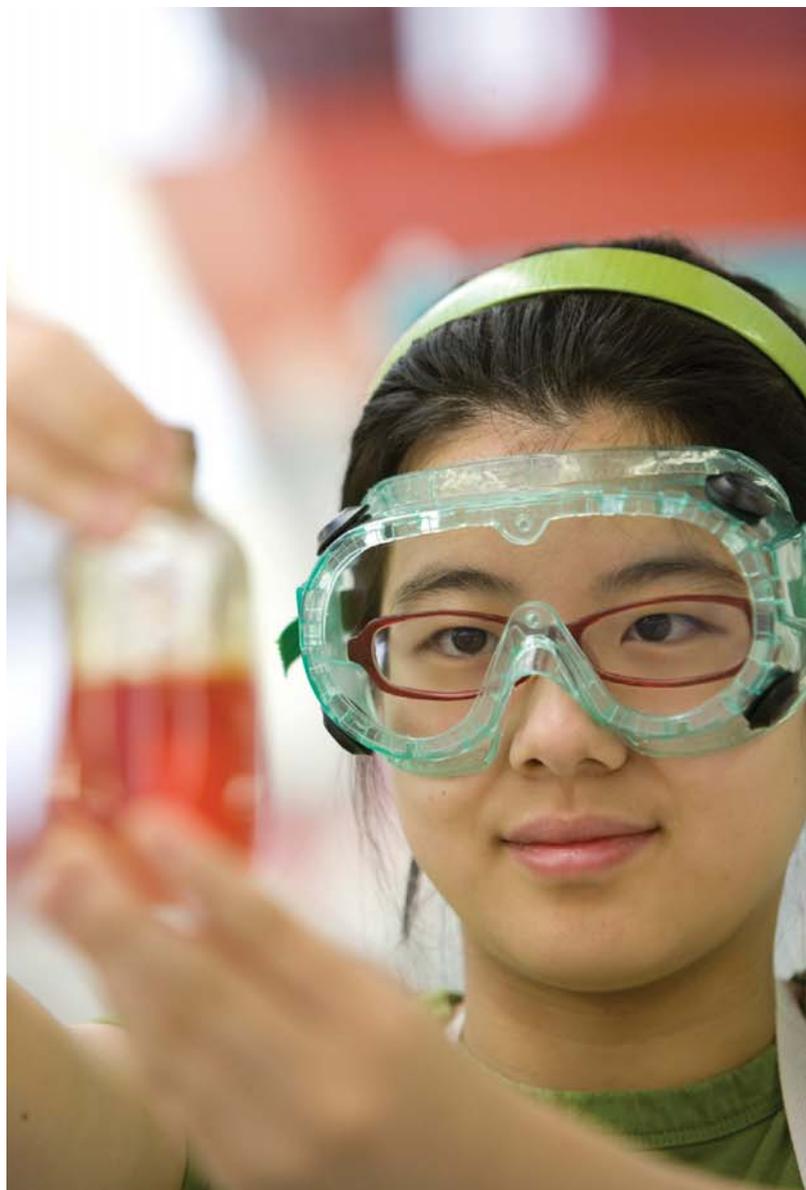
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Branch Carries Titans to City Bragging Rights

Senior finishes with 20 kills in tournament title match against Episcopal.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams was falling apart Saturday during the title match of the Alexandria City Volleyball Tournament. After winning the first two games against Episcopal, the Titans grew complacent, dropping the next two by double-digit margins.

With momentum on its side, Episcopal scored the first three points of the deciding fifth game and appeared destined for a repeat of last year's five-game championship victory over T.C. Williams. But that's when Miranda Branch lifted the Titans on her back and carried them to city bragging rights one clutch kill at a time.

Branch called for the ball and delivered eight kills in the final game of a 3-2 (25-21, 25-22, 13-25, 15-25, 15-10) victory over the Maroons at St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School.

"I told my setter ... 'Set me the ball, I'm going to crush it,'" Branch said.

And crush she did.

The senior outside hitter finished with 20 kills and was responsible for more than half of the Titans' points in game five. Episcopal led 9-5 in the fifth when Branch slammed the door on the Maroons. Branch tallied five kills during a 10-1 T.C. Williams run to close the match, giving the Titans their third title in the tournament's five-year history.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET
T.C. Williams senior Nicole Burdett, left, freshman Kate Whitmire, center, and senior Miranda Branch are seen during Saturday's Alexandria City Volleyball Tournament title match against Episcopal at St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School. Branch led the Titans with 20 kills. Whitmire finished with 12 kills and Burdett had one.

"I definitely felt really focused," Branch said. "I was like, 'We're going to get the win, no matter what (the) cost.' I was just going for everything."

WHILE THE TITANS were struggling in games three and four, Branch had eight kills. She accounted for six of T.C. Williams' 13 points in game three.

"I think Miranda did a really good job of keeping the points up," Titan freshman Kate Whitmire said. "The third and fourth game, she wanted to win it the most. She wanted

to go for everything. Everything that she hit was aggressive and everything that she did was aggressive."

Branch was a first-team all-Patriot District selection last season. T.C. Williams head coach Rhea Butler described her as "level headed" and "our No. 1 player." Fellow Titan senior Nicole Burdett said Branch is "very strategic."

"Miranda's not a 'let's just get it over the net' player," Burdett said.

Whitmire also had a strong performance for T.C. Williams, finishing with 12 kills. The

6-foot middle blocker scored the final point of the match with a block and kill.

Whitmire watched last season's tournament loss to Episcopal from the stands as an eighth-grader. Able to make an on-court impact this season, she was determined to force a different outcome.

"I've been waiting for this all year," Whitmire said. "It was really important to me to win this game and to dominate. The last point meant a lot to me."

Freshman Sydney Trout had four kills and four aces for T.C. Williams. Junior setter Meron Hailu filled in for Rebecca Stone, who was recovering from an ankle injury.

"She has really stepped it up," Butler said of Hailu. "She was phenomenal."

OVERSHADOWED was the performance of Episcopal's Mary Foran. The senior tallied 20 kills and appeared unstoppable as the Maroons battled back from a two-game deficit. Foran had 14 kills in games three and four, and scored the first point of game five.

"She was all over," Episcopal coach Mike Petock said. "[Friday] in our match [against Bishop Ireton], the coach on the other team asked [Foran], 'When are you going to graduate?'"

An emotional Petock had tears in his eyes while discussing his team's near comeback.

"We put our foot in the ground, drew a line in the sand and we just came back and did our best," he said. "I'm proud. [T.C. Williams] had a really good team over there. We did a great job."

Amelia Nelson finished with nine kills for Episcopal. Liz Helm and Sarah Dillard each had two.

T.C. Williams defeated St. Stephen's/St. Agnes during Friday's opening round, while Episcopal beat Bishop Ireton.

Monroe's 12 Kills Push Bishop Ireton Past SSSA

Cardinals sweep Saints in Alexandria tournament consolation match.

Bishop Ireton's Lauren Monroe wants to attend the University of Tennessee and one day become a teacher.

On Saturday, the senior schooled St. Stephen's/St. Agnes.

Monroe tallied 14 kills and four aces during the consolation match of the Alexandria City Volleyball Tournament. The Cardinals swept the host Saints, 25-16, 25-22, 25-16.

St. Stephen's/St. Agnes fired up its home crowd with several runs, but each time Bishop Ireton would survive the push and take care of business. After a 6-1 run put the Saints ahead, 15-14, in game three, the Cardinals responded with an 11-1 run to close the match. Monroe had four kills during the final Cardinal surge, and seven for the game.

"We played really well as a team," Monroe said.

"We definitely worked well together."

Monroe tallied three consecutive aces in game one, giving the Cardinals a 15-6 lead, and sparked a 6-1 run with a kill in game two.

"When Lauren's on, Lauren's really tough to defend," Bishop Ireton coach Kathy Gutmann said. "Lauren can come at you from the outside, from the middle and off of a slide."

Gutmann said Monroe and senior Courtney Connaughton form the Cardinals' one-two offensive punch this season. Connaughton, who Gutmann called the team's most proficient server, finished with two kills and two aces.

Emmeline Ha tallied four kills for the Cardinals and D'Elia Chandler had three. Katherine Boyd recorded two aces.

The Saints posed their biggest threat of the match in game two, taking an 18-15 lead after an 11-2 run. St. Stephen's/St. Agnes led 19-17 and later battled back to tie the score at 21, but each time the Saints made a move, the Cardinals, seemingly unaffected by crowd noise, buckled down and took care of business.

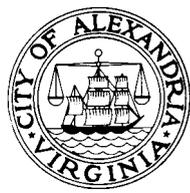
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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET
Bishop Ireton senior Katherine Boyd sets during Saturday's consolation match against St. Stephen's/St. Agnes at the Alexandria City Volleyball Tournament at SSSA.

NEWS

Legal Notices



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, October 17, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 11-2-21 (b) (PERMITS FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS) and Section 11-2-23 (b) (PERMITS FOR VENDING MACHINES) of ARTICLE C (COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES) of Chapter 2 (FOOD AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS), Title 11 (HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY REGULATIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance allows City Council to establish a late payment fee for food establishments and vending machine operators that are more than 14 days late in paying their annual permit fees.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-52 of Article E (ASSESSMENT OF COURT COSTS AND FEES) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance will allow for the assessment of a two dollar courthouse and jail maintenance fee for each civil action filed in the Alexandria Circuit and General District Courts. A two dollar fee is already assessed for criminal and traffic cases.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 11-4-2-2 (PROVISION OF MESSAGES); Section 11-4-2-3 (MASSAGE THERAPISTS; ISSUANCE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS PERMITS); Section 11-4-2-4 (SAME - ISSUANCE OR HOME MASSAGE PERMITS); Section 11-4-2-6 (SAME - APPLICATION FOR MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT; RENEWAL); and Section 11-4-2-7 (SAME - MINIMUM STANDARDS) and to enact a new Section 11-4-2-14 (PLAN REVIEW) of Chapter 4.2 (MASSAGE REGULATIONS), Title 11 (HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY REGULATIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would amend the Massage Regulations.

AN ORDINANCE to repeal Chapter 4 (COIN-OPERATED DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS) and Chapter 5 (COIN-OPERATED LAUNDRIES), Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance will deregulate coin-operated dry cleaners and coin-operated laundries.

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Cake Affair, Inc trading as Indaroma, 6548 C Little River Tpke, Alexandria, VA 22312. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine & Beer on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Yogesh Handa

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Quick Family Mart Corp. trading as Hanna's Market, 4701 Chambliss St, Alexandria, VA 22312. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer and Wine off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Meseret Ketema, Owner

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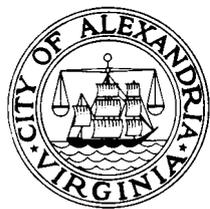
Sushi Yamaco, 9110 Richmond Hwy, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Young Bae Kwon, owner

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Helen J. Tubbs

On October 9, 2009. Beloved wife of 54 years to William H. Tubbs, Sr.; mother of Michael A. Tubbs and the late William H. Tubbs, Jr. She is also survived by two brothers; five sisters; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Friends may call at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 from 5-8 p.m. where services will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Paul Campbell. Interment Mount Comfort Cemetery. www.everlyfuneralhomes.com



ALEXANDRIA PLANNING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

The following requests have been received for administrative review and approval.

The Director of Planning and Zoning may approve the permits unless a request that the application be forwarded to City Council is received by November 5, 2009.

For information about this application or to comment, visit the City's website at alexandriava.gov or call (703) 746-4666.

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BZA CASE #2009-0018

2909 KING STREET

R-8, RESIDENTIAL

Terry and Katherine Zerwick, Trustees: Variance to construct an open carport over an existing parking space on the north side property line.

BZA CASE #2009-0025

227 NORTH ROYAL STREET

RM, RESIDENTIAL

Jan Burris, owner, by Gaver Nichols, architect: Special exception to construct a second story addition 13.00 feet from the rear property line. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2009-0026

118 NORTH PAYNE STREET

RB, RESIDENTIAL

John Dupree, owner: Variance to allow a concrete parking area to remain reducing the open space from 800 square feet to 474 square feet.

Transportation Divides Candidates

FROM PAGE 4

tax on food would help those most in need, Englin says, raising the gas tax would force out-of-state drivers to help pay for infrastructure improvements to Virginia roads.

"It's a user fee on the roads and a tax on carbon," said Englin, adding that he would support raising the gas tax 10 cents per gallon to 27.5 cents per gallon. "And a third

of the revenue is coming from drivers out of state."

Herring says she supports the idea of raising the gas tax as a way to fund transportation improvements, but she was quick to add that it was not realistic to expect the General Assembly to approve such a measure until the economy improves. Once the economy improves and unemployment numbers go down, Herring said that

she could support a one-cent increase if the new money could be earmarked for use in Northern Virginia. Meanwhile, she said the state should find new sources of revenue for transportation such as adding tolls Interstate 95 at Petersburg and Richmond.

"For many years, Interstate 95 charged tolls at Petersburg and Richmond before the practice was discontinued, and I would support reinstating this to create new money for transportation," said Herring, adding that education funding is at risk if new sources of revenue are not identified for transportation. "Although I'm in favor of raising the gas tax, I don't think this is the best time to do it because people are hurting right now. When the economy improves, that will be something that should be considered."

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 19

students look to us, as parents, as teachers, as administrators, and as a community, to reflect our expectation of them. We need to send a collective message that we expect achievement, that we expect appropriate behavior, that we expect mutual respect, and that in turn, we will do our part to help them pursue their dreams. Our work has just begun.

Tim and Beth Lovain

NEIGHBORHOODS

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LA MOIS REMEMBERED

Many Alexandrians gathered Saturday at Little River Church of Christ in Annandale for a worship service of thanksgiving for the life of Lloyd McMillan Lamois.

An outstanding athlete, he was known as Leaping Lloyd Lamois after he clinched the NCAA championship for the University of Minnesota in 1948 by winning the triple jump.

A forester by profession, he worked in many places, including Rome for the UN. I personally was very grateful to him because he helped me locate 200-year-old trees for the Bicentennial celebration here in Alexandria.

WHO WAS THERE

Mary Tripp Lamois, his wife of 59 years, son Lloyd and his wife Eve came, as did grandchildren Elizabeth and Muriel.

Marian Van Landingham, Nancy Arnesen, Bev Beitler, Donna and Mel Bergheim, Mary Jane Nugent, and Christa Watters came to the service.

Beth Demerest, who is engaged to Lt. Gabriel Lamois, now serving in Afghanistan, came on crutches.

Audrey Fleming, Betty Livingston, Anna Leiter, Betty and Bob Kuehnle, Sue Priestland, Ann and Hal Downs, and Gordon Tripp also were present.

Melisa Weinberg, Lloyd's only cousin, came all the way from California. Francis Kendall, Margie and Keny Lyons,

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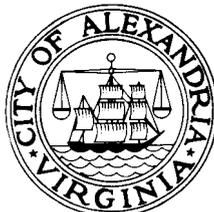
NOTICE OF SUB. TRUSTEE'S SALE

803 Cameron Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

In execution of the first Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$600,000.00 from ROOMERS, INC. dated March 3, 2006 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of ALEXANDRIA Virginia Instrument No. 060006692 at page 000542, and the second Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$480,000.00 from ROOMERS, INC. dated March 3, 2006 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of ALEXANDRIA Virginia Instrument No. 060006694 at page 000555, default having occurred in the payment of the Notes thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Notes the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) will offer for sale at public auction at the Main Entrance to the City of Alexandria Circuit Court 520 King St. Alexandria VA 22314 on **October 30, 2009 at 1:30 PM** the property described in said Deeds of Trust. Such property is located at the above address and briefly described as an improved commercial property.

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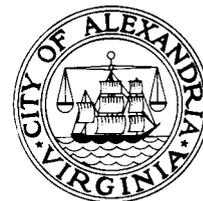
Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to further extend the pilot program established by City Council by Ordinance No. 4566 to authorize portable signs in the public right-of-way for businesses in the Central Business District, with administrative approval.

The proposed ordinance extends the portable sign program currently in effect in the Central Business District for a period of time or until the implementation of the permanent wayfinding program, whichever is sooner.

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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, OCTOBER 28, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR 2009-0230

Request for re-approval of previously approved permit to demolish/encapsulate at 1113 Queen St, zoned CL Commercial.
APPLICANT: Monique Banks

CASE BAR 2009-0231

Request for re-approval of previously approved addition/alterations at 1113 Queen St, zoned CL Commercial.
APPLICANT: Monique Banks

CASE BAR 2009-0232

Request for approval of signage at 1125 Queen St, zoned CL Commercial.
APPLICANT: Cafe Nicole at Parker Gray

CASE BAR 2009-0233

Request for approval of demolition at 913 Oro-noco St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Daniel K. Cushing

CASE BAR 2009-0234

Request for approval of alterations at 913 Oro-noco St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Daniel K. Cushing

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
APPROVED: Catherine Miliaras

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ030729-02-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
ALEXA MENA

The object of this suit is to:
Terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father to Alexa Mena, born to mother Katherine Mena on 6/12/09 and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2009 at 3:00pm

OBITUARY

Mary P. Bowen, 81 passed away peacefully on September 25th, 2009. Mary was a devoted mother and wife. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Glynn Mitchell Bowen. She is survived by five children: sons, Robert Bowen and Mitchell Bowen; daughters, Edwina Rieder, Glynda Hughes and Marylee Bowen; 14 grandchildren; 7 great-children; sister, Shirley M. Hooper.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 from 7-9pm. A life celebration service was held on Thursday, Oct 1, 2009 at 11am. Interment was held at Quantico National Cemetery.

SPORTS

Saints Fall Victim To Illness, Woodson's Offense

Sweeper Polly Carbonall took over goalie position to help her team during flu bug.

BY REED S. ALBERS
GAZETTE PACKET

It's not uncommon for athletes to try other positions than their own to help their team, but on Oct. 8, Polly Carbonall took over the most crucial position on a field hockey team — the goaltender.

Carbonall is usually a sweeper on the St. Stephens & St. Agnes Upper School varsity field hockey roster, but when illness struck the starting goaltender, Blair Van den Berg, Head Coach Marsha Way put Carbonall in the net.

"At practice I had six kids out [with illness]," she said. "The flu is hitting us bad. I had to put [Carbonall] in the goal. She's usually our sweeper, not our goalie."

The Saints lost the match 3-2 to Woodson, but Way said that Carbonall's performance in net was enough to give the team a chance against the offensively dominant Woodson team.

"It would have been a slightly different game [with the usual goaltender]," she said. "It might have been 2-2 in regulation, but Carbonall has only been in goal for four days and she wasn't bad at all."

The Saints biggest challenge wasn't that the team had a new goaltender, but that Woodson's speed and strong offensive play took the Saints by surprise in the first half.

Woodson scored two goals in the first half and recorded a goal early in the second half before the Saints scored goals courtesy of Brittani Register and Ana Gomez-Acebo.

Way said that changes made during half-time helped create the Saints' goals.

"We knew we had to drop the ball behind their defenders," she said. "[The defenders] are the most vulnerable. Woodson's strength was in their forwards, not their backs. We caused them to make mistakes and that's how we got our goals."

The Saints record moves to 7-4-2 this season, but Way said that the team will take the lessons learned from facing Woodson (14-1) and apply them against other teams this season.

"Any time you play a team of this level, our kids will get better," she said.

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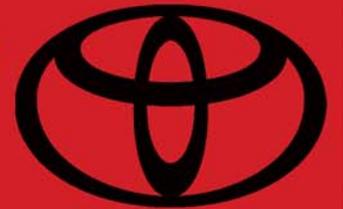
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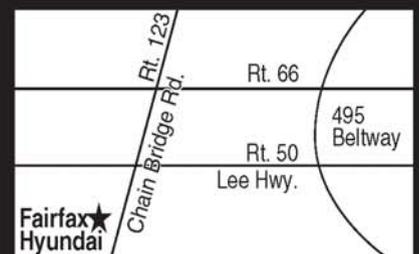


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Baruta and Michael Kelly, Cindy and Jim Everett, Registrar Tom Parkins, and Ginny Franco were there.

Personal remembrances were given by son Leslie from Somerset and Brian Payne of the Forest Service.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

TRCA MEETING

The next TRCA general membership meeting is on Oct. 22. As part of the meeting, TRCA is hosting a candidates night for Virginia's 45th House of Delegates. Incumbent Democrat David Englin has confirmed and Republican challenger Vicki Vasques has been invited. In addition, George Seghers, executive director of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, will be the guest speaker. Seghers will address future plans for the Masonic Memorial grounds. Refreshments, snacks, and seating begin at 6:45 p.m.; meeting begins promptly at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Memorial's Theatre room. RSVP on TRCA's Web site at www.taylorryunalexandria.com. See you there.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Taylor Run residents, mark the calendar for the upcoming Taylor Run Fall Halloween Party, to be held on Oct. 25 from 3-5 p.m. Join neighbors and enjoy food, live music, children's activities, including a costume parade and more. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Seminary Valley

It's time to do our homework ... for the local schools, that is. Our neighborhood is home to two elementary, one (well, three) middle schools and a high school. One way we can all band together to help fund some extracurricular activities is by registering our grocery cards. (It was so easy for me this year ... only one school!) So, as the kids say, here's the "411" on grocery card programs.

For James K. Polk Elementary School, the codes are as follows: Safeway (Escrip), 6553722, Giant is 02246, and Harris Teeter is 4268.

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For T.C. Williams High School (including the Minnie Howard Campus), use 6634565 for Safeway, 02241 for Giant, and 4881 for Harris Teeter.

Polk Elementary is embarking on a new fundraiser this fall: "Greenraising," a catalog featuring artisan chocolates, gift wrap, fair trade coffee, handcrafted items and more. If you do not have a student at Polk, you can go to www.greenraising.com and designate Polk ... the school will receive 40 percent of all purchases. The proceeds will benefit technology purchases. Polk is the only Alexandria school taking part in this particular fundraiser.

It was great to see such a good turnout at this year's yard sale. Margaret Staudinger and I agreed that we should rename it the "Transition Sale" ... you can really tell what is happening with your neighbors by the "merchandise" that appears from year to year. One year, you are laden with baby cribs and strollers, and in a few short years you are trying to unload bikes and bunk beds. Even with the iffy weather, neighbors came out and visited and swapped cash for once-loved items. Kudos to our Civic Association for organizing and promoting the event.

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Deontre Sanders recorded nine tackles and two sacks and DaJuan Douglas had four tackles and two sacks. Tevin Isley, Prince Okigbo and Jay Whitmire each had one sack.

T.C. Williams hosts Woodson at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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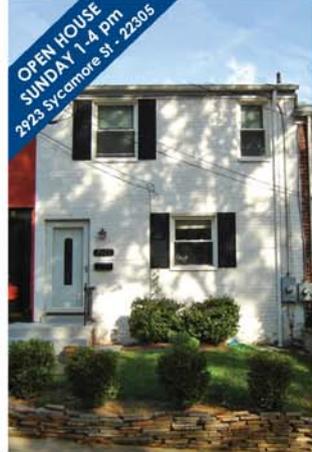
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