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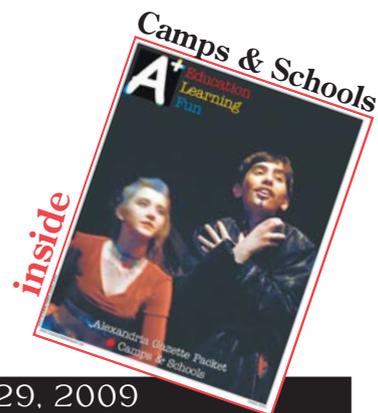


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So Much Depends on the Right Spell

Students from Hogwarts School participate in Sunday's annual Del Ray Halloween Parade.

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Another Lost Child

Second student is left by school bus driver.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

On Monday, like most days, one mother of a Kindergarten student at Lyles-Crouch Elementary School walked to her neighborhood school bus stop at 2:55 p.m. to meet her daughter. But on this particular day, the mother noticed that the bus was pulling away just as she arrived. So she broke into a full sprint and chased after the bus, calling out for the driver to stop. The bus eventually stopped, and the worried mother boarded

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Alexandria Leads Region in Dropouts

Students who speak English as a second language are most likely to drop out.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

One out of 10 high-school students in the class of 2009 was a dropout, according to a report recently released by the Virginia Department of Education. That's 79 students at T.C. Williams High School who stopped attending classes rather than receiving a diploma. That statistic represents a slight improvement over the class of 2008, which had 100 students drop out rather than graduate in four years. Alexandria Super-

City Dropout Rates

Limited English Proficiently	28 percent
Hispanic	22 percent
Students with Disabilities	13 percent
Male	12 percent
Economically Disadvantaged	11 percent
Asian	9 percent
Female	8 percent
Black	6 percent
White	4 percent

SOURCE: Virginia Department of Education

intendent Morton Sherman called the numbers heartbreaking, although he praised teachers and administrators for "moving in the right direction."

"We did, in fact reduce that number," Sherman told School Board members last week. "But still 79 students is a lot of kids

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Jury Deliberates In Murder Trial

Prosecutors use DNA evidence, security camera footage to make their case.



BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Every morning, a black sedan picks up the chief of naval operations at his home and drives him to his office at the Pentagon. Waiting for him inside the sedan is a briefing book with highly classified materials provided by administra-

tive assistants who arrive at the Pentagon as early as 4 a.m. One day last December, Chief of Naval Operations Gary Roughead entered his black sedan to find that the classified briefing was missing. That set into place a series of tele

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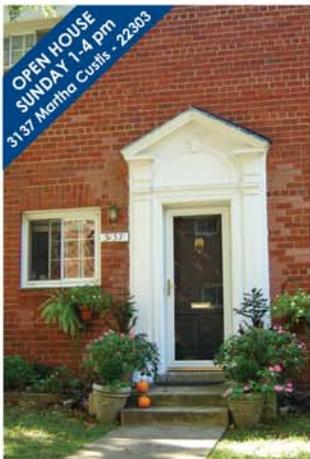
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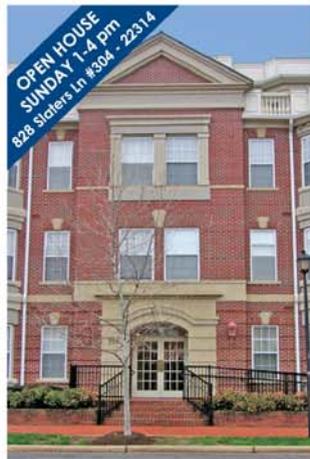
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Election Gridlock

Ever since the lame-duck session of the City Council approved a five-to-two plan to ditch springtime elections in favor of November balloting, proposals and counter-proposals have been circulating around City Hall for a new election format. If council members do nothing, the next city election will be held in the midst of a presidential cycle in November 2012 — a possibility supporters of the move from May to November said they would like to avoid. But council members have become deadlocked over what kind of charter amendment to seek during the next session of the General Assembly, and the deadline for approving a proposal to be considered in 2010 is fast approaching.

On Tuesday night, council members voted to remove the charter amendment from the other agenda items for the upcoming General Assembly session so they can hold a separate public hearing for election reform. Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** suggested conducting a referendum to find out what the voters want. And Councilman **Del Pepper** offered a compromise that would create four-year terms and make changes after November 2015. Meanwhile, the council remains deadlocked over the issue of staggered terms.

Four members would prefer ditching the current model of electing all members at once. But three others members are opposed to that idea, preferring the traditional model of electing all council members and the mayor on the same ballot. The elected leaders still have a month to find a solution. But the Democratic-controlled City Council has to be careful not to send anything that might be viewed as partisan to a Republican-dominated House of Delegates.

“That’s just inviting meddlesome action,” said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**, a former chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. “They meddle enough.”

Strong Opposition

It’s official: Alexandria disapproves of HOT lanes.

After adopting a resolution withholding support for “high-occupancy toll” lanes on Shirley Memorial Highway in March, the City Council has become increasingly concerned about the proposal. Since then, community opposition to the plan has reached a fever pitch and officials at the Virginia Department of Transportation have been slow in responding to inquiries from Parkfairfax residents and city officials. And then, of course, there’s Arlington County’s lawsuit challenging the federal government’s decision to forgo an environmental impact study.

Consequentially, the city’s official position of withholding support no longer seemed adequate. So council members unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday night that “strongly opposes” the HOT lanes project on Interstate 395. A handful of Parkfairfax residents were in the chamber to applaud the measure, even if it was largely symbolic.

“We are very pleased that Alexandria is on-record opposing this ill-conceived HOT lanes project,” said **Greg Coda**, co-chairman of Parkfairfax’s HOT lanes task force. “Encouraging more single-occupancy drivers is not the solution to Virginia’s transportation problems, and forcing more traffic that increases congestion and pollution along the I-395 corridor will only make things worse.”

\$125,000 Conclusions

Market pressure supporting short-term redevelopment of industrial properties in the West End is weak, and significant constraints exist to relocating them. These are the conclusions of a \$125,000 industrial-use study conducted by a California-based consulting firm known as Bay Area Economics. City Council members received the final version of the report Tuesday night, although nobody seemed surprised by the findings.

“Going forward, I’d like to keep any studies like this in house,” said Councilman **Frank Fannon**. “That would keep costs down.”

But Planning Director **Faroll Hamer** said her office is already stretched beyond the breaking point, and that it would have been impossible for city staff to conduct the industrial land-use study council members received Tuesday night.

“In theory, it’s a good argument,” said Hamer in response to Fannon’s request. “But in this circumstance, spending the money helped us present the study in the designated time.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Pumpkin Sale Benefits Charities

Annual fundraising event ends Saturday.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
GAZETTE PACKET

It all started with a cold call 16 years ago. Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers contacted Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill in Alexandria with a proposition: Sell our pumpkins and get to keep 50 percent of the proceeds for your charities.

“We didn’t know what to expect,” said Wendy John, aka “The Pumpkin Lady.” “But we decided to give it a try.”

That year they received about 750 pumpkins and sold them whenever they could get volunteers to help out.

This year, church volunteers unloaded two full trucks on Oct. 4 and another full truck on Oct. 14 for a total of about 8,400 pumpkins. According to John, the job of unloading the trucks gets teams of helping hands from the junior varsity football and soccer teams at the Episcopal High School across from the church.



Several of the more than 8,400 pumpkins unloaded at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill this month.

“They help us unload for about half of their practice time when the trucks arrive,” she said.

The pumpkins are grown on the Navajo Reservation in the northwest corner of New Mexico. Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers provides more than 300 jobs on the reservation and returns a percentage of overall sales to the Navajo people. The pumpkins thrive on the irrigated tribal lands. Prices are based on size and set by the Navajo who send “model” pumpkins to the

church for use in sizing and pricing the ones they sell. Prices range from \$1-\$30.

According to John, church members get involved in every aspect of the event from publicity to clean up. For example, in addition to pumpkins for sale, the church members make and sell autumn crafts and cookies, brownies, cake, candy, hearty soups, and an annual favorite — Melinda’s Apple Crisp. Baskets and wheelbarrows full of gourds, mini pumpkins, Indian corn and cornstalks are also available.

Last year the church grossed more than \$80,000. About half of that is what Immanuel netted, 100 percent of which was donated mostly to local Alexandria charities such as ALIVE, Carpenter’s Shelter, Network Preschool, and others.

As a family returns to its car with a toddler riding in a wagon surrounded by just the right assortment of pumpkins, gourds and treats, The Pumpkin Lady smiled. “It creates memories for kids year after year,” John said, “and the parents are modeling the behavior of giving back to the community.”

“That’s what it’s all about as far as I’m concerned.”

Political Campaigns Near End

City voters will decide seven races on Tuesday.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Polls will be open Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The deadline for in-person absentee voting is Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. Alexandria’s ballot will include the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and Virginia House of Delegates. Alexandria Commonwealth’s Attorney Randy Sengel and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne are unopposed. For more information, call 703-746-4050.

CANDIDATES FOR 45TH HOUSE DISTRICT

David Englin, 35: Born on a United States military base in Germany, Englin has lived in Alexandria since 2003. Raised by a single mother, Englin is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Candidates for 45th District of the House of Delegates



DEMOCRAT DAVID ENGLIN

\$183,292 raised



\$41,694 ending balance

TOP CONTRIBUTORS

- \$13,000 from Richard Bell, a real-estate developer with Potomac Development Corporation
- \$5,791 from the Democratic Party of Virginia
- \$5,000 from Robert Henry Dugger, a venture capitalist with Tudor Investment Corporation



REPUBLICAN VICKI VASQUES

\$31,654 raised



\$6,448 ending balance

TOP CONTRIBUTORS

- \$5,000 from Vicki Vasques
- \$2,000 from Hoffman Management, a commercial real-estate firm
- \$1,539 from Republican Councilman Frank Fannon

SOURCE: Virginia Public Access Project; fundraising period covers Jan. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009; ending balance as of Sept. 30, 2009

He joined the Air Force at the age of 17 and later deployed to the Balkans to participate in counter-genocide and peacekeeping operations. On Sept. 11, 2001, Englin

was on duty at the Pentagon when the building was struck by terrorists who had commandeered American Airlines Flight 77. In

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BUSINESS

Bison, Alpaca and Yak, Oh My!

New knit and crochet store features unusual yarns.

By SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
 GAZETTE PACKET

Danielle Romanetti was 7 years old when her grandmother taught her to knit. Her first project: a scarf for her Cabbage Patch Doll. She didn't keep up with her new skill back then. But in 2001 during a break from her graduate school studies in international economic development, she was at her grandmother's for the holidays.

"I asked her to teach me to knit again," Romanetti said, "and I've been knitting everyday since."

This past July 24, Romanetti opened fibre space, a full service knit and crochet store that provides yarn, needles and notions as well as knit and crochet classes, parties and events. The décor is early space-age retro, a nod to the 1950s — a time that Romanetti describes as decidedly chic.

"I thought it would make for a stylish shop," she said. "Plus, a lot of '50's knitwear is back in fashion."

At first, knitting was just a part time job for Romanetti. She had been working as a fundraiser for non-profits and started teaching classes at a local yarn store. She developed a loyal following and decided to start her own company teaching people how to knit. The business was called Knit-a-Go-Go and the classes were held and advertised in places like coffee shops.

"That generated support from young professionals, and the company grew very, very quickly," she said.

Details

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102 N. Fayette Street
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 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
 Sunday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Charity knitting event second Sunday
 of every month
www.fibrespace.com

THE IDEA of opening a store started brewing in August of 2008 while teaching a class at St. Elmo's Coffee Shop in Del Ray. Her students were the ones to convince her that she could do it.

One of those students cheering her teacher on was Camerone Taillon, an attorney who lives in Arlington with her husband Jon. She started taking knitting classes with Romanetti a few years ago and says she ended up developing a friendship along with her knitting skills.

"Before taking classes, I knew the basics of knitting, but not much more than how to make a simple scarf," Taillon said. "Now I can knit any pattern."

"Danielle has a real knack for style and putting together retreats and classes that work for all ages," according to Taillon. "I always said if she could open a knitting store it would be the best in the area."

When Romanetti opened her store, she changed the name of the business from Knit-a-go-go to fibre space, a name that reflects the merchandise the store carries as well as the feel of the store. Playing off the name and the décor, she describes fibre space as a "landing pad" for busy professionals and families in the D.C. metro area who are seeking a creative outlet.

Every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. the store is open for "stitch in space," a group knit-along. Romanetti calls it a great chance to meet other knitters. "We have someone who comes and spins," she said. "We knit together and talk about our projects. We even have a 'knit doctor' who, for a small fee, can help with everything from dropped stitches or problems with patterns."

Some Thursdays that person is fibre space em-



PHOTO BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER/GAZETTE PACKET

Owner Danielle Romanetti (right) and "knit doctor" Veronica Ory enjoy a knitting break in the retro lounge area of fibre space.

ployee Veronica Ory of Old Town who found Romanetti through a knitting group this past July. "After sitting, knitting and talking with the members of the group for three hours," she recalled, "they convinced me to get in touch with Danielle. I did, and it was a perfect match."

On being a knit doctor, Ory says she enjoys helping people fix mistakes and get back on track. "I like exposing our clients to new techniques," she said. "Sometimes that means ripping out other people's knitting. It's like taking two steps back, but they're thankful in the end."

Ory's knitting credentials include "test driving" patterns. She knits samples that are photographed for books and knitting magazines. And, according to Romanetti, Ory is an expert at finishing work — putting all the pieces of a project together, and customers can hire her to complete their sweaters and such.

Organic and unique fibers like yak, alpaca and bison are a specialty at fibre space and the store is the sole retail outlet for MissBabs: Hand-Dyed Yarns & Fibers. Owner Babs Ausherman says Romanetti knows what it takes to make a knitting store successful. "I have enjoyed working with Danielle," Ausherman said. "She seems very focused and is able to share her vision of what she plans for her business, which is primarily why I decided to work with her."

Romanetti plans include gearing up for a busy holiday season. She says a lot of the classes this fall focus on short, one-night projects that people can make as gifts for the holidays — beanie hat, cabled scarf, a traditional Fair Isle hat. People can bring their own supplies for classes or buy them at the store.

Most likely Camerone Taillon will be creating some of her Christmas gifts at fibre space this year, although she'll be able to skip the classes.

"For me, knitting has always been something to do to relax and unwind," Taillon said. "Danielle has created a knitting and crochet community, and now that she has a store, we have a place to get together. "It's a very welcoming and comforting space."

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How Many in Dog Years?

Police mark 50th anniversary of K-9 unit

BY STEPHANIE SPERNAK
GAZETTE PACKET

The Canine (K-9) Unit of the Alexandria Police Department celebrated its 50th year of operation, Monday, Oct. 26, at its K-9 facilities at 1108B Jefferson St. Police officers provided a demonstration of the working partnership between a trained handler and dog for crime detection and prevention.

In 1959, the Alexandria Police Department was the first in the metropolitan Washington area to use dogs in police work. Although dogs had been commonly used for police work in European cities by the late 1800s, they were not widely used for police work in the U.S. until about the 1970s. Now, police dogs — typically German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois breeds — are prized for their intelligence, loyalty, good temperament, and strong work ethic.

In addition to these traits, dogs are particularly valuable for police work because of their extraordinary sense of smell. For example, scientists have estimated that the area of odor receptor cells in human “nasal chambers” is about the size of a postage



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

After his dog successfully completes a training exercise, Officer Rolon produces a favorite toy as a reward.

stamp and contains about 5 million of these cells. In comparison, the same olfactory area in the average German Shepherd is about the size of one square yard and contains about 220 million such cells. And more of

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On behalf of Virginia members of the Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA!), I urge you to vote next Tuesday, November 3rd for Creigh Deeds for Governor, Jody Wagner for Lieutenant Governor and Steve Shannon for Attorney General. The stakes have never been higher for Virginia.

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The Democratic ticket consisting of Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Shannon will create a climate in Virginia where both labor and businesses can work together to create a positive economic environment that creates good-paying jobs with benefits. They understand the importance of economic recovery and how to forge alliances where both workers and management reap the benefit.

While the opponents of the Democratic ticket have chastised them for their support of these principles, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Shannon have refused to compromise their support of middle and working class families, nor should they. LiUNA! firmly believes that we should never have to apologize or be ashamed to ask for living wages and healthcare for all, and we are proud to support candidates that want to keep Virginia moving forward instead of backward. A vote against these principles is a vote against working families. Again, the members of LiUNA! in Virginia ask for your support of the Democratic ticket on Tuesday, November 3rd.

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Matt Krafft drives his parents Joe and Alice and stroller judge state Sen. Patsy Ticer in a 1931 Ford Phaeton.

Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade



Jack Johns as SuperBaby.



Glodil Hernandez helps the Little Chick Anthony Rankin with his legging.



Rick Dorman chauffeurs the parade Grand Marshall Peter Moser. Peter is a 2nd grader at Cora Kelly.



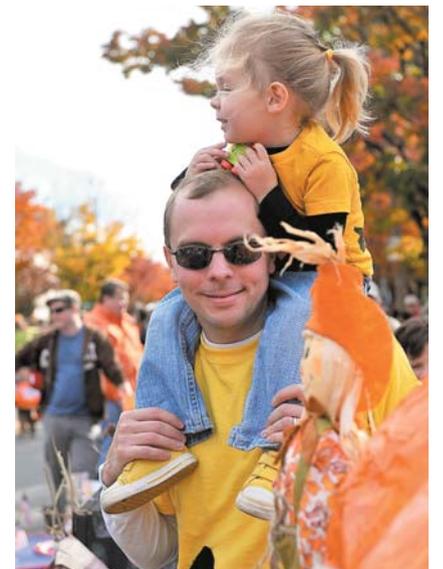
Isabel Santos as a Flowering Pot.



Benjamin and Natalie Hall.



Mein La Mountain and her Guinea pig Quit.



David and Isabella Bohn.

Political Campaigns Near End

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June 2005, Englin beat out five other Democratic rivals to be the party's choice to replace former Del. Marian Van Landingham, who had held the seat since 1981. In November 2005, he received 64 percent of votes against Republican Chris Gregerson. In November 2007, Englin received 67 percent of the votes against Republican Mark Allen.

"Governing is about choices," said Englin at a recent campaign appearance. "When the choice is between good and bad, frankly, it's easy. The real challenge is when you have to choose between good and good. That's when the core values of the people representing you really matter."

On education, Englin opposes merit pay and public support for private schools. On transportation, he supports a 10-cent increase in the gas tax to pay for infrastructure improvements. On abortion, he is pro-choice. On the environment, he opposes offshore drilling.

Englin is vice president of Live Wire Media Relations in Old Town, and his home precinct is the George Washington Middle

Candidates for 46th District of the House of Delegates



DEMOCRAT CHARNIELE HERRING

\$57,083 raised

\$34,598 Sept. 30 balance

TOP CONTRIBUTORS

- \$8,918 from ActBlue Virginia, an Arlington-based national committee
- \$6,500 from Emily Brown McCoy, a systems engineer with the Massachusetts-based Mitre Corporation
- \$5,000 from the Legislative Black Caucus, a Hampton-based political committee



REPUBLICAN SASHA GONG

\$41,576 raised

\$2,026 Sept. 30 balance

TOP CONTRIBUTORS

- \$3,000 from Ferma Flooring, a building subcontractor in Edison, N.J.
- \$3,000 from JW & JC Holdings, real-estate developers in McLean
- \$3,000 from Meiling Qi Yi, a self-employed medical services worker

SOURCE: Virginia Public Access Project; fundraising period covers Jan. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009.

School.

Vicki Vasques, 55: A native of Fort Campbell, Ky., Vasques grew up in Fountain Valley, Calif.,

where her father was tribal chairman of San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. Her first involvement
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On November 3rd Re-Elect Delegate Charniele Herring

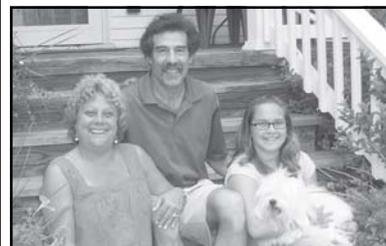
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Well Done Or Well Said

To the Editor:

In response to Dr. Morton Sherman's call to converse, rather than act, upon the matters which challenge students in Alexandria I would like to have a conversation (or spark a conversation) regarding the costs, methods, and basis for bringing about this "dramatic success." First, let us discuss the costs of this venture. Now, it is hard to put a price on a student's education, but how about putting a price on a consultant's fee? There seems to be a lot of outside consultants advising ACPS regarding everything from the times students should have art, to how student attendance is taken, to how best meet the technology needs of schools, to the way in which teachers should approach "at promise" students. What is the amount of money that ACPS is currently spending on outside consultants? And more importantly, what are the proven benefits of spending this amount of money?

A second part of this courageous conversation regards the method by which ACPS is seeking to address the needs of students in Alexandria. ACPS seems to be bringing in people from all over the United States. Presenters from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Michigan, and even Hollywood. They are from almost everywhere it seems, everywhere, except Alexandria. If what Dr. Sherman suggests is true, that

ACPS has the talent and resources, why not pull from that talent pool to help meet the needs of the students? How many Alexandria educators presented their beliefs and experiences on stage during the ACPS beginning of the school year three-day conference? I am willing to bet it was zero. So, why are so many people from outside of the community advising the school system on how to meet the needs of the community? Depending on whom you talk to, Dr. Ferguson's ideas may hold some merit, but how often is Dr. Ferguson in the schools of Alexandria where the tough work is to be done? How often has he walked the halls of Jefferson Houston, William Ramsay, G.W., or T.C. Williams? To truly understand the problem, one has to have the pulse of the system, and to have the pulse of the system, one has to be inside of the schools.

The third part of this dialog should examine the basis for sweeping changes taking place within the system. Issues within Alexandria's two middle schools needed to be addressed, no one can argue with this. However, I do not believe that it was the names of the schools, the landscaping of the schools, or the schools' paint schemes which were the items in need of addressing. Students were not learning effectively and clearly something was not working. However, what did seem to be working well in ACPS were the majority of elementary schools. So if the majority of the elementary schools

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Snapshot 3:12 p.m., Oct. 26, Alexandria Police K-9 Training Center.

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were working well, then what was the basis for making major changes to them? Elementary schools previously created schedules at the school level to meet the needs of their students. What was the basis for paying a consultant to create schedules to hand down to the schools this school year? New attendance and grading systems were implemented just before the beginning of the school year. What was the basis for switching from the existing system? Are the new systems fully operational and efficient? And were staff adequately trained? A new writing curriculum has been adopted by ACPS. What is the basis for this program? What evidence demonstrates its effectiveness? And have all teachers been adequately trained to teach this program? There is a push for ACPS students to be "21st century learners." If this is the goal of ACPS, then what was the basis for removing the technology integration teachers from the buildings? How has this impacted the cost and service of the ACPS help desk? Who is integrating technology into the schools? Were there other jobs fulfilled by these technology teachers, and if so, who is fulfilling those jobs now? Probably the most important question is: were teachers, PTAs, and building administrators consulted about any of these changes which would impact morale, efficiency, and student achievement? If not, what was the basis for excluding those groups from these valuable "conversations"?

Dr. Sherman is correct, there are conversations which need to take place among Alexandrians and people should be held accountable. Alexandrians should compare what is being said to what is being done. Remember the immortal words of Ben Franklin, "Well done is better than well said."

Al Whitehead
Del Ray

Supportive Of Business

To the Editor:

As an entrepreneur, I support Creigh Deeds as our next Governor. For a woman-owned or minority-owned small business, swimming with the big fish in the Commonwealth of Virginia can result in being left awash on the dry shore. According to the Virginia Employment Commission, more than 99 percent of Virginia firms qualify for Small, Woman-owned or Minority-owned (SWaM) status. The Department of Minority Business Enterprise is vital to the

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We need a strong advocate for woman-owned and minority-owned businesses in Richmond — we need Creigh Deeds.

Gaea L. Honeycutt
Alexandria

Other Professionals Out There

To the Editor:

I must take exception to the generalized statement made by former marine Nick Baucom, that he "just couldn't find anyone that seemed like they would be professional and they would be on time." ["Marine with a Truck," Gazette Packet, Oct. 22-28.] I want to highlight two moves I had with Reputation Movers of Alexandria recently both generated from Alexandria. The first was a local move from a single family dwelling to a condo. Timely and professional! The second, three months after the first, from storage to near Gettysburg, Pa. Timely and professional. We were fortunate to have the same "crew" on both moves. Making a general statement, based on hearsay, does not help our local businesses. I wish Mr Baucom much success.

Michael I. Wiener

No Satisfactory Traffic Solutions

To the Editor:

The following open letter was addressed to the mayor and City Council members.

A recent transportation study prepared for the City of Alexandria produced no satisfactory solutions for mitigating traffic congestion related to the Mark Center/WHS/BRAC office complex. The Vanasse Hangen Brustin, Inc (VHB) report concludes that the

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Jury Deliberates in Murder Trial

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acknowledged. "That doesn't mean he's guilty."

phone calls to find out what happened to Juantissa Hill, a 24-year-old second-class petty officer who was responsible for preparing the classified materials that morning.

"She was always on time, very punctual," said Senior Chief Petty Officer John Perez, Hill's supervisor at the Pentagon. "She was never late or tardy."

In testimony at the Alexandria courthouse this week, Perez testified that he called Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Inova Alexandria Hospital and the Virginia State Police before asking an employee to stop by her apartment to check on her. The office at EOS 21 apartments was reluctant to let a stranger into Hill's apartment, so Perez called the police. Officers responded within minutes, entering the apartment to check on Hill's welfare. Inside, officers found Hill's lifeless body — strangled to death in a chaotic crime scene.

"The apartment appeared to be in a state of disarray," said Commonwealth's Attorney S. Randolph Sengel during his opening statement Monday morning. "The bedroom appeared to be ransacked."

DURING A THREE-DAY murder trial this week at the city courthouse, prosecutors charged that Rodney Eric Smith was responsible for the Dec. 1 murder. They presented evidence showing the Smith was with Hill in the hours before the murder, shopping at Home Depot for equipment to hang a 32-inch plasma television. They called DNA experts to testify that Smith's semen was found at the crime scene, and they accused Smith of raping Hill before strangling her to death and then stealing the television and a laptop before driving off in her 2006 Nissan Altima.

"Three days later, on December fourth, the car was located in a parking lot in Prince George County, Maryland," said Sengel. "It was 300 feet from the front door of the apartment where the defendant lived."

Smith's court-appointed defense attorney warned jurors not to jump to any conclusions, reminding them that all suspects are innocent until the commonwealth presents a case beyond a reasonable doubt. He tried to poke holes in the witness testimony, trying to catch inconsistencies between grand jury testimony and what they said on the stand this week. The defense's theory of the case, according to court records, is that Smith was not present at the crime scene because he was on Van Dorn Street and later on a Metro train headed for his uncle's house in Prince George's County.

"The evidence will show that Mr. Smith was the last person seen with her," attorney Frank Aschmann

HILL JOINED the United States Navy in 2004 at the age of 20 and eventually was hired as a secretary in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations — a job that required a security clearance to handle classified materials. She also prepared letters from Roughead to the Office of Secretary of Defense. Her MySpace page said she lived in Mississippi before moving to Detroit at age 11. Friends, who referred to Hill as "Tessa," described her as a fun-loving, outgoing and friendly.

"People were drawn to her," said Sheena Philiberg, a friend who worked with Hill in the Navy. "She didn't come across as shy."

Philiberg testified that she had known Hill for six or seven months, and that the two formed a close friendship over that time — going to church together and arranging shopping trips together.

On the day after Thanksgiving, she testified, she and Hill went to Best Buy in Alexandria to purchase a 32-inch plasma television for less than \$800. She explained that Hill asked how much it would cost to have Best Buy install the television, she was told it would cost \$100.

"She said she was going to get a friend to install it instead," Philiberg testified.

PROSECUTORS ATTEMPTED to make the case that Smith had been asked to help Hill install the flat-screen television in Hill's bedroom in the sprawling EOS 21 apartment complex. Aside from the security-camera footage at Home Depot, they presented evidence that Hill's bedroom had all the hallmarks of a flat-screen installation that had abruptly stopped. A line was drawn on the wall, and tools were scattered throughout the bedroom. But the police were never able to find the television, and prosecutors charged that Smith violently sodomized Hill before she engaged in what Sengel called "a protracted struggle for life."

"In his haste to leave the crime scene," said Sengel, "the defendant left behind some abundant and compelling physical evidence."

The prosecutor called experts who testified that Smith's DNA was found on the inside of a condom that was found in a trash bag at the apartment. Aschmann countered that the presence of the DNA could be explained by the intimate nature of the relationship between Hill and Smith, and that prosecutors couldn't prove that he is responsible for the murder. At press time, the jury has yet to render a verdict in the case.

"Speculation is not enough," Aschmann told the jury. "The commonwealth has to prove each and every element of each and every crime."

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— Frank Aschmann, defense attorney

Police Investigate Bank Robbery on King Street

Alexandria Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred Saturday, Oct. 24 at the BB&T Bank, located at 1717 King St. Around 10:15 A.M., a man walked into the bank, approached the teller and implied he had a weapon.

The suspect demanded money,

took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the bank. No one was injured.

The suspect is described as black, unshaven with a dark complexion, between 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet 1 inch tall.

He was wearing a gray colored zip up jacket. The investigation is

ongoing.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Criminal Investigations Section of the Alexandria Police Department at 703-838-4444 or the Crime Solvers tip line at 703-838-4858.

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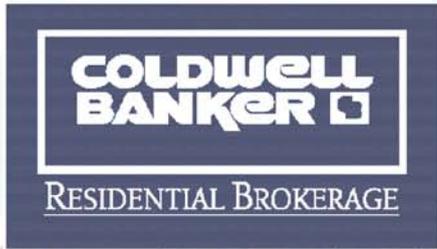
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Voters To Decide Seven Races on Election Day

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in politics is when she ran for vice president of her high school freshman class, later volunteering for Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign. She received a bachelor of science in human services from California State University at Fullerton, and taught elementary school in California before moving to Washington, D.C. to take a position as a political appointee in Reagan's Department of Education. She later became

a scheduler for the AIDS Commission and the Department of Energy before taking a career service position as director of Indian Affairs at the Department of Energy. During the George W. Bush administration, she was the deputy assistant secretary for the Office of Indian Education at the Department of Education.

"I've always believed that the role of the government is to help families succeed, not hold us back," Vasques said at a recent cam-

paign event. "I am running to give families — both traditional and non-traditional — a seat at the table in Richmond."

On education, Vasques supports merit pay and increasing competition between public and private schools. On transportation, she opposes raising the gas tax to pay for infrastructure improvements. On abortion, she is pro-life. On the environment, she supports offshore drilling.

Vasques is a small-business owner, and her

home precinct is Lyles-Crouch Elementary School.

CANDIDATES FOR 46TH HOUSE DISTRICT

Sasha Gong, 53: A native of Beijing, China, Gong grew up in Canton, China. She spent much of her youth working in hard-labor jobs, the result of her family being labeled an enemy of the state by the com-

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Political Campaigns Near End

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munist Chinese government. After publishing an article about democracy, Gong spent a year in a Chinese prison. She later studied history at Peking University before coming to America in 1998 to study sociology at Harvard University, she has taught at the University of California and George Mason University. From 1998 to 2003, she was director of the Cantonese department at Radio Free Asia. Then she was a senior program officer for the AFL-CIO, a job she left in 2007 to write a book about her life. That book "Born American," was published last month by Nimble Books. She was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination to the 46th District in Decem-

ber, when the surprise resignation of former House Democratic Caucus Chairman Brian Moran prompted a special election.

"Although I was born in China, I consider myself to be born American," said Gong, invoking the title of the book she wrote that was recently published by Nimble Books. "I'm a rebel."

On education, Gong supports merit pay and amending the Virginia Constitution to create a system of vouchers so public funds could be used in private schools. On transportation, Gong opposes raising the gas tax to pay for infrastructure improvements. On abortion, Gong is pro-choice. On the environment, Gong supports offshore drilling.

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Dr. Michael Rogers, a dentist in Northern Virginia for 19 years, started the program as a creative solution to combat childhood obesity and cavities. He has teamed with Operation Gratitude — to give soldiers overseas a taste of trick-or-treating this Halloween.



Dr. Michael Rogers

When did you first start collecting Halloween candy?

Rogers: This is the first year we've done it. But we plan to do this every year in the future.

What inspired you to start the program?

Rogers: The problems of childhood obesity and keeping children from getting cavities were behind starting the program. It gives the kids the fun of trick-or-treating without the obligation of eating all that candy. Plus, as an incentive we give the kids a \$1 per pound of candy they bring in.

Can anyone donate candy or is just for your patients?

Rogers: Any child in the area is able to donate candy.

When and where will the donation take place?

Rogers: It will take place on Nov. 2 at 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at my office in Fairlington so the kids can drop by after school.

What was the process like to start working with Operation Gratitude?

Rogers: The process was easy. We just contacted Operation Gratitude and told them we were going to give them the candy that was donated to us.

How long have you been in business?

Rogers: I've been a dentist for 19 years and I've been at this location in Fairlington for about 10 years.

Contact information: Dr. Michael Rogers, Fairlington Dental, 4850 A South 31st Street, Arlington; 703-671-1001; www.FairlingtonDental.com.

COMMUNITY



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News reporter Julie Carey interviews Kitty Porterfield during the telethon.

Alexandria Scholarship Fund Telethon



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The City of Alexandria is in search of a Colorado Blue Spruce, Leyland Cypress or other well-formed evergreen tree, approximately 25 to 35 feet tall, to serve as the City's official 2009 Holiday Tree. The City will remove the tree from the donor's property in mid-November and grind the stump at no cost. The tree will be decorated and displayed at Market Square, 301 King St., throughout the holiday season.

The lighting of the Holiday Tree officially opens the holiday season in Alexandria. The City's Holiday Tree will be lighted during the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27, at Market Square, 301 King St. The ceremony will feature a special visit by Santa Claus, along with entertainment and caroling. Persons who are interested in donating a tree should call John Noelle, City Arborist, at 703-746-5499 or e-mail john.noelle@alexandriava.gov.

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

THURSDAY/OCT. 29

Halloween Party. 5-9 p.m. At Chicken Out Rotisserie, which is donating 20 percent of your

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Beaugard Corridor Plan meeting.

7 p.m. Focused on gathering issues, concerns and ideas from residents, owners and businesses in the area. At John Adams School, 5631 Rayburn Ave., Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Distance Learning.

1 p.m. Free. First in War: George Washington and the American Revolution. A panel of historians will explore how Washington's leadership was instrumental in securing American independence. Mount Vernon's distance learning take place in the Distance Learning Classroom, which is housed in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center at Mount Vernon. Visit mountvernon.org/learn.

OCT. 29-DEC. 12

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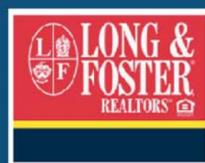
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LETTERS

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Beauregard has some operational benefits, however, the triple left by itself would not be able to accommodate the increased trip demand during the AM and PM peak hour conditions.

To unclog expected traffic going to the office complex, the DoD and developers are looking to public funding to provide direct access to their site. They also want to compress more traffic into existing streets; Seminary Road and Beauregard Street. This will ultimately

reduce options for local mass transit and dramatically increase costs to develop a transit system with dedicated lanes benefiting local residents. The added congestion caused by the project is not solely a public responsibility. I suggest the Department of Defense (DoD) and Duke Realty fund public transit improvements to alleviate the need for costly road improvements, and preserve public options to build an improved mass transit system.

The immediate area of Seminary

Road and I-395 is transitioning to a more urban area for residents. DoD plans include two parking garages for 3836 vehicles. Parking for employees will be free. Even though the DoD has promised to have a robust Transportation Management Plan, the availability of free parking will make public transit less attractive for office workers.

An investment in local transit improvement would benefit local residents and make transit a viable option for employees. By focusing

solely on road improvements to accommodate office workers traveling to the site by car, we are filling up valuable road right-of ways and spending money that could later be used for mass transit benefiting Alexandria residents. Continuing to emphasize major road improvements for peak periods at public expense is not a viable solution.

After evaluating various options, the Vanasse Hangen Brustin, Inc report concludes:

"Although there are operation

benefits, Concept 4 (additional left turn lane improvements) would still need new direct access, since some of the critical intersections serving the Mark Center site would operate over capacity without any additional direct access and would not be able to accommodate significant number of the additional project trip demand during AM and PM peak hour conditions. Concept 4 also has limitations in improving the operations for the project trips egressing from the project site during PM peak hour conditions." (Page 90)

The alternatives for direct access to the site involve public funding, are too expensive and do not appreciably improve traffic movement during peak hours. The triple left option off of Seminary combined with longer storage bays will alleviate some of the problems during the AM peak periods. However, the PM peak periods would cause gridlock at several key intersections.

Additional road improvements are a false and expensive solution. More importantly, a focus on road improvements forgoes consideration of more reasonable transit system options.

A separate I-395/ Seminary Road Interchange Justification Study, (Oct. 21, 2009) prepared for the Virginia Department of Transportation has evaluated conceptual options for direct access to the site. The options include a braided ramp to the south parking garage only, ingress and egress ramp to the south bound I-395 ramp. These two options would have little impact on circulation of traffic on the site. Two other options would encroach into the Winkler Preserve. Two remaining options include an elevated ramp from I-395 and another involving a ramp from the HOT lanes. The options being considered are too expensive and unjustified. Any major improvements to the I-395 would take years to fund, plan, design and approve. In addition, the proposed road improvements would add to the congestion on I-395 and will not significantly improve the flow of traffic along Seminary; it merely moves the congestion around

In conclusion, developers, not local tax payers, should pay more of the additional costs for road and transit improvements resulting from projects that significantly impact public travel, e.g., roads and transit. Unfortunately, in the case of Mark Center, taxpayers are left in the position of having to fund activities to correct mistakes made by City officials in the planning process.

Dave Cavanaugh



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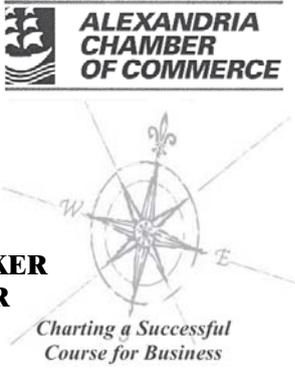
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Date: Tuesday, November 10
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50 Years for Police K-9 Unit

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For another notable "first" by the Alexandria Police Department, Officer Cindy Scott, the first female K-9 handler on the force, is now the first female handler promoted to the rank of sergeant in charge of the canine unit. Scott, 45, a native of Iowa, has served with the Alexandria Police for over 19 years, joining the department after completing an early tour of duty in the United States Air Force, working in the field of satellite communications.

Scott said she loves both police work and dogs, and was eager to join the K-9 unit when the opportunity became available. Gage, a young German Shepherd-Belgian Malinois mix, is her current partner.

The Alexandria K-9 unit has seven officer-canine teams in service and one more team in training. Teams are available around the clock to assist in various police operations such as searching buildings, tracking criminals, and locating missing persons. Three of the dogs are specially trained to detect narcotics, and one to detect explosives. The K-9 handlers carry special remote control equipment able to monitor and adjust the inside temperature of patrol cars where the dogs are kept. These vehicles are also specially adapted and fitted to contain the dogs and protect them from injury in the case of accident.



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Officer Brian Fromm's K-9 Titan searched the hillside for evidence. Upon recovery, the dog is trained to sit and stay.

Sgt. Cindy Scott, a K-9 officer for 17 years, explains the training and handling of the team dogs.



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SCHOOLS

Another Bus Drop-off Incident

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to investigate.

"Where's my daughter?" said the mother, who asked that her name not be revealed to protect the identity of her daughter.

Because the bus arrived ahead of schedule, the mother was not there to meet the bus when it arrived. So the driver — a substitute from the woman who normally drives the bus — asked a second-grader to escort the Kindergartner to her home. The students took a different route to the house than the mother, so the mother did not meet her daughter on the way to the bus stop. When she got home, she discovered her daughter distraught and waiting outside the locked house.

"I know that mistakes will happen in life," said the mother. "But I want to know what is going to stop this from happening again."

CONCERNS HAVE BEEN mounting for weeks in Alexandria after a Mount Vernon Community School teacher led a Kindergartner to a bus that he was not assigned to and he ended up wandering the streets of Arlandria lost and afraid. Some children found the boy and took him to a nearby apartment office, where the manager called the school for help. Instead of taking action to solve the problem, a secretary at Mount Vernon Community School gave out the cell phone of the boy's mother. Now that a second incident has happened, the issue has become a source of embarrassment for the city.

"If it happens once, shame on you. But if it happens twice shame on me," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley during Tuesday night's City Council meeting. "I want to find out what the heck is going on."

Administrators responded to the first incident by reformatting attendance data so that transportation

information was presented on the same document as class information for each child. They also installed a series of animal logos on each school bus to create a sense of identity. The logic was that students were more likely to remember that they were on the lion bus or the shark bus, creating an extra layer of protection against the possibility that students might board the wrong bus. But some parents criticized the move as placing the burden of safety on the children, and attempting a quick fix for a systemic problem.

"Last week, I tried to bring this matter to the attention of the School Board, and I received an inadequate response," said Rodney Salinas, father of the Mount Vernon Community School Kindergarten student. "All I got were animal doodles on buses accompanied with 'I'm sorry this happened to you and your family. We're working on it.' No discussion. No questions. No dialogue. No specific course of action."

Superintendent Morton Sherman has drafted a letter that will be sent to parents this week responding to the two incidents. In the letter, Sherman explains that all Kindergarten students will leave school with stickers indicating that they are Kindergartners. In addition, Sherman explained that all bus drivers have signed a letter of procedures affirming that they will not drop off any Kindergarten student unless a parent or designated adult is at the bus stop. In the letter, Sherman also announces the creation of a new work group to revise procedures for arrival and dismissal. The work group will consist of parents, teachers, bus drivers, administrators and after-school child-care providers. "I have personally investigated these events and discovered some system-wide issues at several levels that must be addressed," Sherman wrote. "As a parent and grandparent, I understand the level of trust that is necessary to place your child in someone else's care, and I want you to feel confident that your children are safe at school."

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City Leads Region in Dropouts

FROM PAGE 1

to lose over the course of four years."

Students who speak English as a second language and Hispanic students were the most likely to drop out, continuing the trend from last year's dropout statistics. Performance of Alexandria's Hispanic population has been a longtime concern for an Arlandria-based advocacy group known as Tenants and Workers United, which accused the administration of fostering a "two-track system" in 2007. Last month, Sherman signed a memorandum of understanding with the group that calls for improved cultural competency, development of individualized plans for students in need and the encouragement of a culture of parent involvement.

"We want to develop a system where there's a responsible adult to direct students toward college," said John Liss, director of Tenants and Workers United. "What we really need is a staff that looks like the community."

FOR TWO YEARS, the NAACP has been pushing the school system to find a way to diversify its teachers. The advocacy group was relieved earlier this year when Sherman announced that the central administration would be playing a more active role in hiring teachers rather than allowing principals to make all the decisions. Howard Woodson, who is the chairman of the legal redress committee for the Alexandria NAACP, said that he thinks Sherman has already made a number of significant moves to close the achievement gap in the city.

"We now have a superintendent who has nothing to lose," said Woodson. "Our previous superintendent might have been more hesitant to make some of these changes because there were people who were out to get her."

The dropout rate for the class of 2009 at T.C. Williams was 10 percent. That's slightly improved from the dropout rate for the class of 2008, which was 11 percent. But it's still higher than the statewide average, which is 8 percent. Students who speak English as a second language had a 28 percent dropout rate, which is higher than the statewide average of 26 percent. And the city's 22 percent dropout rate for Hispanic students is higher than the statewide average of 19 percent.

Sherman said he's engaged a number of new initiatives to help reduce the Hispanic dropout rate. He's about to hire a new curriculum supervisor, and he's recently hired several new graduation coaches to identify at-risk students and help them succeed in school. Sherman said he's also working on creating a daytime tutoring center for students, which will be paid for partially with federal stimulus money. In addition to these measures, the superintendent said he plans to continue expanding use of individualized achievement plans to chart a course to success for at-risk students.

"Clearly our next generation of conversation here is not structural, not moving to different kinds of schools but looking deeply at pedagogy and curriculum," said Sherman. "That is our next level of conversation at very deep levels."



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Trick or Treat with Boutiques

The Old Town Boutique District is having its first-ever Trick or Treat with the Boutiques, Saturday, Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Young and old alike will be given a trick or a treat (but mostly treats!) when they visit the 27 stores in the Old Town Boutique District. Some stores are having extra events like an olive oil tasting at La Cuisine, a tarot card reader at Red Barn Mercantile, mini pumpkin decorating at Apple Seed, and a Halloween costume contest at Pink and Brown.

These special treats, discounts and events will be available during daylight hours (sorry vampires), so families can spend the afternoon trick or treating in Old Town and still have time to make it to their after-dark Halloween festivities.

A special "Trick or Treat with the Boutiques" Poster will be displayed in all participating stores.

Ofrenda: Day of the Dead

Masked Ball, parade, art exhibition in 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 7:45 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



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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.

— 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.

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

Oct. 31 Schedule

- 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



THURSDAYS, NOV. 5, 12, 19

18th-Century Dance Classes. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Singles or couples are welcome. Cost is \$30 for the series of \$12/per class. Dance master Corky Palmer will lead this series of 18th-century English country dance classes in preparation for the Late Harvest Ball on Saturday, Nov. 21. Held at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or go to www.gadsbystavern.org.

Home for the Holidays Reception, Shopping



Home for the Holidays. Friday, Nov. 6 from 5-9 p.m. \$75/person. Cocktail reception and holiday shopping. Featuring upscale vendors: Usbourne Books, Shawn Pincus, FOR EWE, Edith Addeleston, Seahorse Designs, Jennifer Hogan, Paperworks, Susan Hyre, Two Swans, Margaretta Danshaw, Miche Bag Shows, Chris Fancone Miche, Southwestern Silver, Karen Domenici, The Perfect Buddha, Nista Woodward, NeCCandi, Carolyn Olsen, Longwood Antiques, Lynn Bartlett, Natural Design, Anne Krieg. Sponsored by the Friends of UCM. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, The Historic Home, Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. RSVP by Oct. 30. Call 703-403-4410. Go to www.ucmagency.org. To purchase tickets online: <http://ucmhomefortheholidays.eventbrite.com>.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 30

Sculptor Exhibition. 7-9 p.m. Sculptor Damian Yanessa will be showing his newest work, which features large mixed-media sculpture and light installation based on technology as the subject matter. At 2413 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray, between the Red Caboose Café and Cheesetique.

Tom Goss Performs with Michael Yugo. 9 p.m. At Firelies Del Ray, 1501 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-548-7200. Go to www.tomgossmusic.com.

Candlelight Ghost Tours. 8-10 p.m. Visitors will view the museum by candlelight while hearing the ghost stories and creepy history of the Lee-Fendall House. Admission: \$7/adults, \$5/children ages 5-12. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronco St., Alexandria.

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.usafband.af.mil.

OCT. 30-31

Mount Vernon Kiwanis Peanut Day Fund-Raiser. 3-9 p.m. on Friday and 9-5 p.m. on Saturday. MVKC members will be distributing roasted peanuts to all donors with Roy Rogers meal certificates. At the Wal-Mart entrance, Richmond Highway. Visit www.mtvernonvakiwanis.org.

Woodlawn's Haunted History Tours. 6-8:40 p.m. \$15/person. At 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Intersection of Richmond Highway and Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Call 703-780-4000 ext. 26327 to reserve your space and for more information.

SATURDAY/OCT. 31

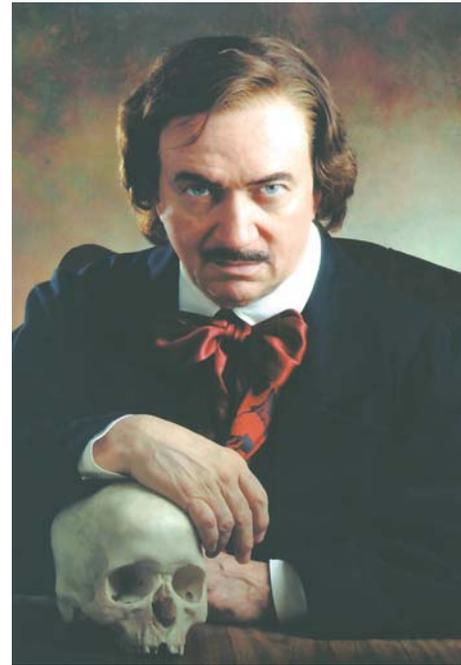
Anthology, The Band. 8 p.m. Performs at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899.

Halloween Monster Organ Concert. 4 p.m. Features organists Victoria Shields, Douglas Back, Carol Schaub, Irvin Peterson and Julie Vidrick-Evans. Wear your costume, bring the kids and come hear scary organ music to get in the ghouling mood! At Washington Street United Methodist Church, 115 S. Washington St. Old Town Alexandria. Go to www.wsumc.com.

Halloween Parade and Party. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Parade, games and treats. Sponsored by the Stoneybrook Community Association. The Fairfax County Fire Department will have a fire truck there so children can meet the firefighters. Held at the end of Cold Spring Lane. Call Sylvia Frazier at 703-768-0769 or cesylfrazier@cox.net.

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SUNDAY/NOV. 1



OCT. 30-31

Edgar Allen Poe. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Actor David Keltz returns to The Lyceum's lecture hall to recreate Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Virginia in 1849, shortly before he died. He performs "The Black Cat," "The Cask of Amontillado," or "The Tell-Tale Heart," along with well-known poems "The Raven" and "El Dorado." At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria.

German Music Concert. 2 p.m. Heustreu Musikverein, special guests from Heustreu, Germany, perform in concert. Dr. Garwood Whaley, Wind Ensemble Conductor Emeritus, will be conducting a piece on the program. Admission is \$5/adults, \$3/students, seniors. At Garwood Whaley Auditorium, Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria.

Jazz Jam. 7 p.m. The Rick Whitehead Trio will lead a Jazz Jam. \$10 donation. At the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-768-5821.

"Classic Broadway." 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$20 seniors, \$5/students and children. Presented by the New Dominion Chorale. In addition to lush arrangements from "Kiss Me Kate," "Desert Song," and "Showboat," the program includes medleys from "Phantom of the Opera" and the music of Gershwin performed by piano artist Tom Pandolfi. With Sara Dell'Omo, mezzo-soprano and Bob McDonald, baritone. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall on the Alexandria campus of NVCC, 3001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Go to www.newdominion.org. Call 703-442-9404.

MONDAY/NOV. 2

Inaugural Organ Concert. 8 p.m. Free. The concert features Thom Robertson, Organist. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road (corner of W. Glebe), Alexandria. Call 703-549-1980.

TUESDAY/NOV. 3

Concert. 8 p.m. Susanna Phillips, soprano, with Craig Terry, piano. The recital at Bishop Ireton is sponsored by Christ Church Alexandria to benefit the music program at local area schools. At Bishop Ireton Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by contacting Christ Church at 703-549-1450 or jabel@HistoricChristChurch.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 5

Author Marybeth Hicks. 6:30-8:30 p.m. On Redefining What's Cool for Our Kids. At Good Shepherd Catholic

Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria.
KUKU. 7-9 p.m. Free. KUKU performs uniquely soulful and captivating music inspired by his African heritage. 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.
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THURSDAYS, NOV. 5, 12, 19

18th-Century Dance Classes. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Singles or couples are welcome. Cost is \$30 for the series of \$12/per class. Dance master Corky Palmer will lead this series of 18th-century English country dance classes in preparation for the Late Harvest Ball on Saturday, Nov. 21. Held at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or go to www.gadsbystavern.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 6

Pipe Organ Concert. 8 p.m. Free. Maurice Duruflé's Requiem and Suite pour Orgue in celebration of a new Di Gennaro-Hart pipe organ. Featuring Nathan Laube, Organist; Debby Wenner, Mezzo-Soprano; Jonathan Hoffman, Baritone; Thom Robertson, Music Director; and the Grace Church Choral Society. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road (corner of W. Glebe), Alexandria. Call 703-549-1980.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Alexandria Choral Society. 8 p.m. Past to Present: ACS Celebrates its 40th Season. Cost is \$20 for adults/\$10 for seniors and military/children under 12 years of age are free. At Fairlington United Methodist Church, Alexandria. To purchase tickets, go to www.alexchoralsociety.org or call 703-548-4734 or email: alexandriachoralsociety@gmail.com.
Tap Dance Show. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13. The Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble presents "MYTE Plays Well with Others." At the Ernst Cultural Center of the Annandale campus of NVCC, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/85694. Visit MYTE at www.metroyouthtap.org or call 703-339-0444.

Swordsmen's Rendezvous. 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Re-enactment of 18th century swordplay and display and discussion of weapons. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum. \$6 admission. At 134 North Royal Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Dance Slam. 7 p.m. Choreographers Collaboration Project's Fall Modern Dance concert. This informal performance features works in progress and improvisation that explore chance, risk, play and fun. CCP is a modern dance company based in Alexandria. Admission is \$10/adults, \$5/children 12-17, under 12 free. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-683-2070 or go to www.ccpalex.org.

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The hour-long tours will introduce visitors to the history of the Defenses of Washington, the building and role of Fort Ward, 19th-century fortification engineering, and the troops who were stationed in this area during the Civil War. At Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road in Alexandria. Call Fort Ward at 703-838-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

International Fall Festival. 2 to 6 p.m.

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Scouting At Mount Vernon. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Historic Mount Vernon offers special activities for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Club members. Scouts will have an opportunity to learn more about Colonial life through hands-on projects and stations on surveying, woodworking, textile-making, farming and cooking.

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Two Man Gentlemen Band. 7 p.m. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. \$18/general, \$15/advance. Contact Kay at kay@focusmusic.org, 703-501-6061, or log onto FocusMusic.org.

Veteran's Day Event. 5 p.m. Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen. Presentation by Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, veteran Tuskegee Airman and POW. Also featuring the premiere showing of a private WWII photo collection of the Tuskegee Airmen. At the Charles Houston Center, 901 Wythe Street. Go to www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 10

TUESDAY/NOV. 10

MVQU's Fund-Raising Event. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Features a live auction, bake sale, handmade quilts, wall hangings and table runners, scarves for children, gift baskets, fabrics and books. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Room 112, Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

Barbershop Concert and Wreathlaying. At 11 a.m. the barbershop chorus, The Harmony Heritage Singers performs (free); and 2 p.m. is the wreathlaying at the tomb of George Washington. The U.S. Air Force String Orchestra performs the "Music of George Washington's World" at 3 p.m. in the Robert H. & Clarice Smith Auditorium (free to the public). Admission: \$15/adults, \$7/children ages 6-11. At Mount Vernon.

NOV. 12-13

Holiday Marketplace. Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. More than 30 vendors, shopping, pastries, coffee and holiday raffle. At St. Aidan's Day School, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-4013.

NOV. 12-15

"White Christmas." Nov. 12-14 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10/general, \$5/students, seniors. Directed by E.M. Milam, musical direction by Michael Weinberg. At Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Call 703-237-1448.



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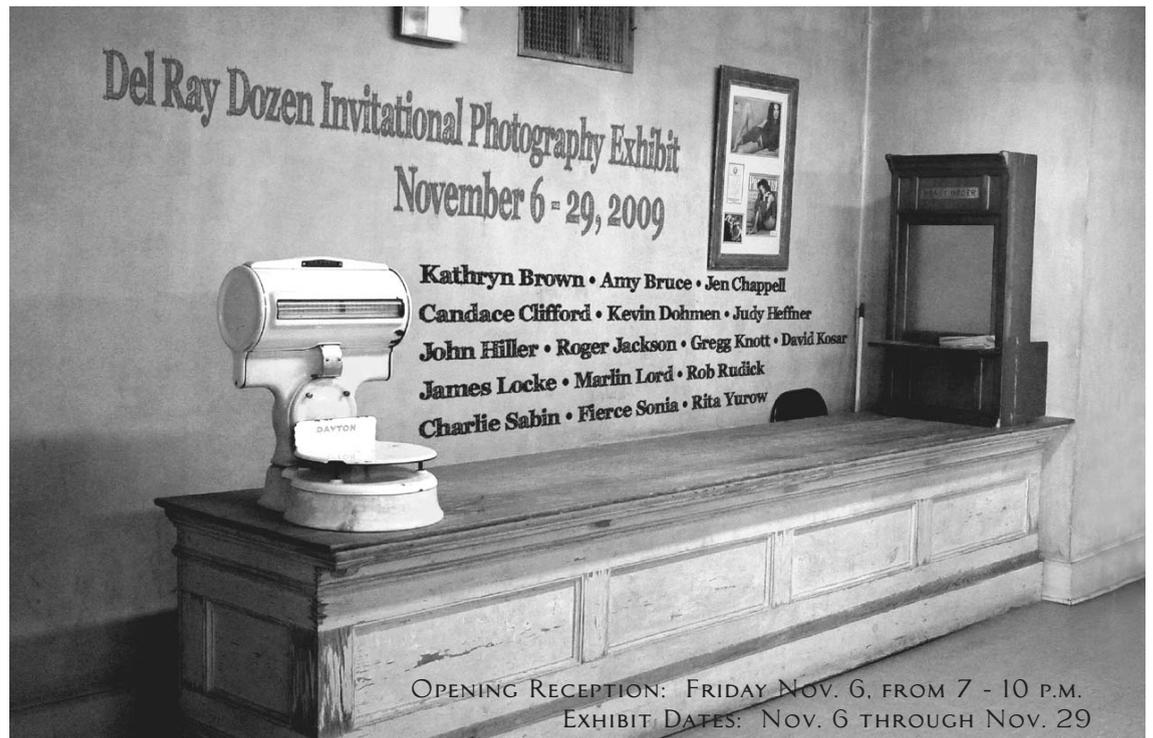
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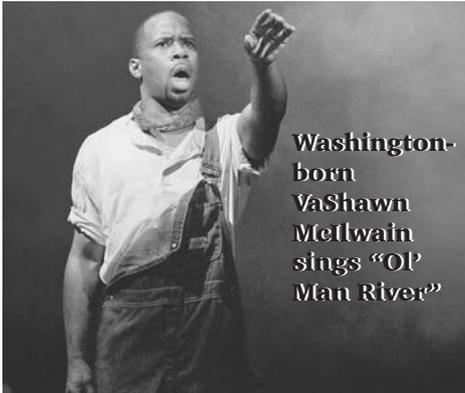
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Beloved husband of Arlene Hewitt; father of Gary Hewitt and his wife, Julia and Joselyn Rochlis and her husband, Steven; brother of Mildred Weisberg; grandfather of Andy and Ariana Hewitt and Teddy and Michael Rochlis. Funeral service was held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd. Alexandria, VA 22304 on Monday, October 26 at 1pm. Interment King David Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Beth El Hebrew Congregation Permanent Endowment Fund

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John Guy, president of Preservation Virginia, was there with wife Perry, who told me that he has lived in Alexandria for 35 years, though he grew up in Richmond.

"His devotion to historic preservation may come from his grand-

father, Herbert Claiborne, an architect famous for restoring old houses, and for designing and building all the Bottomley houses," she said.

Grady Frank, Jeanne Goddin, Lucy Goddin, Wes Goddin, Karen & Michael Paul, and Chris Jones were there.

PRESERVATION STAFF

Myra Legg, Marty Moore, and executive director Elizabeth Kostelny had come up from Richmond.

"Preservation Virginia is evolving to meet the needs of our community today," said Kostelny in her brief remarks to the gathering.

President Guy stressed that the organization aims at preservation, not ownership; they have sold rescued houses to private owners.

WILLIAMSBURG CRITICIZED

A request for questions brought one from William Anderson, who wanted to know why schools are teaching social philosophy instead of factual history. He criticized Colonial Williamsburg as especially bad in this regard.

PARIS VISITORS

Ann Goldsmith came in with Frances Goldsmith and David Smedja, just off the plane from Paris.

Helen and Jack Lynch, Carolyn Lewis, Barbara & Tal Day, and Amanda and Tom Byrne listened with interest to Leslie Ariail, current owner of the property, who graciously offered it as venue for the party.

HARC CHAIRMAN

Ellen Stanton, chair of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, was there with husband Don, as were Beverly Stanley, John Stinson, Sara Ain & Doug Lindsey, and Moira Ralliff, who expressed

admiration of the garden.

Neighbors Ann and Mark Kington, who live in another historic house, came. Their place is usually known as one of the Robert E. Lee homes, but I honor it because poet Archibald MacLeish lived there. His "Memory Green" describes so exactly the weather we are having right now that I wonder if it was written here.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

Old Town

THE REALLY BIG SHOW DAWNS

"Townners, it's time! What I have called for years the biggest show in town is ready to hit the boards Thursday, Nov. 12 as the Historic Alexandria Foundation launches its annual Antiques Show.

Kickoff will be a scrumptious Preview Party on the 12th, followed by three days of so much fun it'll knock your socks off. Theme of the 2009 show is "Our Town Revisited."

The Preview Party runs from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the show's venue, the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First St. in North Old Town. At \$150 per person, this good deal includes a chance to share cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with friends and neighbors while previewing the offerings of more than 35 dealers and their fabulous antiques, decorative and fine arts, complimentary parking included. The party is chaired this year by Carrie Heiden, Tamara Saltonstall and Beverly Stanley and, believe me, it rocks.

The show itself runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13; 11 to 6 p.m. on Nov. 14 and 12 to 5 on Nov. 15. All proceeds from the show, which has raised tens of thousands of dollars over the

years, go to Historic Alexandria Preservation Fund. The Fund has made possible enormous progress in financing historic preservation and restoration projects, as well as scholarships and grants for those espousing those goals. HAF each year also expresses its gratitude to its Gold Sponsors McEneaney and super broker Babs Beckwith, a team that has donated thousands of dollars to support the show. This year will be no exception.

Reservations for the Preview Party will be held at the door. Checks should be made payable to the Historic Alexandria Foundation and, for the first time, Mastercard and Visa credit cards will be accepted.

TOASTING OUR TOWN

A special treat as part of this year's HAF show weekend, called "Toasting Our Town," will be one of the new highlights. This fun event on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m., is set for the Athenaeum at 201 Prince St., one of Old Town's Greek Revival treasures and truly a gem.

HAF and the Athenaeum are teaming up with the Grape and Bean for the evening which, at \$60 per person, will offer you mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres and a selection of wonderful wines. Wines can be ordered for pickup or delivery by the bottle and case and 15 percent of every purchase, will benefit the HAF. Again, the "Tasting Our Town" evening will be partially underwritten by HAF's gold sponsors, McEneaney Associates Inc. and Babs Beckwith. Co-chairs are Mason and Clark Bavin and Ashley and Lawrence O'Connor.

For more information about this year's show, call 703-549-5811. See you there.

— BOB FELDKAMP



In Loving Memory of Vincent M. "Mike" Santullo

Vincent M. Santullo passed away at age 49 on October 10, 2009. He was a loving husband, brother, and friend. He worked in the grocery store industry his entire life which he greatly enjoyed. He always smiled and had kind words to share with everyone. He loved animals and especially his dog "Lucy". He liked spending time outdoors, camping and hiking in the mountains. He enjoyed sports and loved the Washington Redskins. He was loved dearly by his family and friends whom will miss him very much.

He was preceded in death by his father Vincent Santullo Jr.; mother Betty Jean Santullo; and wife Julie Santullo. He is survived by a brother Joseph V. Santullo; sisters Toni C. Santullo, Judy T. Santullo, Jacquelyn M. Santullo, Monica Santullo; nieces; and nephews.

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Roger's Deli-Pizza LLC-Roger Smith, trading as Roger's Deli-Pizza, 6631 Wakefield Dr, Alexandria, VA 22307. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Roger Smith, Owner



Park Clean-up

Founders Park Community Association hosted the Quarterly Park Clean-up on Saturday, Oct. 24. More than 45 citizens came out in the rain to meet their neighbors and contribute to the park clean-up effort. FPCA contributes to the City to ensure Founders Park stays maintained, cleaned, safe, and beautified.

Hargrove Breaks TC Passing Record

Senior quarterback passes for 297 yards in win over West Potomac.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Joe Hargrove's first varsity pass was dropped. His second throw was intercepted. Pass No. 3 resulted in another drop.

In the senior quarterback's debut after missing the first seven games with a fractured right, non-throwing wrist, the T.C. Williams offense got off to a start as dreary as the cold, wet weather it was playing in.

It took Hargrove and the Titans time to warm up. But the confident, strong-armed signal caller treated those T.C. Williams fans that braved the elements at Parker-Gray Stadium on Saturday to a record-breaking performance.

Wearing a cast covered in bulky padding on his right forearm, Hargrove completed 17 of 35 passes for a single-game school-record 297 yards during a 38-37 victory over West Potomac. Hargrove also tied a school record with four touchdown passes in one game. Hargrove snapped Efi Eyo's passing yardage record of 274, set on Oct. 30, 1999, and tied the touchdown mark held by Tommy Thompson (Nov. 11, 1966) and Glenn Williams (Oct. 7, 1983).

While his statistics are impressive, Hargrove's impact is far greater than ink in a record book.

Hargrove's passing talents kept a defense from loading the box in an attempt to stop the run. While Hargrove was out, the Titans struggled through the air and were left trying to run the ball against defenses aggressive toward stopping the ground game.

Hargrove's ability to throw the ball deep down the field also allows more of the Titans' playmakers to get involved. For the first seven weeks, the T.C. Williams offense consisted of Cortez Taylor or Robert Carter running the ball, or an attempt at a short-to-intermediate pass. Now, players who were mentioned as gamebreakers in the preseason have a chance to make an impact.

"That's what we envisioned when you run

that offense," T.C. Williams head coach Dennis Randolph said. "You spread the ball around, who [is the defense] going to cover? Who are you going to double team?"

Wide receiver Aziz Coker caught six passes for 68 yards against West Potomac. The senior said the offense has more of a swagger with Hargrove at quarterback.

"I'm more active, more in the game," Coker said of having Hargrove in the game. "When I'd run a go [route earlier in the season], the moment I passed 10 yards, I've got to stop. With Joe, he threw the ball like 80 yards and he still overthrew me."

"That's what we envisioned when you run that offense."

— Dennis Randolph,
T.C. Williams head coach

Receiver Bennie Jenkins caught four passes for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

"It's fun," Jenkins said. "We've got the connection. [Hargrove's] got the connection with all the receivers. He knows what to do in [certain] situations. ... I know there's always a chance [I'll get the ball] with Joe — especially the deep ball."

Carter, Taylor, Israel Richardson, Tyrell Sitton and Will Rossi each had at least one reception for T.C. Williams.

"They have to respect our passing game," right tackle Jay Whitmire said. "That really helped us out on the O-line, not having to run the ball every play."

to Langley, 1-0, on Tuesday during the opening round of the regional tournament, ending the Titans' season.

Titans Volleyball Sweeps Wakefield

The T.C. Williams volleyball team defeated Wakefield, 3-0, on Monday.

The Titans close the regular season with a home match against W.T. Woodson at 7:15 p.m. today.



T.C. Williams quarterback Joe Hargrove is seen during practice. The senior broke the single-game school record for passing yards with 297 Friday against West Potomac — Hargrove's first varsity start.

The win over West Potomac improved T.C. Williams to 4-4 overall, 2-3 in the Patriot District. The Titans haven't won more than four games in a season since posting five in 1996. T.C. Williams hasn't had a winning season since 1995, and only one since 1990.

Now the Titans are in a battle to make the playoffs. They travel to face South County on Friday and end the regular season Nov. 7 at home against Robert E. Lee.

"We've kind of got our backs up against the wall," Randolph said. "We have to win out — period — to get a chance. ... I like our chances if we win two."

Before the West Potomac game, Hargrove said he felt like his teammates won three games for him, now he needed to win three games for them.

"I got one for my team," he said. "Now I've got to get two more."

Whitmire Says He'll Play

The junior offensive and defensive tackle Whitmire left the West Potomac game after injuring his left ankle but returned shortly after. He was in street clothes Tuesday but said he will play this week.

Taylor Says He'll Be Ready

The playmaker Taylor left the West Potomac game after appearing to aggravate an injury to his left shoulder and did not return. Taylor originally sprained the AC joint in the shoulder on Oct. 17 against W.T. Woodson.

The senior did not practice on Tuesday but said he will play this week.

Taylor returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown against West Potomac.

Benton, Isley, Sanders Lead Defense

T.C. Williams linebackers Damien Benton (12) and Tevin Isley (12) and lineman Deontre Sanders (10) each finished with double-digit tackles. Isley added two sacks and a forced fumble, and Sanders finished with a sack and forced fumble.

Linebacker Chelo Abbe recorded nine tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery. DaJuan Douglas finished with eight tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble.

Hargrove also showed his teammates the ability to lead them back from a deficit. Trailing 31-23, Hargrove connected with Jenkins for a 15-yard touchdown in the third quarter and found Carter for an 8-yard score in the fourth to put the Titans ahead, 35-31. West Potomac regained the lead, but Hargrove drove the Titans inside the Wolverines' 10-yard line late in the fourth quarter, where Manuel Benites drilled a game-winning 23-yard field goal.

Hargrove started the game on the bench. Doug Murphy, a junior, played quarterback during T.C. Williams' first and third series, each ending in a punt. Hargrove played the second series, which ended with him throwing an interception, before leading the Titans to a touchdown on their fourth possession — a 22-yard pass to Jenkins. Hargrove remained at quarterback the rest of the game.

Randolph said Hargrove will start Friday at South County.

Hargrove said he was shaking off rust during the early drives, but felt started to get comfortable as the game progressed.

"It's like riding a bike," he said. "You never forget how to do it."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bishop Ireton Football Wins Big

The Bishop Ireton football team cruised to a 48-0 win over Sidwell Friends on Saturday. The Cardinals host Friendship Collegiate Academy on Saturday.

Season Over for TC Field Hockey

The T.C. Williams field hockey team lost

Political Campaigns Near End

FROM PAGE 13

She is a freelance writer, and her home precinct is Skyline in Fairfax County.

Charniele Herring, 40: Born in the Dominican Republic when her father was stationed there in the Army, Herring spent part of her childhood as a homeless high-school student being raised by a single mother. She has a bachelor of arts in economics from George Mason University and a juris doctorate from Catholic University. Herring is currently a trial lawyer. She is single, and her home precinct is the Ramsay Recreation Center. When former House Democratic Caucus Chairman Brian Moran made a last-minute decision to step down from his seat in the House of Delegates in December, Herring won primary victory against health-care lobbyist Ariel Gonzalez. In the general election, she had a 16-vote margin of victory against Republican Joe Murray, prompting an unsuccessful recount effort that delayed her swearing-in until several weeks into the session.

“There were some humiliating points, of course,” said Herring of the delay created by the recount. “But it also brought a lot of attention to me, and it showed people in Richmond what I’m made of.”

On education, Herring opposes merit pay and public support for private schools. On transportation, she supports raising money for infrastructure improvements by adding tolls Interstate 95 at Petersburg and Richmond. On abortion, Herring is pro-choice. On the environment, Herring opposes off-

shore drilling.

She is an attorney, and her home precinct is the William Ramsay Center.

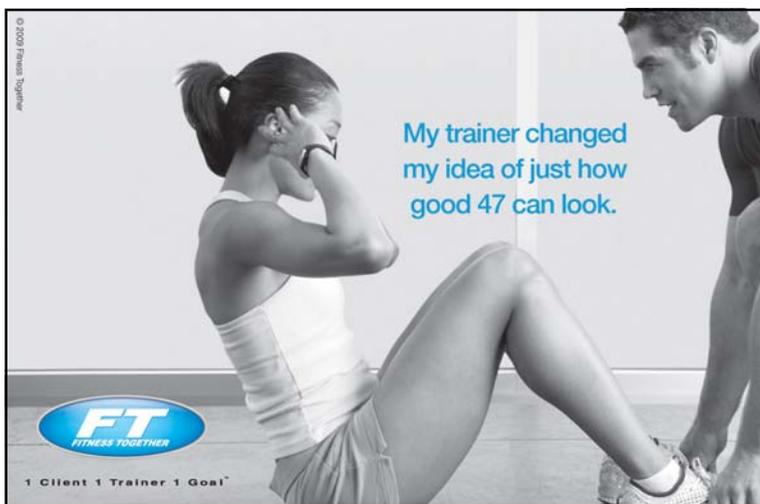
CANDIDATE FOR 49TH HOUSE DISTRICT

Adam Ebbin, 45: A native of Commack, N.Y., Ebbin received a bachelor of arts in political science and communication from American University. After graduating from college, Ebbin was an account executive, advertising salesman and marketing director before being appointed chief deputy commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry by Democratic Gov. Mark Warner. He resigned from that position to run in the Democratic primary to fill the seat vacated by former Del. Karen Darner (D-49). He has never faced any Republican opponent, and the only general election opponent he’s ever faced was in 2007 when Independent Green Ron Fisher took 20 percent of the vote.

“I try to make sure different minority groups are not scapegoated for political gain,” said Ebbin. “Ultimately being a member of the House of Delegates is about looking out for the values of your community, and that’s what I’ve tried to do.”

On education, Ebbin opposes merit pay and opposes public support for private schools. On transportation, he supports raising the gas tax to pay for infrastructure improvements. On abortion, he is pro-choice. On the environment, he opposes offshore drilling.

He is a communications and marketing consultant, and his home precinct is Cora Kelly Center.



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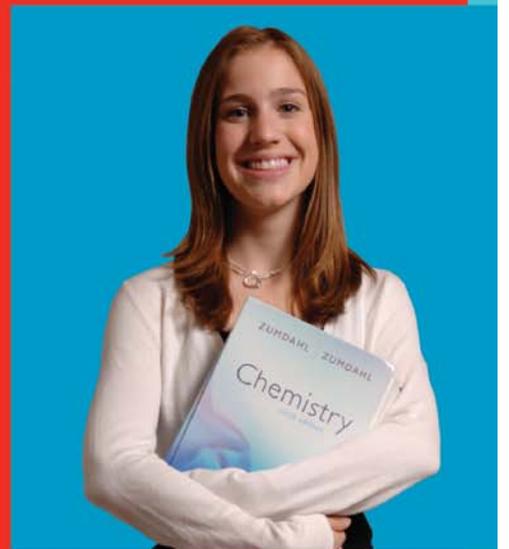
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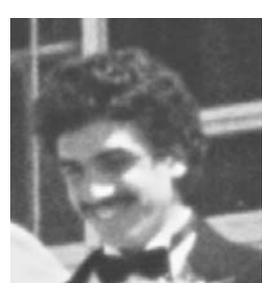
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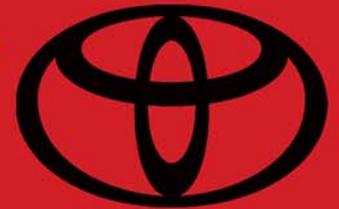
Vincent M. Santullo passed away at age 49 on October 10, 2009. He was a loving husband, brother, and friend. He worked in the grocery store industry his entire life which he greatly enjoyed. He always smiled and had kind words to share with everyone. He loved animals and especially his dog "Lucy". He liked spending time outdoors, camping and hiking in the mountains. He enjoyed sports and loved the Washington Redskins. He was loved dearly by his family and friends whom will miss him very much.

He was preceded in death by his father Vincent Santullo Jr.; mother Betty Jean Santullo; and wife Julie Santullo. He is survived by a brother Joseph V. Santullo; sisters Toni C. Santullo, Judy T. Santullo, Jacquelyn M. Santullo, Monica Santullo; nieces; and nephews.

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