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Waiting and Waiting and ... At 10:30 a.m. Eric Yeo cradles his daughter Lily as she sucks on a bottle Saturday morning, Oct. 31, outside George Washington Middle School. The Yeo's arrived at 8:30 a.m. to get a place in line for one of the 1,200 H1N1 vaccinations that were made available to at-risk city residents. More than 1,500 people showed up at the school to receive injectable vaccinations for the H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu. Parents and children began arriving before dawn, and the line eventually snaked around the block on Mount Vernon Avenue. Several people were turned away when supplies ran out, and many adults voluntarily deferred so that the vaccine could be administered to children. City officials hoped to administer more vaccinations each weekend in November, but the national stockpile of the vaccine will not be available by this weekend. Health officials hope that more vaccine will be available to have the next clinic on Nov. 15.

Another Black Eye for Schools

George Mason student is latest Kindergartner to be dropped off by school bus inappropriately.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

It has happened again. Another lost student. Another bus driver dropping a Kindergarten student off the bus with no adult there in violation of division policy. For school officials, another black eye.

"It's just unacceptable," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, adding that he would like to see some personnel accountability. "We can no longer say it's acceptable to sign a pledge and check some badges. This can't go on."

The problems began at Mount Vernon Community School, where a Kindergarten student boarded a bus he was never supposed to be on and ended up wandering the streets of an unfamiliar neighborhood lost and afraid. Then a Lyles-Crouch Elementary School student was allowed to get off a bus even though her mother had not yet arrived at the bus stop, leav-



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After a Kindergarten student boarded a bus he was not assigned to and dropped off in an unfamiliar neighborhood, school administrators responded by installing animal logos on every school bus.

ing the child upset and locked out of her own house until the mother returned. Last week, a George Mason Elementary School student boarded a bus instead of going to an after-school program where she was expected.

"Our incident involved a substitute teacher," wrote George Mason Principal Dawn Feltman in an e-mail to parents. "I have personally investigated and taken appropriate action to ensure that we have better com-

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Divided Election

GOP wins statewide; Democrats maintain dominance in Alexandria.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Republicans handily beat Democrats in all three statewide races Tuesday, sweeping their candidates in races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. Yet Democrats in Alexandria retained their dominance in local races, beating back both Republican challengers for two seats in the House of Delegates. Republicans weren't even able to field candidates in three local races, leaving Democratic incumbents unchallenged in one House race in addition to uncontested races for sheriff and commonwealth's attorney.

"People in Alexandria as well as other parts of Northern Virginia are much brighter and more intelligent," said Mayor Bill Euille at the Democratic victory party at the Crowne Plaza Tuesday night. "They know the issues, and they know the downside, and they

know the risks."

Despite losing five local races, Republicans were enthusiastic about claiming three statewide races. Gathering for a raucous party at the Pitt Street restaurant of Republican stalwart Pat Troy, members of the Grand Old Party cheered wildly when Republican Councilman Frank Fannon announced that the Associated Press had called the gubernatorial race for Bob McDonnell. Yet even with the statewide victories, Fannon acknowledged that Republicans have a demographic disadvantage in the city.

"When you are in an area where the federal government is, a lot of jobs and employment are based on the federal government," said Fannon, who won a seat on the City Council in May. "And people tend to support the Democrats in those areas."

OF THE TWO contested House of Delegates races on the ballot,

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Life Plus Seventy

Judge sentences Maryland man after jury finds him guilty of murder.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Rodney Eric Smith sat motionless at the defense table during much of the testimony at his three-day murder trial last week, his long hair tied into a tight pony tail hanging over a crisp white shirt. Prosecutors called a series of witnesses to make their case that Smith, 31, was a

murderer.

They presented evidence that the two were seen on security camera footage from Home Depot shortly before the body of

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Sister Act

In the months leading up to an election, candidates build small armies of supporters. Some are volunteers who pledge their loyalty. Others are paid consultants. Then there are the family members who come from far and wide to help out.

Take **Michele Matteson**, the sister of Republican candidate **Vicki Vasques**. She traveled to Alexandria all the way from Washington state to help out her sister's long-shot campaign for the House of Delegates. In the days leading up to Tuesday's election, Matteson served as a surrogate for her sister at fund-raising events. Then, on Election Day, she greeted voters at Lyles-Crouch precinct. Although she had never worked a precinct before, Matteson said asking strangers to support her sister was a pleasure.

"It's easy when it's someone you believe in," said Matteson, whose 17-year-old son also stumped for his aunt. "It's a sister thing, I guess."

Anti-Pep Rally

Democrats like to reserve Market Square for the night before a big election and bring in the star power to stump for their candidate. Back in 2006, Democrats brought former President **Bill Clinton** to stump for senatorial hopeful **Jim Webb**. This year, the party organized a Market Square rally with **Mark Warner** and a handful of other Democratic luminaries for **Creigh Deeds**.

Yet many Democrats say they were underwhelmed by the attendance Monday night, when fewer than 200 people turned out for the last-minute event. Although the purpose of the rally was to excite the base, several Democrats said the event had exactly the opposite effect — creating a feeling of depression about the campaign and a foreboding sense of doom about prospects of the statewide ticket.

"It was disappointing because the turnout was not good," said **Brigitte Guttstadt**, a longtime member of the Alexandria Democrat Committee. "People were just not motivated this year."

Reappropriating the Message

Last year, **Barack Obama** rode the wave of "change." The word was everywhere, appearing on campaign materials and placards and speeches. It was an implicit rebuke of former President **George W. Bush**. But it was also an invitation of sorts for a series of new policies on health care and environmental stewardship.

Now, a year later, Republicans have stolen the message. But they used it as a weapon against the policies that were at the heart of Obama's campaign. While working the polls Tuesday, several Republicans said that they attributed the success of the Republican ticket statewide to wariness over health-care reform and uneasiness about cap-and-trade legislation.

"Here's an old word: 'Change.' People are ready for change," said Republican City Councilman **Frank Fannon**. "Voters are coming back to the Republican Party because of the extreme left movement at the national level."

Staggered Sacrifice

Even as voters were processing this week's election results, the next campaign for the Alexandria City Council was not far from the imagination of many city officials this week. Alexandria's elected leaders are reaching a final deadline for taking some kind of action to ask members of the General Assembly for a charter amendment, although members are deadlocked on the issue of staggered terms. Four members would like to abandon the traditional way of electing all members at once, while three others would like to create a rotating system of elections.

Any whiff of division could prompt the Republican-controlled House of Delegates to make their own changes to the city's charter amendment. That means supporters of staggered terms might be forced to back down if they want to change the term lengths in a way to avoid overlap with the presidential election.

"The issue of staggered terms is not a deal-breaker," said Mayor **Bill Euille** Tuesday night.

When asked about the politics currently unfolding on election reform, Euille signaled he might be willing to support a compromise plan outlined by Councilwoman **Del Pepper** that would have four-year terms and make changes after November 2015.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Alexandria Election Returns

RACE	CANDIDATE	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
Governor	Creigh Deeds	22,088	63 percent
	Bob McDonnell	13,037	37 percent
Lieutenant Governor	Jody Wagner	22,678	65 percent
	Bill Bolling	12,145	35 percent
Attorney General	Steve Shannon	22,602	65 percent
	Ken Cuccinelli	12,100	35 percent
House District 45	David Englin	11,398	61 percent
	Vicki Vasques	7,323 votes	39 percent
House District 46	Charniele Herring	7,894	63 percent
	Sasha Gong	4,564	37 percent
House District 49	Adam Ebbin	2,629	95 percent
	Write-In	127	5 percent
Commonwealth's Attorney	Randy Sengel	26,855	98 percent
	Write-In	523	2 percent
Sheriff	Dana Lawhorne	28,325	98 percent
	Write-In	449	2 percent

source: Virginia State Board of Elections

"I think this was a referendum on a really bad campaign ..."
— Councilman Rob Krupicka

City Repels GOP Wave

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Del. Charniele Herring (D-46) was the biggest winner claiming 64 percent of the vote. The election represents a change of fortune for the Democratic incumbent, who narrowly squeaked after a recount with a 16-vote margin of victory in a low-turnout January special election. On Tuesday, Herring had a 3,330-vote margin of victory against Republican challenger Sasha Gong, who was only able to claim 36 percent of the vote. The difference between the January special election and the November general election show how turnout for top-of-the-ticket races can influence results down the ballot.

"Last time, it was a two-week race and it was really difficult to get people to the polls two months after one of the most historic presidential races in history," said Jason Bresler, Herring's campaign manager. "But in November, you can't turn on your television without seeing 25 commercials."

Republicans were also unable to claim a victory against Del. David Englin (D-45), who won with 61 percent of the vote. Yet supporters of Republican Vicki Vasques said they were encouraged that they were able to increase their numbers this year. Back in 2005, Republican Chris Gregerson received 32 percent of the vote against Englin. Then in 2007, Republican Mark Allen took 36 percent of the vote. This year, Vasques was able to claim 39 percent of the vote. Yet unlike Allen, who won the City Hall precinct, Vasques was unable to achieve a majority of votes in any of precinct in the district.

"This was the worst political environment for Democrats in a decade, and Vasques ran an energetic race, so I personally expected something closer to 55 percent," said Englin in a written statement.



PHOTO BY LASHAWN AVERY/GAZETTE

Democratic candidate for Governor Creigh Deeds stands as the crowd cheers him on during his rally in Old Town on Monday night.

"Deeds lost statewide by 18 points and did 10 points worse in the 45th District than Kaine did in 2005, and I still won with more than 61 percent of the vote."

TUESDAY'S ELECTION brought out 35,000 voters in Alexandria for a turnout of 44 percent. That was a slightly better showing than the 41 percent turnout in the 2005 gubernatorial election and significantly higher than the 29 percent turnout in the 2007 General Assembly election. Yet Tuesday's turnout was about half of the 84 percent turnout in last year's presidential election, when 70,000 city voters flocked to the polls. Although Democrats hoped to capitalize on thousands of new voters who registered in advance of Barack Obama's election last year, state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) was unable to attract the kind of turnout Democrats needed to win statewide.

"The top of the ticket failed to connect with voters," said Democratic Councilman Rob Krupicka. "I don't think this was a referendum on Obama. I don't think this was a referendum on Governor Kaine. I think this was a referendum on a really bad campaign that didn't get the voters motivated or inspired or give them a reason to



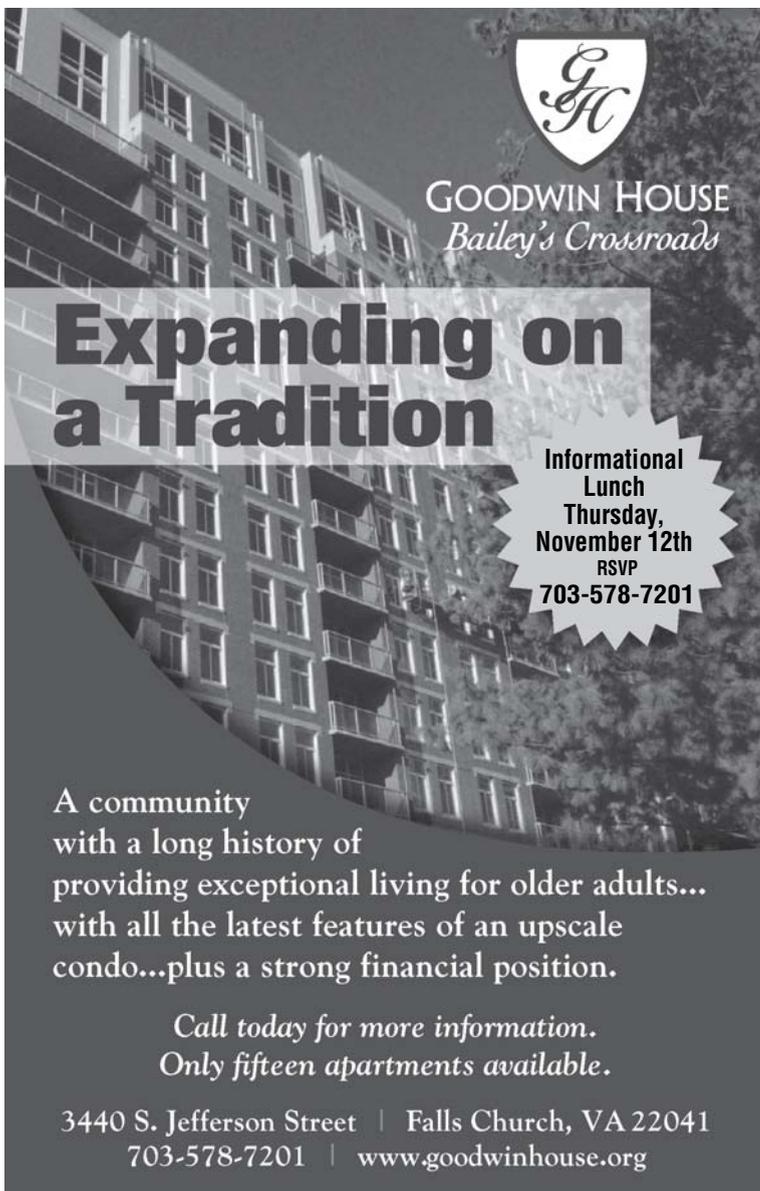
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Republican candidate for Governor Bob McDonnell joined by his wife and children greet well-wishers and the press at Riverside Elementary School in Mount Vernon on the morning of Election Day.

come out and vote."

Republicans said they hoped their statewide victory might create a sense of momentum for their party. Several Republicans were already campaigning for upcoming races Tuesday night at Pat Troy's restaurant. Although he was unable to win a seat on City Council earlier this year, Phil Cefarati said he was going to try again in the next election cycle. And although U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) had the largest margin of victory of any congressional race in Virginia, Republican Mark Ellmore said he was "99.9 percent sure" he would launch another campaign next year.

"We need to turn around now, especially with what happened tonight," said Troy, who ran an unsuccessful Republican campaign for City Council in 2006. "All of the people who are Republican need to get out and vote in every election. If they do that, we will be able to overturn the Democrats."



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PEOPLE

The School's Money Cruncher

School system's new chief financial officer talks about the relationship between money and education.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A native of Congo, Jean Sina became the new chief financial officer for Alexandria City Public Schools on Oct. 1. He holds bachelor's degrees in education and business from the University of Zaire, a bachelor's degree in business from Dauphine University in Paris and a master's degree in professional accounting from Georgia State University and a master's degree in business administration from Sorbonne University in Paris. Sina was a teacher in Africa and a businessman in France before taking a position as executive director of budgeting and reporting services in Georgia for Fulton County School System in 1996.

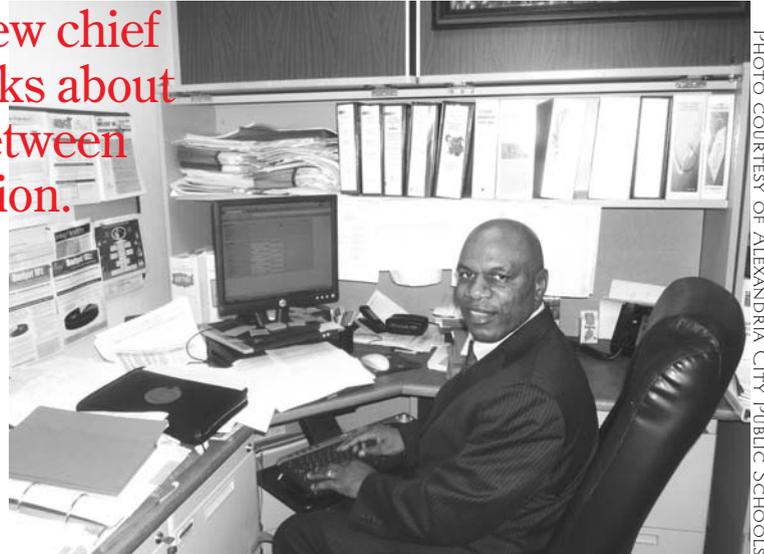


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Chief Financial Officer Jean Sina at his desk in the school system's central administration headquarters.

How are high schools in Congo different from high schools in America?

The biggest difference is that all K-12 education is funded by the federal government. So we don't have local boards, nor do we have state mandates like we have here. That doesn't mean it's better or worse. It's just different. In Congo, it's basically a combination of the Belgian and the French systems of education, which is very different from the system of education in the United States where education is a local mandate. Because education is a federal mandate in Congo, we don't have local board members. From where I sit, that's a bad idea because you want the local citizens to be involved in the life of the city. That's why we call them "citizens" from the Greeks.

Why did you come to Alexandria?

I was looking for somewhere to spend the last few years of my career so that I could make the greatest impact to people's lives. When you work for a very large school system, your influence is diluted because there are so many people to reach. In a smaller school system I can work closely with the top leadership and bring forward some of the best ideas I've seen all over the world.

How are the challenges faced by Alexandria different than Fulton County.

Many of the challenges are the same, but the scale

is different. In a very large school system like Fulton County or Fairfax County, some of the best ideas might not get pushed to the top leadership because they go from one person to the next person. So a great idea might get lost in the process. But here, in a school district such as ACPS, I can take the best practices and make them applicable here so they can have the largest impact to our student life.

What's the current economic forecast for the school system?

In a school division such as ours, where we count on the city appropriation to fund 87 percent of our budget, a decrease in the city's appropriation is a big concern. Even a one-percent decrease in the city appropriation can have a significant impact on school appropriations. So the economic outlook is not good. The two things we cannot control are the recession and the population growth. What we can control is how we align our limited revenue with our student needs so that we can make the best decisions for the children. The economic situation and the population growth is such that this budget cycle will be one of the worst for our school division and for many school divisions in Virginia.

What kind of cutbacks are likely to happen this year? Do you think the school system will be forced into layoffs?

It's very early in the budget process to talk about cuts or layoffs. Our School Board and our leadership staff has been committed — as much as possible — to have the least impact on our staff and of course our students. At this point, everything is on the table in terms of options. By the way, we are asking any

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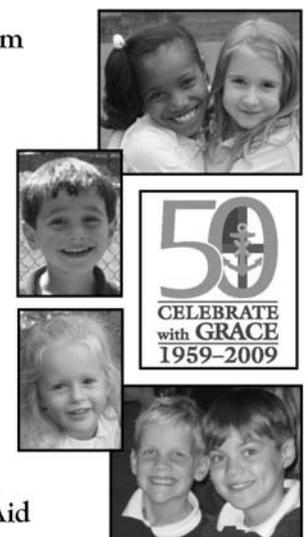
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PEOPLE

Local Author Enlivens History

City resident examines life of Sir Edward Braddock.

BY BRIDGET ALLEN
GAZETTE PACKET

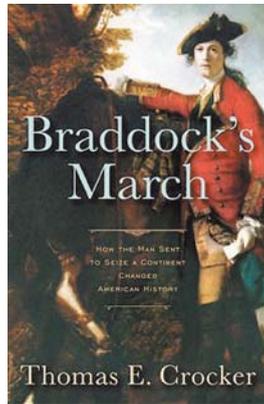
Driven around Alexandria searching for a particular location, and wondered about the street signs? Who are the people whose names are attached to local buildings and landmarks? What's their story and how have they impacted and shaped local history? Thomas E. Crocker, a local attorney, has some answers about one of them: Sir Edward Braddock — Braddock Road bears his name.

In his new book, "Braddock's March: How the Man Sent to Seize a Continent Changed American History," Crocker provides detailed information about Braddock, who came from England and helped to shape America's history and whose name has become part of the local landscape.

Crocker has lived in Alexandria for the last 25 years. In addition he's a partner in a Washington, D.C. law firm and a graduate of Princeton University and Columbia Law School. His Web site is: <http://www.thomascrocker.com>.

What three words would you use to describe Braddock and why?

Crocker: There are differing views about Braddock.



If I were to describe him I'd use three phrases; I'd say he was: 1. By the book,

2. Impatient, but driven, and
3. Blunt, but honest.

At 60 years old, he was a Major General in the British Army. But he was controversial because personally he could be rude, rough and unpleasant. However, he was competent and, in his final hours, brave. George Washington said of him, that he was, "... good, brave and generous ..." but, "... plain and blunt, even to rudeness."

Do you think he was a victim of his time, or ahead of his time and why?

Crocker: I think he was a victim of his times. He was brought up in a rigid military system. His "Bible" was a manual written in the 18th century by Sir Humphrey Bland entitled "Drill and Tactics." In battle here in America, he didn't adapt to terrain and the circumstances. He wasn't forward looking. He was more a creature of the old world than of the new.

What's the most important thing you think Braddock would want you to tell about his life, his story?

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Crocker

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Coda for the Piano Man

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BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Gordon Keller was a music lover who knew how to rip a piano apart and rebuild it better than before. He was a Renaissance man and a quick wit who loved music and life, a man who enjoyed traveling and fishing. He built a reputation as one of the region's premier piano retailers with an expertise in rebuilding pianos. Keller, known to many simply as the "Piano Man," died of congestive heart failure on Oct. 25. He was 82.

"All music lovers of Alexandria are saddened by the passing of a unique and kind gentleman," said Fred Krafft, a piano teacher who worked with Keller for 19 years.

A native of Carlyle, Penn., Keller was born in 1927 to John and Grace Keller, the second of five children. In 1946, he enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Japan, serving supply for the 24th Infantry Division and playing string bass in an Army jazz band. After the war was over, Keller returned to the United States and graduated from the Rockwell School of Piano Tuning. He came to Washington, D.C. in 1949 to work as a piano technician.

In 1954, he opened his first piano store in Alexandria. At the height of his career, Keller owned and operated seven stores in the in Virginia and Maryland. His store on North St. Asaph Street, located in the building that was once the home of the Alexandria Gazette, was his headquarters for several decades. Although he was known as the "Piano Man," Keller knew how to play only one song: "Tenderly."

"He played it really well," said Holly Keller Davis, his daughter. "The reason he always played the same song was so he could play it on different pianos so people could hear the difference between the instruments."

Keller was experienced at "voicing" the piano, a process that involved adjusting the soundboard and



Gordon Keller

the hammers to change the tone of the instrument. This was a skill that earned him positions at the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap Center and Alexandria public schools. At one point, 60 students a week would come through the St. Asaph store for lessons. But Keller felt that the popularity of the piano and its music waned in recent decades, with children becoming

more interested in sports than taking piano lessons.

"Pianos don't sell like they used to," Keller told the Alexandria Gazette Packet for a 2006 profile. "I think I was alive during the good days."

He is survived by his wife of

57 years, Mary Alice Keller; a son, Daron Keller; a daughter, the Rev. Holly Keller Davis; a son-in-law, E. Van Davis; his father's wife, Frances Hoffman of Lewisburg, Penn.; a sister, Emily Keller Parker of Aurora, Colo.; and five grandchildren, Kathryn Keller Wood, Rebecca Keller, Abigail Keller, E. Keller Davis, and Margery Davis.

**"I think I was alive
during the good days."**

— Gordon Keller

The School's Money Cruncher

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body who has any ideas to go to our Web site and e-mail us their ideas because I think the budget needs to be as open as possible. It's a public process, and we want the public to be involved. At this point, we don't have any recommendations yet.

What is the relationship between money and education?

I don't think money can solve every single prob-

lem we have. However, I do strongly believe that we need to fund public education in such a way that we close the achievement gap. You need more than money. What you need is committed staff members and the best teachers. We also need to start thinking out of the box because we cannot keep doing the same thing over and over and then expect a different outcome. If we need to think inside the box, we should make the box bigger so that you can include more people. Money is one factor, but it's not the only factor.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Taylor Weaver

Margaret Taylor Weaver, former business manager of The Port Packet and later The Alexandria Gazette-Packet, died peacefully Oct. 27, 2009, at Alexandria Hospital after suffering a stroke. Mrs. Weaver, 86, was living at Goodwin House on Fillmore Avenue. Her four children were at her bedside.

Mrs. Weaver also served on the board of Browne Academy and was longtime volunteer in the community. Her daughter Carolyn Mackay said, "So many people have called me about mom, and they all mention her smile, her generous spirit, and the love she showed to others. Mom made people feel valued."

Admired for her calm demeanor, Mrs. Weaver admitted once that she was quite a "tough cookie" in her youth.

Raised in Colorado, she attended the famous Cheyenne Mountain high school in Colorado Springs, where she became part of its award-winning western square dance group founded by superintendent Lloyd "Pappy" Shaw. He was America's foremost western dancer "caller." Her mother sewed her elaborate tight-bodice, full



Weaver

skirted costumes, and Mrs. Weaver became one of the stars.

The popular troupe went on a national tour and also performed in Havana, Cuba, during the 1940s.

The school was cited by Time Magazine in 1941 for its rigorous and "progressive" curriculum which included rodeo work. Mrs. Weaver was her class valedictorian.

During World War II, she joined the Navy WAVES and ended up in

Corpus Christi, Texas. Lt., j.g. Margaret Taylor taught dozens of would-be pilots from Santa Barbara to Brooklyn to fly planes in a simulator called a "link trainer." In her 1944 Flight Log, she recorded the simulated level of difficulty each pilot faced, marking some as "Gravy Hops" — an easy one.

She later worked on Capitol Hill. In 1949 met and married Kenneth Weaver of Winchester who died in 1978. Their four children are Ken, Carolyn, Brian and Scott. Scott Weaver is a real estate attorney in Alexandria.

During the 1960s, she worked for John Hanes, a former State Department official in the Eisenhower Administration. Mr. Hanes, a financier, later bought the Port Packet newspaper with local businessman Harry Flemming, a Republican political figure.

Mrs. Weaver became its business manager, and helped oversee its purchase in 1987 of the Alexandria Gazette, one of the oldest newspapers in the U.S. Today the Alexandria Gazette Packet, a weekly, is owned by Connection Newspapers.

At the Port Packet, in addition to balancing the budget, she

helped fill gaps for every function from creating ad copy to delivering the weekly papers early on Thursday mornings.

Occasionally, her job was to maintain peace among the formidable personalities of the paper's various editors, sales managers, owners, printers, neighborhood columnists and Realtor-advertisers.

As a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, she was active in supporting Christians in Sudan and Uganda, worked with the church lunch program for the homeless and its seniors group.

When she was in her mid-70s, Mrs. Weaver picketed with a protest rally in front of the Sudanese Embassy because of the country's torture and abuse of children.

In addition to her four children, she is survived by seven grandchildren and a brother.

Vistation hours are Friday, Nov. 6, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road. Funeral service will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. at Goodwin House, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Interment will be Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery.



Schmidt

Wesley Henry Schmidt

CDR Wesley Henry Schmidt, USN (Retired) died on June 28, 2009, in Alexandria. He was residing in the assisted living section of Washington House in Alexandria for the past two years because of circulatory problems in his legs. When he began to experience difficulty in swallowing and breathing, he entered Inova Alexandria Hospital.

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OPINION

Time To Get Serious

Opportunity to use science to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River.

The Potomac River provides a beautiful backdrop to so much of Northern Virginia, from the rugged areas of the Potomac Gorge from above Great Falls down into Arlington to the broad tidal Potomac from Alexandria, then meandering down to the Chesapeake Bay.

The river and the bay are an important part of our local identity, part of our local heritage and a remarkable environmental and recreational resource.

While over the past decade, federal and local governments plus environmental groups and activists have devoted much energy and attention to the health of the Chesapeake Bay, we have been losing ground. This is despite a clear understanding of the pollution problems and the exact limits that would be required to make the bay healthy. There are three major sources of pollution in the bay, sewage treatment plants, agriculture and stormwater runoff from roads, driveways and parking lots. The resulting growing influx of

“nutrients” from these sources causes an unnatural growth of aquatic plants in the bay, absorbing oxygen and then dying off, creating massive, floating dead zones where no life can survive.

Now, new legislation, the Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act of 2009, proposed in both the House and the Senate, has a chance to make all the difference for the bay — and also much of the Potomac River from Arlington and Alexandria on down.

EDITORIAL

While the bills would ensure that the six states in the bay watershed and the District of Columbia develop and implement detailed plans to reduce pollution sufficiently to achieve the Bay-wide reduction targets for nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment by 2025, it also has national implications as a blueprint for improving the health of other wetlands and waterways around the county.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, an original cosponsor of legislation to reauthorize the Chesapeake

Bay program, successfully urged the inclusion of language that will limit runoff into the bay from impervious surfaces, the one source of pollution that has continued to grow dramatically along with population growth around the bay watershed. Connolly’s capacity to relate complex problems to solutions that would work in local government land use and stormwater regulation is invaluable in this. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen are also cosponsors of the bill in the House. U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md) is author of the bill in the Senate; Virginia’s U.S. Senators Mark Warner (D) and Jim Webb (D) should get on board as well.

The legislation proposed would connect the scientific understanding of the pollution levels with incentives, penalties (withholding of federal money if standards aren’t met) and flexibility (interstate nutrient trading provisions) to achieve the necessary levels.

While this legislation is aimed at the Chesapeake Bay, local streams and rivers will also benefit in the process.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pepper Proposal On Council Election

To the Editor:

Last June the City Council voted to move the Council elections from May to November, and to decide on any additional changes to the electoral process in the fall. These additional changes would require City Charter amendments and would be part of the City’s Legislative Package that would be sent to the General Assembly to be considered during its next session.

Councilmen Frank Fannon and

Rob Krupicka submitted proposals for additional changes to the Council’s Legislative Subcommittee for its review. The Subcommittee, which consists of Councilmen Kerry Donley and Paul Smedberg, added a proposal of its own to those under consideration. I also submitted a proposal during the Oct. 27 City Council discussion of the City’s proposed Legislative Package. Councilwoman Alicia Hughes recommended that a referendum be held on any changes to the election process.

I am proposing that all six Council seats be up for election in November, 2012, and that the successful candidates be seated in

January, 2013. The Mayor would run at the same time.

Council members, including the Mayor, would serve a three-year term (January 2013 to January 2016). The next elections after this would be held in November 2015, and the new Council would be seated in January 2016 for a 4-year term, for all six Council members and the Mayor. From then on, Council members would all be elected during an odd year—2019, 2023, etc., and seated the following January—2020, 2024, etc.

This proposal holds elections in November, offers four-year terms beginning in 2015, and provides for an easy way for a Vice Mayor to be selected. Because all members are elected at once, the highest vote-getter becomes the Vice Mayor, if the Council so chooses. It allows for the present Council to fill out their full three-year terms. It gets a new election process on track in an easy, smooth way.

Only once would an election be held in a presidential year (2012). If some members of Council are not reelected, they would only be lame ducks from November to January of the following year, less than two months. That is approximately the time provided at present. It can be awkward for newly elected Council members not to be seated as soon as possible.

What it does not provide for is

staggered terms. Staggered terms would require that three members of Council would be up for re-election every two years — requiring more Council elections than we have now. It is possible that voter turnout would be lower because not all of the Council seats are up at one time. The reason for changing the Council elections from May to November was to ensure increased voter participation. Lastly, when terms are staggered, it makes it possible for the incumbents who are not running to turn their influence and resources over to those Council members that are running — who think and vote like themselves. This results in what I call the “friends of each other” system, and this is not good government.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Council will discuss which of the proposals it will consider for the Charter amendments, and possibly set a date for a public hearing in November or December. The City Attorney, James Banks, has looked at the Virginia Code and noted that it says that only a specific proposal can be forwarded for a public hearing on a Charter amendment. Other legislative package items will be heard at Council’s regular public hearing on Nov. 21.

If the Council decides to take no action on the election cycle, City Council elections will occur every three years in November, begin

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Snapshot St. Paul’s Church, Nov. 1, Zachary Seely, Olivia Agusti with baby Marley Isabella, Alexander Hyde and Merrick Johnston after Marley’s Christening on Sunday morning.

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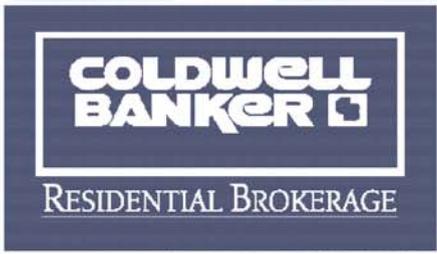
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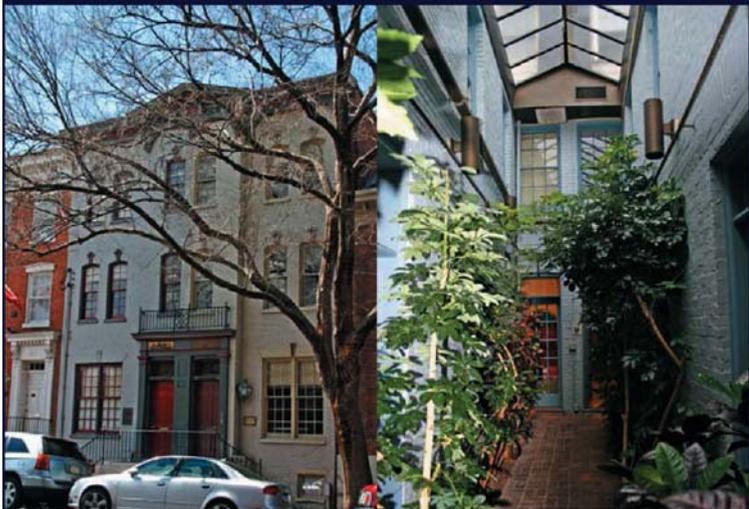
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ning in 2012. All six candidates and the Mayor would run at the same time. Every 12 years the elections would coincide with Presidential elections.

Del Pepper
 Councilwoman

More Care Needed

To the Editor:

I am happy to read that the City of Alexandria council members are addressing the issue of the youngest children within the school system being left alone by the city school bus drivers.

But someone should at least write the parents of these children and express an apology.

Could this be an epidemic sort of trend that went unnoticed until recently?

It was sad to read the Gazette dated Oct. 29, "Another Lost Child," and before then an article dated Oct. 7, "Alone and Afraid."

I am very touched by this especially since a similar incident happened before the ending of school last year. On a nice afternoon I

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decided to go out for fresh air after checking my mail. As I stood out front of my building, a neighbor called out to me: "Ms. Geri, there's a little girl standing around on the side of the building crying." I stated, "You're joking!" He said, no, there is a little girl crying. Not knowing where her mother was, I went and yes there was a child — a little girl about six or seven years of age — standing with a book bag on her back and eyes full of tears crying for her mother.

I called 911 and told the dispatcher how I learned of the child being alone, standing on the South Columbus Street side of the

mid-rise building of 431 South Columbus Street.

When the police officers arrived, I explained what the child had told me, so the officers questioned the child who gave her name and her mother's name.

I did not get all the officers' names who responded to that call back in June, but I am thankful for any officers who respond to any call when it involves a child.

Unfortunately this is the second call I have made within a few months pertaining to a child out of school without any supervision.

So there have been four incidents within less than five months, but how many more

are not being reported?

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

Rise in Child Deaths

To the Editor:

Last week, a new report by the advocacy group Every Child Matters focused on the disturbing rise of child deaths in the United States due to maltreatment. Local reports earlier in the year also pointed to an increase in family violence across Northern Virginia as well.

What readers need to know is that the

majority of children who die from maltreatment had no prior contact with child protective services. We need to understand that each one of us is responsible for the children in our community — not just child protective services — and that we each have the power to prevent these tragedies.

Another grim statistic? Over 75 percent of the children who die from maltreatment are under the age of 4. We must provide new parents in our community with support, including parenting classes and support groups, early childhood home visitation and universal access to affordable

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health and mental health services.

The report (released on Capitol Hill) calls for more federal funding — which is certainly critical as governments on every level face tough budget cuts. But this report should also be a wake-up call to the individual community member. When we see a sign of abuse and neglect right here in our own neighborhood, are we pausing for that child long enough to report it to Child Protective Services? When we know a new parent struggling with the stress of young children, are we pausing long enough to offer support or suggest they contact one of the many organizations in Northern Virginia offering parenting resources?

Perhaps while the federal government figures out the funding for this issue affecting millions of children and parents across the country, we each could be having an impact on just one right here in our own community.

Diane Charles

Executive Director,

SCAN of Northern Virginia

To report child abuse or neglect in Alexandria, call 703-838-0800. Or call the 24-Hour Virginia Helpline/Hotline at 1-800-552-7096. If a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

Working Against Dropout Rate

To the Editor:

In response to the Oct. 28 article, "City

Leads Region in Dropouts:"

The epidemic of skyrocketing high school drop out rates continues to plague cities and towns across the nation. A recent report released by the Virginia Department of Education cited a 10 percent drop out rate for Alexandria's T.C. Williams High School, with the school's Hispanic students facing an even grimmer reality of 22 percent. Attention continues to be focused on reform of the high school itself, when studies show that energies should be targeted at middle schools where the problem begins. Higher Achievement, a year-round academic enrichment program that serves over 500 middle school students in the D.C.-Metro area, has figured out the formula for shaping success in high school and beyond. In addition to the 900 hours that students already spend in school, Higher Achievement provides an additional 650 hours annually of academic instruction that yields improved grades, test scores and matriculation into the area's top academic high schools.

A 2006 Johns Hopkins study showed that eighth-graders in Philadelphia who failed math or English had at least a 75 percent chance of dropping out of high school, and of those who dropped out, a disproportionate amount were urban, minority youth. In partnership with Alexandria City Public Schools, Higher Achievement's Honors Placement Program seeks to reverse these trends by preparing scholars and families

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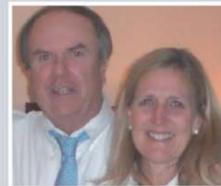
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8108 East Boulevard Dr \$2,395,000
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Randy Bender 703.906.1749



1208 Tatum Drive \$875,000 Villamay!

Magnificent Colonial in exceptional condition on one of prestigious Villamay's nicest streets! Three finished levels, large room sizes, updated kitchen and baths. MBR suite has private balcony which provides panoramic vistas of the area with seasonal river views. Elevated grounds afford the ultimate privacy with gorgeous custom pool.



4821 Stillwell Avenue \$499,000 Curb Appeal!

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



4816 Stillwell Avenue \$575,000 Renovated!

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OPEN SUN 1-4

429 CAMERON STREET Alex / Old Town \$789,900
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OPEN SUN 1-4

1184 N PITT STREET Old Town \$699,000
Immaculate 3BR/2.5BA town home on 4 lvls in Canal Way. Features include hwd flrs, elegant living & dining rooms, granite counters, renovated baths, 2 fireplaces, brick patio & parking!

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7501 Park Terrace Drive \$1,150,000 Stunning!

Inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie style, this 1.13 acre property sits on a bluff overlooking acres of parkland with seasonal river views! Heart of redwood features, large room sizes, high ceilings and expansive glass window walls capture the natural beauty of the grounds. Off GW Pkwy just 3 miles from Old Town. (Adjoining 1.18 acre available for \$975,000.)



JUST LISTED!

1810 Hollindale Dr \$675,000 Gorgeous Setting!
Estate sale of spacious rambler on gorgeous 3/4 acre grounds in premier location just minutes from Old Town in prestigious Hollindale/Mason Hill area! Home features five bedrooms, three full baths, large room sizes, open floor plan and oversized two car garage. Fabulous potential to remodel or build your dream home on this special site with rural ambiance in "close-in" location convenient to everything!



NEW PRICE!

4401 Jackson Place \$475,000 Special Value!
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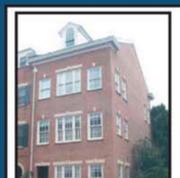
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The show brings together 30 top-ranking antiques, fine art and jewelry dealers from around the

U.S. and abroad.

Show admission tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 each or for \$12 each at www.ArmacostAntiquesShows.com. Show admission is free on Friday only from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Visitors to this year's Historic Alexandria Antiques Show can receive free verbal appraisals of their treasures by antiques expert and

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The show is located at the Holiday Inn Historic District at 625 First Street. Free parking is available. Call 703-549-5811 or www.ArmacostAntiquesShows.com.

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CALENDAR

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.

Market Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. handcrafted gifts including specialized ornaments, designer handbags, jewelry, embroidered and monogrammed gifts, kitchenware, dolls, quality cosmetics and more. At Plymouth Haven Christian Preschool, 8600 Plymouth Road in Alexandria, corner of Plymouth Road and Fort Hunt Road.

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 Durufle'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.

U.S. Army Strings Chamber Concert. 7:30 p.m. Baroque and Classical masters are featured in this performance by soloists from the U.S. Army Strings. At the Lyceum, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

St. Luke's Friends of Music. 7:30 p.m. West Potomac High School's Sinfonietta, featuring works by Arcangelo Corelli, J.S. Bach and Francis Poulenc. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria. Contact Tom Yoder at 703-765-4342 or <http://www.saintlukeschurch.net/>.

BA 5K Run and 1K Walk. 8 a.m. Presented by Argon ST to raise money for pediatric liver disease. Established by Stephen and Lindsay Moss in honor of their daughter, Sydney, The Sydney Moss Fund supports ongoing pediatric liver disease research at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. At Cameron Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.ba5k.org or lindsaymoss@gmail.com.

Singer-Songwriters. 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. An evening of original music by Jacque Holden, Jenne Lucas, Mitra Gholam, Shah Arnold, Andrea Cuevas, Denise Philpott, Mira Yang, Mark Sawasky, Mike Richards, Stacey Dumas and Chris Carrigan, with a special appearance by rising indie trio Jonathan Vassar and the Speckled Bird. At the NOVA Coffeehouse, Tyler Recital Hall. Call 703-845-6097 or go to mwhitmir@nvcc.edu.

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



SATURDAY/NOV. 7

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.nvfaa.org.

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. \$6 admission. Re-enactment of 18th century swordplay and display and discussion of weapons. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Rummage Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Features high-quality used infant, children and maternity gear — including clothes, toys, games, books, furniture and much more. There will also be great

household bargains on linens, kitchenware and decorative/seasonal items. At Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria.

Soldier-Led Walking Tours. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free. 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. Bring your family and enjoy food, authentic novelties, entertainment, games, and history from around the globe. At the Samuel Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive in the West End. Contact TuckerTigersRoar@gmail.com.

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.

NOV. 7-8

Auditions for Disney's "Mulan Jr." 2-5 p.m. Presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theater. Callbacks are Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Performance dates are Jan. 15-18 and 22-24. Open for children ages 8-12. At 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Go to www.acctonline.org/auditions.html.

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Two Man Gentlemen Band. 7 p.m. At Church of SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 18

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the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard 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

Opening Concert. 3 p.m. Eclipse Chamber Orchestra featuring Wagner, Stravinsky, and Strauss. Music Director Sylvia Alimena leads in a concert dedicated to the memory of longtime ECO supporter Keith B. Moore. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-635-2770 or go to eclipseco.com to purchase tickets.

MONDAY/NOV. 9

College Night in Virginia. 6:30-9 p.m. Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) presents free college planning advice. Presentations include choosing the right college or program, understanding the financial aid process, finding scholarships, and learning about the importance of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to www.collegenightinva.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 10

Free "Intro to Pilates" mat class. 8:15 - 9:05 p.m. You'll learn beginner exercises from an authentically trained Pilates instructor, and you'll be on your way to a strong core, longer, leaner muscle, and a new attitude. Space limited, reserve in advance at 703-739-7601 or studiobodylogic@earthlink.net. Wear comfy clothes and bring socks. Studio Body Logic, 2417 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. www.studiobodylogic.com.

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.

Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Free. Brett Abrams will discuss his book, "Capital Sporting Grounds: A History of Stadium and Ballpark Construction in Washington, D.C." At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4566.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

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Whether you love Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," enjoy the music of tango king Astor Piazzolla, or can hum the tunes to Malcolm Arnold's score to "The Bridge on the River Kwai," the ASO has a concert for you on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The ASO's 2009-2010 "Inspired by Nature" season continues on the 14th at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center. This varied program spans the centuries from the Baroque (Vivaldi) to the 20th Century (Arnold). Vivaldi's incredibly depictive "Winter" from "The Four Seasons" was originally meant to accompany sonnets and paintings, marrying the visual arts, poetry and music.

Piazzolla did not just give new life to the popular tango genre, he re-imagined Vivaldi's work as "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires." The ASO is pleased to present Piazzolla's "Winter" on Nov. 14 as well, offering a direct comparison of the two composers' musical portrayals of different parts of the globe.

Composer Malcolm Arnold, often celebrated for his nine symphonies and film scores, also wrote several concertos, including one for clarinetist Benny Goodman! The Double Violin Concerto to be played by the ASO on Nov. 14 was commissioned by none other than legendary violinist Yehudi Menuhin. Brahms' glorious "Symphony No. 2" closes the program. As Brahms' warmest, sunniest symphony, the work has often drawn comparisons to Beethoven's "Symphony No. 6," which the ASO will play over Valentine's Day 2010.

Guest violinists Marc Ramirez and Olivia Hajioff are a husband and wife team who together form the string duo MarcOlivia. They will share the soloist responsibilities on Nov. 14. You can listen to them at www.marcolivia.com.

They have been guests twice on NPR's "Performance Today." They are regular guest artists at the Tokyo College of Music, and have performed for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C., and at The Kennedy Center. The couple teaches privately at their home studio in Vienna, Va. The duo performed at music festivals in Japan, Italy, Spain and England. MarcOlivia is planning recording projects with Centaur Records.

See you at the Concert!

— KIM ALLEN KLUGE
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Where & When

The ASO performs music of Vivaldi, Piazzolla, and Gershwin Saturday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. The concert takes place at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center (NOVA Alexandria Campus, 3001 Beauregard St.). Tickets start at \$5 for youth (8-18), \$20 for students, \$35 for seniors, and \$40 for adults. Free parking. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-547-0885.

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Another Bus Drop-off Incident

FROM PAGE 1

munication with our substitutes in the future.”

In response to the three incidents, the school system has started placing a “K” sticker on each Kindergarten bus rider so drivers know which students are in Kindergarten — and, therefore, which are required to be met by an adult at the bus stop. Feltman said that she has taken an additional step, creating a list of all Kindergarten students who are bus riders. She said that will allow the school’s staff to double check that all Kindergarten students are wearing stickers and seated at the front of the bus.

“Obviously, we are all concerned about this because when a Kindergartner gets off the bus and nobody is there to greet them, there is a potential for something to happen,” said Ann O’Hanlon, president of the George Mason Elementary School PTA. “Thank God that hasn’t happened with any of these incidents.”

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS have taken a number of steps to prevent further problems since the first incident happened in early October. The first change was reformatting attendance data so that transportation information was presented on the same document as class information for each child. Then the division’s transportation officials installed a series of animal logos on each school bus to create a sense of identity, encouraging students to take more of an active role in remembering which bus they are supposed to board.

Last week, Superintendent Morton Sherman sent a letter to parents responding to the first two incidents. In the letter, Sherman explained that all bus drivers have now 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. The superintendent also used the letter to announce 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.

“Disciplinary action has been taken where appropriate and some procedures at the schools have been changed as a result,” Sherman wrote. “We will do everything necessary to make sure all students are properly supervised and transported at all times.”

NONE OF THESE steps seems to have been able to prevent the third incident from happening, prompting some to question how the school system has responded to events. Rodney Salinas, whose son was the Mount Vernon student that was dropped off in an unfamiliar neighborhood, has been critical of the school system’s actions. He criticized the animal logos as a mistake because it put more responsibility on the children rather than adults, and he said he was disappointed that his recent appearance at a School Board meeting didn’t prompt more of a dialogue.

“There is a growing crisis of confidence in the school system among parents in Alexandria,” said Salinas. “If ACPS continues to treat these cases in the lackadaisical manner as it has over the past three weeks, it is only a matter of time before a child is seriously hurt.”

School Board chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts said that she hopes the measures Sherman has already put in place will prevent future problems.

“We’re moving thousands of kids each day, and mistakes are going to happen,” said Folkerts. “I hope that the measures the superintendent has put in place are going to work, but if they don’t we’re going to have to ask him to do more.”

Judge Sentences Hill’s Killer

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24-year-old Juantissa Hill was found strangled to death in her bedroom at a sprawling apartment complex on the West End. They called DNA experts who testified that Smith’s semen was found at the crime scene, and they brought officers to the stand to explain that Hill’s stolen 2006 Nissan Altima was recovered 300 feet from the front door of the Prince George’s County apartment where Smith was staying. The commonwealth’s theory of the case was that Smith killed Hill sometime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Dec. 1. After prosecutors rested their case, Smith’s attorney called no witnesses. The defendant declined to take the stand in his own trial.

“Our defense was that the evidence was insufficient,” said court-appointed defense attorney Frank Ashmann. “I was disappointed in the ruling because I don’t think the commonwealth had enough evidence for a conviction.”

ASCHMANN’S DEFENSE was that the two had an intimate relationship, which explained the presence of Smith’s DNA at the apartment. While he acknowledged that Smith was the last person seen with Hill in the Home Depot security footage, he warned jurors not to jump to conclusions with circumstantial evidence. But prosecutors countered any doubts the jury may have had by presenting a case that began with a shopping trip to Home Depot to purchase materials for hanging a 32-inch plasma television. That trail ended in Maryland, where Hill’s stolen car was recovered.

“Taken in isolation, each of these pieces could be called into question,” admitted Sengel, who is the city’s elected prosecutor. “But our argument to the jury was that you have to look at all the evidence together.”

The jury agreed with Sengel, finding Smith guilty of first-degree murder, robbery and grand larceny. Members of the

jury recommended Smith receive a sentence of life in prison on the murder conviction, with an additional 50 years for robbery and another 20 years for grand larceny. Smith decided to waive the presentencing report, allowing the judge to finalize the sentence without the usual delay between a jury’s verdict and a judge’s sentence. Because Virginia abolished its parole system in 1994, Smith will probably spend the rest of his life behind bars for murdering Hill.

“If you take someone else’s life, you shouldn’t be able to keep your freedom,” said Sheena Taylor-Cornelius, a friend who knew Hill through the United States Navy. “I’m glad justice was served for her.”

DURING THE TRIAL, Hill was described as a hard-working and dependable second class petty officer in the United States Navy, which she joined at the age of 20. Hill was eventually hired as a secretary in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations, a job that required security clearance for handling highly classified material. Her MySpace page said she lived in Mississippi before moving to Detroit at age 11. Friends described her as outgoing and friendly.

“People were drawn to her,” said friend and Navy colleague Sheena Philiberg, who testified during the trial. “She didn’t come across as shy.”

On Dec. 2, police discovered Hill’s body after coworkers at the Pentagon became concerned that she had not appeared for work. When Alexandria officers investigated the crime scene, they discovered that the flat-screen television and Hill’s laptop computer were missing from the apartment. Prosecutors presented evidence that Smith left the area shortly after the murder and traveled to Pennsylvania under a false name. Court records show that Smith had prior convictions for robbery, receiving stolen property and escape from custody.

Local Author Examines Life and Times of Sir Edward Braddock

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Crocker: He wouldn’t want to be forgotten. He would’ve wanted the world to know that he fought bravely and that he was competent as a general. Many people blamed him for losing the battle and said he was at fault. Yet, I point out in the book that he did his duty. He paid great attention to detail and took steps to care for his troops. During his entire military career he only fought one battle, the one he lost. He survived for three days afterward and wrote a letter to his superiors in London which tried to make the point that he fought bravely and did his duty, which in fact he did.

What do you think Braddock would be ashamed to have people know about him?

Crocker: He had problems with self-discipline. He drank, gambled and made eating an art form for more than 40 years in London. He was a Janus-faced creature with a personal life that was dissolute. His close

relationship in his personal life was with George Anne Bellamy, a major star of the stage in London, who was 35 years his junior. Perhaps he was no more dissolute than his contemporaries in the senior British ranks, but there were several sides to his character nonetheless.

Why did you write a book about Braddock?

Crocker: I was driving along Route 40, and I saw a granite obelisk on the roadside, in the middle of the wilderness, in the middle of nowhere. It was Braddock’s grave, a monument erected by the Coldstream Guards. I was fascinated how a Major General in the Coldstream Guards came to be buried in the wilds of western Pennsylvania. So I began my research, and I soon realized that Alexandria was his major staging area, where he spent three weeks. He personally marched up Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown about two blocks from where I lived as a child, while other col-

umns of his expedition marched up Braddock Road in Alexandria. I began to see connections between his expedition and the daily life I lead.

Do you think Braddock’s story is relevant to people today and why?

Crocker: Absolutely. I started writing the book three weeks before 9/11 in 2001. It was clear to me the lessons America went through then during Braddock’s time — the losses and, massacres — were in their scope and horror comparable to 9/11; it showed me that America had overcome depravity and survived. Moreover, as I became involved with this story I realized there were further, historically significant implications. This expedition broke ground on how the special operations in the US military fight today — much as the Native Americans fought — stealthily, imaginatively and creatively. That is how the American militia accompanying the British army in the final battle fought. In addition, many people on

both sides knew each from this experience and formed a nucleus for the Continental Army later in the American revolution. The contrasting performances of the British regulars and the American — mostly Virginia — militia gave the Americans the courage they needed 20 years later to stand up to the British regular army.

How is your book on an historical figure, different from any other book on a historical figure?

Crocker: It’s different in a couple of ways. First, there have been precious few comprehensive studies of the Braddock expedition, the major one having been written by Winthrop Sargent in 1855. It is now time for a fresh look. The story deserves to be told and understood. Second, I used a collection of first hand accounts from generals to servants. The servants’ stories are often the most interesting. This story is told in their words and from their vantage points; you feel you’re right there.

RECREATION Class 'ACCT'

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH-
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ACTING CENTER DIRECTOR

The Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities is not allowing the recession to be the cause of ideas and dreams deferred. Instead, we are working together to enhance the programming provided in the neighborhood centers by including more exposure to the arts.

The department has officially launched a comprehensive approach to providing theatre arts within the neighborhood recreation centers with its Alexandria City Community Theatre (ACCT).

The mission of ACCT is to expose youth and community members to the theatre arts by way of performance opportunities and participation in on-going quality arts programming in the centers. ACCT is a combination of a children's theatre and multilingual theatre, addressing a need in the community for more access to affordable arts programming.

"Celebrations Around the Globe" is the first scheduled production of the arts initiative and will be held this December. The event is for youth and community members alike, who are interested in exploring how people everywhere express happiness, joy and share in celebrations. Auditions for the performance are on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10-2 p.m. in the Kauffman Auditorium at the Lee Center. We encourage people from the community to come out and share your talent with us. Volunteers to work behind the scenes are also encouraged to come out to help make the first production a success.

LETTERS

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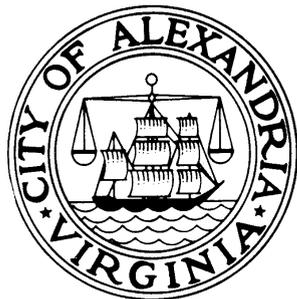
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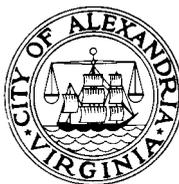


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NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

The second half 2009 real estate tax and refuse fee must be paid by November 16, 2009, to avoid late payment penalty and interest. Payment can be made by credit card or eCheck on the City's web site at alexandriava.gov/finance, in person at City Hall or at any SunTrust Bank Branch located in the City. Real estate tax payments can also be mailed to the Treasurer's Office, PO Box 34750, Alexandria, VA 22334-0750.

Real estate tax information is available on the City's web site at alexandriava.gov/finance. For payment questions or to request a tax bill, please call the Treasury Division at 703.746.3902 or email payments@alexandriava.gov. For assessment questions or to change a mailing address, please call the Real Estate Assessments Department at 703.746.4646 or email realestate@alexandriava.gov.

The Finance Department is open, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A drop box located on the Royal Street side of City Hall is available 24 hours a day. (Payments must be in the drop box by midnight on November 16, 2009 to be considered on time.)



**Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Parker-Gray District**

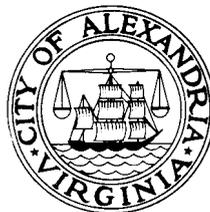
LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR 2009-0058
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 702 N Patrick St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Alamin A or Nadia S Negash

CASE BAR 2009-0059
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 702 N Patrick St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Alamin A or Nadia S Negash

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



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AND
CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF
THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL, 301 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, 22314. AT THE HEARING CITIZENS OF ALEXANDRIA WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD REQUEST THAT THE 2010 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.

- 1. An amendment to increase the membership of the City's Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments (sometimes referred to as the Board of Equalization) from 5 to 9.
- 2. An amendment to authorize the Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments to create panels of 3 members to hear assessment appeals. All three members would have to be present to constitute a quorum for any appeal. If the panel decision is unanimous with regard to an appeal, the panel decision would be final unless the full Board voted to hear the appeal. The full Board would also hear any appeals in which a panel decision was not unanimous.
- 3. An amendment to authorize the Board of Zoning Appeals to grant a variance to a property owner to "alleviate a clearly demonstrable hard-

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Seminary Valley

The Valley has its share of magnificent trees, but now they are losing their leaves. If you missed the Halloween rakeout, you'll have another chance this coming weekend (Nov. 7) and again on Dec. 8. Do your neighbors a favor and try not to park directly on their leaf pile! If you want to bag the leaves, stop by the Ramsay Recreation Center to pick up your free biodegradable bags. You can put those out every week the day after our regular trash collection.

If your yard is pristine, how about hiking down to Holmes Run Park for the annual Fall Cleanup? Set for Nov. 7, this event is key to keeping a great neighborhood resource in good shape for us all to use. Wear clothes that can take the dirt and bring gloves.

Congratulations to Nick Brown, a T.C. Williams freshman, who recently placed first out of about 80 runners in an All-City Junior Varsity cross-country meet. Nick and

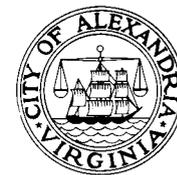
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ship." Charter language currently requires a property owner to demonstrate that the hardship is "approaching confiscation." This change would bring Charter language into conformity with the language in State law, which was amended in the 2009 General Assembly Session.

This description of the proposed charter amendment is intended merely as a summary. The exact nature and detail of the amendment, if approved by city council, will be set out in the text of a Bill to be transmitted to the General Assembly. Anyone who has questions with regard to the proposed amendment may call the Legislative Director, Bernard J. Caton, at (703) 746-3963.

James K. Hartmann
City Manager



TAKE NOTICE

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, part of the City of Alexandria's Office of Historic Alexandria, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 18 at 10:30am at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia for the purpose of providing comment on the Transportation Enhancement Program grant to help fund the restoration of the Museum's subterranean ice well.

Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in this hearing call Gadsby's Tavern Museum at 703-838-4242. We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.

Gretchen Bulova
Director, Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Public Notice - Environmental Permit

Purpose of notice: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing and an information briefing on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for an air pollution source in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Public comment period: November 5, 2009, to December 10, 2009

Public hearing: Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, located at 435 Ferdinand Day Drive in the City of Alexandria on December 10, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Information briefing: Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, located at 435 Ferdinand Day Drive in the City of Alexandria on December 10, 2009, from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Permit name: Minor Source Construction Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the Air Pollution Control Board

applicant Name and registration number: Virginia Paving Company; Registration No: 70579

Facility name and address: Virginia Paving Company - Alexandria Asphalt Plant; 5601 Courtney Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Project description: Virginia Paving Company has applied for an amendment to their minor new source review permit allowing the facility to

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modify and operate one of the two hot mix asphalt plants (Plant 1). The facility is classified as a minor source of air pollution. The proposed amendment to the air permit would allow Virginia Paving Company to operate Plant 1 with a low NOx burner; allows both plants to use natural gas as well as recycled/waste oil and distillate fuel oil; and sets emission limits based on stack tests conducted at the facility. The maximum annual emissions of air pollutants from the facility under the proposed permit are expected to be: 26.4 tons per year of nitrogen oxides; 41.8 tons per year of carbon monoxide; 16.7 tons per year of sulfur oxides; 14.7 tons per year of volatile organic compounds; 17.1 tons per year of PM-10 (particulate matter of 10 microns or less); and 16.9 tons per year of PM-2.5 (particulate matter of 2.5 microns or less). The use of low NOx burners by both plants will reduce total annual emissions from the facility.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST BOARD CONSIDERATION: DEQ accepts comments and requests for Board consideration by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for Board consideration must also include: 1) The reason why Board consideration is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. Board consideration may be granted if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information:

Mr. Ali Khalilzadeh, Department of Environmental Quality; 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: (703) 583-3839; E-mail: alireza.khalilzadeh@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment; or at Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Central Library, located at 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22304; Phone: (703) 519-5900.



TAKE NOTICE

The Alexandria City Council will hold its Retreat on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at 2900 Business Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, the offices of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Maintenance Division. The Retreat is open to the public.

For information, please call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 703 746-4500.

Jackie M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

Life With the Whitmires: All Sports, All the Time

Jay is Division I prospect in football and Kate is standout volleyball player.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE PACKET

It's Thursday night and Jerry and Kathy Whitmire are attending the T.C. Williams volleyball match. Their daughter, Kate, plays middle blocker for the Titans. She's easy to spot. She's the 6-foot-tall girl standing by the net with a huge smile on her face.

Accompanying Jerry and Kathy is their son, Jay, a 6-foot-6, 285-pound football player who's also hard to miss. Jay, an offensive and defensive tackle for the Titans, finished practice not long ago and has transitioned to bleacher cheerleader for his sister.

The following night, it's Jay's turn to take the field. T.C. Williams has a big game at South County as the Titans try to make the playoffs for the first time since 1990. Kate is down on the sideline rooting for the Titans and Jerry and Kathy are in the stands.

Welcome to life with the Whitmires, where sports are not only entertainment, they're a way of life. Jay is a Division I prospect as a junior. Kate is an all-district performer as a freshman. Whether it's a game, practice or camp, Jay and Kate year-round are either competing or preparing to compete. Meanwhile, Kathy and Jerry are either helping get their kids where they need to be or watching them from the crowd.

Include academics and jobs and the Whitmires have a schedule which leaves time for little else.

BUSY SCHEDULE

During the fall, step one is getting Jay and Kate to school — Jay to T.C. Williams and Kate to Minnie Howard. After work, Jerry, a financial advisor and Kathy, a medical worker at the Alexandria hospital, either pick up Kate or Jay from practice or watch one of them play in a game. On nights with no games, the family tries to eat dinner by 8 p.m. so Kate and Jay can start their homework. When there are games, luckily for the parents, there is rarely scheduling overlap with football and volleyball.

When fall season is over, Jay moves on to basketball and Kate starts club volleyball. Winter season is when overlap starts, so Kathy and Jerry have a rotation in place. Last winter, Kate had three practices a week for her Virginia Elite club team. One parent would drive her to practice twice during the week and once the following week. Whoever wasn't driving Kate would either pick up Jay or watch him play in a basketball game. "It's kind of crazy," Kathy said. "It's not often we really get to eat together, and if we do it feels rushed. Sometimes it's a little rough."

BEGINNING BIG

It didn't take long for Kathy to realize Jay

was going to be a football player.

How soon did she know?

"When he was born," she said. "He looked like a big football player from the moment he came out. ... He was always big — way bigger than his friends."

Jay started playing football in the sixth grade for the NOVA youth league, which has no weight restrictions. His mother's prediction was coming true.

"He wasn't the type of kid to be going out to the park and doing lots of things," Kathy said. "He played a little soccer. But once that football hit and he put on those pads, he became very serious. ... He didn't back off of all the hard work."

In the eighth grade, Jay played for the T.C. Williams junior varsity. Entering his freshman season, varsity head coach Dennis Randolph saw a 6-foot-2, 230-pound load of potential.

Randolph told Jay he could play college football. He had the size, he just needed to work. Randolph laid out a plan for success, and Jay started on the varsity as a freshman. Two years later, college coaches have taken notice. Maryland, Duke, Virginia, North Carolina, Pittsburgh and Penn State have offered Jay a football scholarship.

Randolph said he told Jay to have fun with being recruited. "I told him ... just sit back and enjoy the process," Randolph said. "There's a lot of interest in a 6-7, 290-pound kid who can run. ... He's not a sloppy 290 pounds. He's very well put together. He's agile, strong and has great hands."

Jay isn't sure when he'll make a decision on which college to attend. He also said he enjoys playing on either side of the ball. Jay is tied for the team lead with six sacks and 11 tackles for loss. "I'm having fun at both [positions]," he said. "It's been a lot more fun recently playing offense just because we've been doing pretty well."

With size come obstacles. Kathy said she has to use the Internet to find pants the right length for Jay and Kate. The family goes through seven gallons of skim milk per week.

Jay also plays lacrosse in the spring. He said he enjoys his busy sports life, but when he gets down time, Jay likes sitting on the couch and watching TV. Along with football, he enjoys watching "House," "Lie to Me" and "SpongeBob SquarePants."

CHOOSING HER PATH

Kate has also played a wide range of sports — soccer, basketball, volleyball and swimming. She was even a premier Scottish dancer. But just before her freshman year, Kate decided to focus on volleyball.



T.C. Williams junior offensive/defensive tackle Jay Whitmire has received several Division I offers. He also plays basketball and lacrosse for the Titans.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET



T.C. Williams freshman middle blocker Kate Whitmire shows her signature smile during a match. Whitmire also plays club volleyball once fall season ends.

The decision surprised Kathy a little, but not from a sports standpoint.

"She had a [dance] competition [last summer] and she came off the stage — she did really well — and she just said to me, 'That's my last dance,'" Kathy said. "... She said I, 'I want to give it all to club volleyball.'"

The problem? Kathy had recently purchased Kate a new kilt, which Jerry said can cost around \$400.

Kate said one of the main reasons she chose to focus on volleyball is she enjoyed the hard work it took to be successful. During her freshman season, her hard work showed through honorable mention all-district honors.

Kate said watching Jay succeed on the football field helped her realize the benefits of hard work. "I realized how fast your life can change when you're dedicated to a sport and you're good at a sport," Kate said. "If I didn't have Jay as my older brother, my life would be a lot different and maybe I would not have chosen volleyball or I would not have been so serious about it. He influenced me."

Kathy said Kate's success on the volleyball court has made Jay proud. Jerry said

volleyball has helped give Kate her own identity.

"It gets a little old being somebody's little brother or little sister," said Jerry, the youngest of five siblings. "The volleyball was great because it helped — she's always been comfortable in her skin — but that gave her a chance to level the playing field."

On the court, Kate's signature is her ear-to-ear smile amidst the excitement of a kill or a block. T.C. Williams head volleyball coach Rhea Butler said Kate's enthusiasm is good for a team, but underneath that smile is an enforcer mentality that will continue to show as she gets older. "You

want at least one girl that's hungry enough to go in there and be like, 'I think you're cute, this is great and we look awesome, but I've come here to kick butt, take names and see you later.' Kate's going to be that person," Butler said. "She's the kind of person that will go, 'No. 11, she's a good hitter. I'm going to block her tonight.'"

"That hungry attitude, that's hard to coach. It has to come [from] within."

Kate swims during the summer at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, but does so more for the social aspect than for competition. She likes going to the mall with friends and doing "girly stuff," like getting her nails done, but she wouldn't change her life of sports.

THE WAY THEY LIKE IT

Traveling with Jay and Kate to camps or tournaments is considered vacation time for the Whitmires. Jay has had football camps in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Kate has had a tournament in Florida.

But while their schedule is busy, their closeness as a family shows though. Jerry and Kathy help the football program as boosters. Jay and Kate cheer each other on during games. Kate helps the football program during team dinners. Family reunions are also big with the Whitmires.

Jay and Kate each have a GPA in the high 3s. Kathy and Jerry said they don't hold their children to a GPA standard. Instead, the parents focus on effort. "One of the reasons why Kate and Jay are successful is mom and dad spend a lot of time and hard work getting them there," Randolph said. "They taught them right from wrong, taught them to study and be disciplined. ... [Jay and Kate have] got a great base to work from. They know about study habits and if you want to be good you have to practice."

"Kathy and Jerry have done a great job with their kids. ... They are a great role model for Jay and Kate."

While some additional relaxation time would be nice, the Whitmires enjoy their sports-filled life.

"That's about all we do," Kathy said with a laugh. "We're really boring."



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OBITUARIES

Wesley Henry Schmidt

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After suffering pneumonia and a “cardiac event” he no longer had the strength to survive. All five children and their families had given him the love and devotion a patriarch deserves. Eight grandchildren and a great grandson are his proud legacy and he will be greatly missed.

CDR Schmidt was the son of Frances Elinor (Kurtz) Schmidt and Henry Rudolph Schmidt. He was born in his parents' home in Baltimore, Md. on Jan. 20, 1922 and grew up in Chicago on the near north side by Lake Michigan. He graduated from Lane Technical High School (Class of 1939). He attended Purdue University, majoring in Engineering and serving as the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Battalion Sergeant Major until 1942.

In 1942 he received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy where he continued his engineering studies. He was the Sailing Master of the Highland Light, a 65 ton Cutter Rigged Sloop owned by the Academy. It was on a cruise out of Annapolis aboard the Highland Light, that he met Miss Elisabeth Helene Whitman, of St. Louis, Mo. and Washington, D.C., in August 1944. Following his graduation from USNA in June 1945 with the Class of 1946, (a three year War Class) and Miss Whitman's graduation from Mount Vernon Junior Col-

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his T.C. teammates competed against runners from St. Stephen's and Episcopal High School.

I received sad news to share with everyone from our Hammond High School alumni group. Roy Smith, Hammond's long time band director and Music Department head, passed away peacefully a few weeks ago. Roy began his ca-

lege, they were married in St. Louis, Mo., on June 15, 1945.

CDR Schmidt joined the USS David W. Taylor (DD 551) in time for the final battles in the Pacific.

In 1948 he was designated a Naval Aviator (Airship) and reported to Airship Squadron ONE (ZP-1) at Weeksville, N.C., and subsequently at Lakehurst, N.J.

A year at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., studying the Communications-Electronics Curriculum brought CDR Schmidt to duty as the Communications Officer, Naval Air Force, Atlantic Fleet. He transitioned to winged aircraft through Heavier-Than-Air Flight Training in Pensacola, Fla. and Corpus Christi, Texas, was designated as Naval Aviator (Heavier than Air) and joined Patrol Squadron 44 (VP-44) at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va. A tour as Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander Fleet Air Wings Atlantic and Commander Fleet Air Wing Five was followed by The U.S. Air Force War College in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1962 he was assigned to the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in The Pentagon. CDR Schmidt subsequently served on the Staff on the Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic and, as Chief of Joint Communications War Plans. After another tour of duty in the Pentagon and then in Norfolk, Va., he retired in March 1970 from the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, as Chief, Surface Ship Radar.

In retirement, he worked for In-

reer at George Washington High School and moved over to Francis C. Hammond High School when the school opened in 1956. Without a doubt, he was one of Hammond's most beloved faculty members. Many alumni were privileged to see Roy from time to time at the band reunions arranged by Judy Stafford. Donations can be made in Roy's

ternational Telephone and Telegraph, RCA and Wheeler Industries, Washington, D.C. CDR Schmidt enjoyed an active community life involving Boy Scouts, the Episcopal Church, Children of the American Revolution (President of the George Washington Chapter), USNA Class of '46 events and the Army Navy Country Club where he had the proud achievement of being Swimming Committee Chairman when the Olympic size pool was built. He sold a lot of coffee and hot dogs for the Alexandria Crew Boosters and took on many responsibilities at St. Stephen's, St. Agnes and Christchurch Schools.

He was preceded in death by his son, Geoffrey Adrian Lange Schmidt. He is survived by his wife Elisabeth Helene Whitman Schmidt, sons: Commander Wesley Henry Schmidt, Jr. USN (Retired) (Catherine), Colonel Austin B. C. Schmidt, USA (Retired) (Kim), Colonel Rodney H.C. Schmidt, USA (Retired) (Lois), Mr. Peter H. V. Schmidt (Alta), one daughter: Mrs. F. Mitchell Alexander (Elisabeth Garland Schmidt), the wife of Commander Frederick Mitchell Alexander, USN (Retired). Further, he leaves four grandsons: David W. Schmidt (Son of Austin), Wesley H. Schmidt III (Son of Wesley Jr.), Zachary Schmidt (Son of Peter), Mark Mitchell Alexander, Airman, USN (Son of Elisabeth Garland), and four granddaughters: Leah W. (Schmidt) Glicoes (Daughter of Austin), Rebecca Schmidt (Daughter of Wesley Jr.), Mary E. Schmidt (daughter of Rodney) and Elisabeth Garland Alexander (daughter of Elisabeth Garland) and one great grandson: Christopher Daniel Glicoes (son of Leah, grandson of Austin).

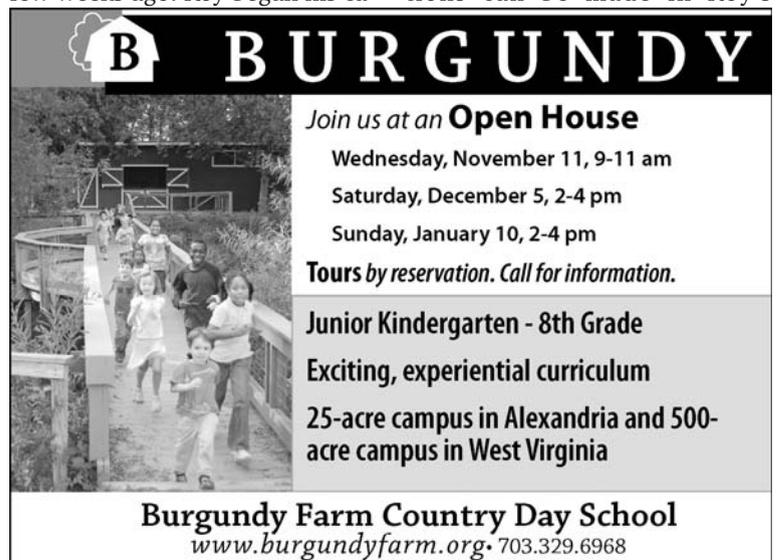
CDR Schmidt will be buried next to his son, Geoffrey, at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov 18 at 1 p.m., with services at the Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Va. A reception at the Army Navy Country Club will follow.

memory to either The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria (3330 King Street, Alexandria, VA, 22302) or The Lighthouse Mission Ministries (910 W. Holly St, Bellingham, WA 98225 - Roy's hometown).

Your current Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association officers have been elected: congratulations to Geoff Goodale – President, Joe Grigg – 1st VP, Jon Sargeant – 2nd VP, Judy Cooper – Secretary, Kristin Stone – Treasurer, Christin Nolan – Membership Secretary, Marianne Hetzer – Parliamentarian, and Adam Firestone, Keith Kruse, Katy Mathews and Sissy Walker will serve as Members-at-Large.

Husband Pat apparently has too much time on his hands. His analysis of our Halloween visitors breaks down as follows: 58 total trick-or-treaters, of whom 39 came after 7:30 p.m. 40 trick-or-treaters came in groups of 3 or more. Pat did not rate the visitors on their costumes, but suffice it to say that they were all pretty cute!

— MIA JONES



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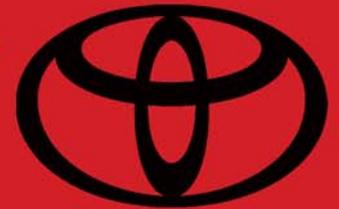
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