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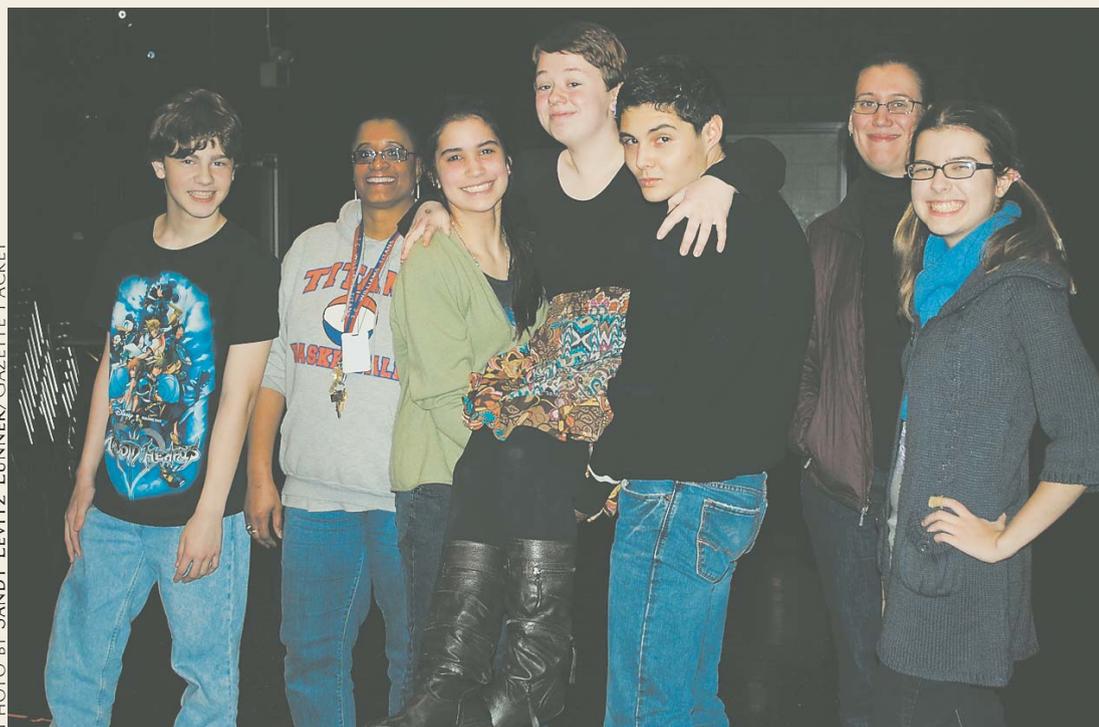
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T. C. Williams student actors give a lift to student writer/director Marie Chapman of the one-act play "Darling." Pictured left to right are: Ben Ribler, Leslie A. Jones, Lily Carlise-Reske, Marie, Joseph Powers, Hope E. Bachman-Miller, and Guiliana Mortimer.

T. C. Presents One-Act Play Festival

Local theater professionals to select district entry. **Show Times**

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
GAZETTE PACKET

Two student-written plays are part of this year's one-act play festival at T.C. Williams High School this weekend.

"Ladying," written and directed by senior Andrew Flack, is about a well-intentioned teen taking his recently dumped friend out for a night on the town and hilarity ensues. This is the third time Flack has written and directed a play for the one-act competition and theater studies teachers Leslie Jones and Hope E. Bachman-Miller agree it's his best to date. "We've been delighted to see his growth as a writer and director," said Jones.

Marie Chapman, a junior, is the writer and director of "Darling," a romantic comedy about two teens trying to break up with each other. Meanwhile, their best friends are getting together.

Paranormal activity is the theme of the other

Additional Cast and Crew

"Beyond The Door:" Maria Simpkins, student director; Atiaya Hunt; Kahadeja Taha; Dafna Bliss; Brenda Nascimento, and Antonio Sellers.

"Special Guest:" Kyle Travers, student director; Andrew Flack; Fatima Kazmi; Jessica Muse; China Jones, and Zachary Frank.

"Ladying:" Andrew Flack, student writer director; Samuel Jones, student stage manager; Maria Simpkins; Mary Carlton; Zachary Frank; Dylan Drury, and Madeline Bryan.

Production dates and times for the one-act play festival:

FRIDAY NIGHT, JAN. 8 AT 7 P.M.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9 AT 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

Tickets are \$5, \$2 for ACPS students and staff and those 65 years or older. Arrive early as seating in the Black Box Theater is limited.

two, professionally-written plays, "Beyond the Door" by Douglas Farr and "Special Guest" by Donald Elser.

Jones and Bachman-Miller, herself a 1998 graduate of T. C. Williams, explain that local theater professionals will judge Saturday night's productions according to the Virginia High School League Rules. The production that is judged best will go into extensive rehearsals to prepare for the day-long Patriot District Competition on Jan. 29. T.C. Williams is the only school in the district that holds an in-school competition first.

The teachers are very enthusiastic about this year's ensemble of plays. "Every competition offers something different," said Bachman-Miller. "This year's kids are great and there's a lot of talent both in our directors and actors."

Similar to sports competitions, the top two winning productions of the district competition move on to regionals. The top two plays at regionals will go to the Virginia State Competition.

The last time T.C. Williams won the district competition was 1996. Three years ago they tied for second place and have come in third two years in a row.

Murder-Suicide In Del Ray

Gunman shoots two at Gold Crust Bakery, then takes his own life.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Just as the first snowflakes were falling in the Blizzard of 2009, Alexandria emergency responders rushed to scene of a double shooting in Del Ray. The crime scene was at the Gold Crust Bakery, a popular Del Ray establishment at the top of the hill leading to Potomac Yard.

Bakery supervisor Jose Russo,

50, entered the building with a revolver and confronted one of his own employees. Witnesses told police that the two had dated a few times, but she was trying to move on. Apparently Russo became enraged by her rejections.

"She didn't want to have anything to do with him," said Tommy Durkin, the city's lead homicide detective. "He was jealous and controlling."

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Curriculum Revolution

Top-dollar administrators are rethinking the course of instruction in Alexandria's classrooms.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Superintendent Morton Sherman wants to put the days of teaching to the test behind Alexandria, and he's assembled a team of top-dollar senior staff members to help make the transition. Aside from rearranging the organizational chart at the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Sherman has also decided to toss out the current curriculum

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John Brown has hired in November to oversee the creation of a new curriculum.

Betsi Shays was hired in June to oversee the new Alliance for Learning and Leading.

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A Look Ahead

Who could have guessed Alexandria's wild ride in 2009? A hometown candidate for governor failed in the Democratic primary, and a Republican alum from Bishop Ireton High School was elected to the Governor's Mansion. Children went missing from Alexandria school buses, and the subject of transportation became a HOT potato. Two incumbent Democrats on the City Council were rejected by voters.

Could next year be any more exciting? It's possible. Here's what to expect:

❖ **Hold Your Wallet:** Residential property taxpayers could get stuck with another tax hike and a new stormwater utility fee. Last year, the previous City Council approved a tax rate that increased the average residential property tax bill \$76 from \$4,227 to \$4,303. Will the new City Council take a similar path?

❖ **Great Wall of Mirant:** Residents in North Old Town will notice a new feature on the landscape this year. City officials will be working with the coal-fired power plant to erect a 30-foot windscreen this spring. Installation is set to take place this spring as part of a \$34-million settlement to control fugitive dust and improve air quality near the coal-fired power plant.

❖ **Hybrid Trolleys:** Say goodbye to the Maryland license plates that have become an infamous presence on the King Street Trolley. This year, the city will receive four new hybrid trolleys. The rubber tire vehicles come courtesy of a \$2.4 million stimulus package from Washington.

❖ **Legal HOT Potato:** A lawsuit filed last year by the Arlington County Board against the feds put the squeeze on Alexandria. Will the city follow suit and take a legal route to address the lingering differences? Or will the city decline a direct challenge to the United States Department of Transportation's plan for High Occupancy Toll lanes along the Shirley Memorial Highway? Perhaps a legislative strategy will work to force the environmental study that the feds never conducted. In 2010, the HOT potato may pass through several sets of hands.

❖ **Appeal to Richmond:** The city's ongoing legal fight with Norfolk Southern Railroad has already cost taxpayers more than \$350,000. That figure is certain to rise this year as the city's appeal of a ruling in the Eastern District of Virginia moves forward at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The case could be scheduled for oral arguments in Richmond as early as March, with the city making a case for its right to limit the railroad giant's use of city roads to transport hazardous materials.

❖ **BID War:** The ongoing chatter about a new Business Improvement District in Alexandria has supporters and detractors. Do business owners want to pay an add-on fee to the commercial property tax to be collected by the city and distributed to a board of directors? Anti-tax groups are ready for a fight.

❖ **Federal Headcount:** How many people live in Alexandria? It's a question the federal government has been asking each decade since 1790. And because more people often translates to more federal money, the city has an economic interest in counting every last individual. Back in 1991, the Census Bureau estimated that the 1990 Census missed about 3,000 people in Alexandria. How many will it miss this year?

❖ **Plan for Beauregard:** Like the street that bears his name, Confederate Gen. Pierre Beauregard was difficult to manage. The hothead rebel couldn't get along with Confederate President Jefferson Davis, and now his eponymous small area plan here in Alexandria could spark a few skirmishes in the city's western theater. The process is set to conclude in September.

❖ **Civil War Stories:** Planning will conclude for the sesquicentennial of an armed conflict that some insist calling the War of Northern Aggression. Many Alexandria landmarks are locations that will interpret people and events from the bloody 1860s. How should the city commemorate the war?

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



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Fireworks explode in the sky beyond the Masonic Temple at midnight to celebrate the new year.

'Twas First Night



Curtis Blues plays the acoustic Delta blues at City Hall.



Al Petteway plays his acoustic guitar inside the Old Presbyterian Meetinghouse.

Suicide Follows Shootings

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Witnesses told police that the Russo had been spotted in a secluded part of the upstairs that night with two packers who work in the basement of the bakery — the woman he had once dated and a 19-year-old immigrant from Togo named Kossi Djossou. That's when the shooting began. The teenager was dead by the time police arrived, but the woman was able to identify Russo as the shooter before being taken to the hospital, where she remains in stable condition.

"It was a chaotic scene," said police spokesman Jody Donaldson. "There were 40 or 50 witnesses to interview but none of the parking spaces had been cleared by the snow plows."

Russo had already fled the scene by the time cops arrived, but detectives were able to track him down about five hours later at his West End apartment. When Russo saw officers moving in, he ran around a corner and shot himself in the upper body — killing himself rather than facing arrest.

"He chose to go out like that," said Durkin.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

The Gold Crust Bakery in Del Ray was the scene of a double shooting at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 18. A supervisor at the bakery entered the building with a firearm and shot two packers. One lived, the other died. The man's body was later found with a self-inflicted fatal wound.

Sherman Reorganizes To Revamp Curriculum

FROM PAGE 1

used in Alexandria and start over. In an interview this week, the superintendent said the changes are a reaction to years of stagnation following the implementation of Virginia's Standards of Learning in the late 1990s.

"For a long time, Alexandria has taken a minimalist approach to curriculum, and it hasn't been working," said Sherman. "This city needs a solid, world-class curriculum."

The reorganization has added some new faces to the halls at the division's central administration headquarters on Beauregard Street — additions that Sherman says will benefit students in the long run by raising expectations from the top. A former official from the United States Department of Education has been hired to create new opportunities for professional development. And an educational consultant has been hired to oversee the five-year process to revamp the curriculum. Meanwhile, teachers say, they are concerned about cuts to their salaries and benefits in a tight budget year.

"Teachers live in a different world," said Education Association of Alexandria Vice President Gina Miller when asked about the new senior administrators. "These issues are outside of a teacher's worries."

ONE OF THE NEW faces at the central office is Betsi Shays, who served as director of the National Security Language Initiative for the U.S. Department of Education from 2007 to 2009. Shays is the wife of former Republican congressman Chris Shays of Connecticut.

Since joining the central administration as one of the school system's highest paid employees, Shays has used her connections to attract nationally recognized education experts to the city for workshops — some for free, others for a fee. Next month, the alliance will formally launch a new outreach effort known as the "Parent Academy" to offer classes in collaboration with city agencies and non-profit organizations.

"The whole idea is that we expand our vision for professional development," said Deputy Superintendent Cathy David. "We want to build alliances with parents and the community along with some pretty successful national experts."

The other major change on the organizational chart involves a new position known as "supervisor of curriculum design services." Back in November, Sherman announced the appointment of educational consultant John Brown to this position, which was created to oversee the overhaul of the city's curriculum that will be taking place over the next three to five years. Brown, who has a doctorate in education from George Mason University, says the city's new curriculum will be more rigorous than the state's standardized framework.

"This is what great teachers are already doing," said Brown, who spent most of his career as an administrator at Prince George's County Schools in Maryland. "But it's important that the written curriculum outline for new teachers the expectations of this district beyond the minimum standards."

LAST YEAR, Sherman launched the administrative overhaul — moving several positions out of

Keepers of the Curriculum

Rank	Name	Annual Salary	Original Hire	In Current Position
Superintendent	Morton Sherman	\$240,000	July 1, 2008	July 1, 2008
Deputy Superintendent	Kathy David	\$165,000	Jan. 3, 1977	Aug. 1, 2004
Executive Director of State and Federal Programs	Jay Grymes	\$158,000	April 8, 1996	July 1, 2002
Executive Director of the Alliance for Learning and Leading	Betsi Shays	\$146,000	July 1, 2009	July 1, 2009
Executive Director for Secondary Programs	Margaret Walsh	\$135,000	April 1, 1993	Aug. 1, 2002
Executive Director for Elementary Programs	Kris Clark	\$135,000	Sept. 25, 1985	
Director of Pupil Services	Lawrence Jointer	\$132,000	Dec. 16, 1970	July 7, 1997
Supervisor of Curriculum Design and Instruction	John Brown	\$132,000	Nov. 15, 2009	Nov. 15, 2009
Executive Director for Student Services	Peggy McLeod	\$123,000	Aug. 3, 2009	Aug. 3, 2009
Executive Director of Technology Services	Elizabeth Hoover	\$120,000	Aug. 21, 1995	July 1, 2008
Director of English as a Second Language	Janine Sadki	\$114,000	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2006

SOURCE: Alexandria City Public Schools

Curriculum and Instruction into other budget categories in an effort to streamline the focus of senior-level administrators. For example, information technology was merged with instructional technology to create a new office of Technology Services. A staff of 22 technology resource teachers was whittled down to 17 positions now known as technology integration specialists.

"We wanted to look at how we could do more with less," said Elizabeth Hoover, executive director of Technology Services. "The new organization is much more collaborative, and it allows folks to focus more on Blackboard or Smartboard integration across the entire division rather than just at one school."

By the time the new curriculum has been written and vetted by parents and teachers, Sherman says he hopes to raise the bar in Alexandria beyond the minimum

expectations outlined in the standardized testing. He said focusing attention and resources toward curriculum changes is justified, and that he pledged that the budget he plans to present to the School Board later this month will

not raise class sizes.

"Curriculum doesn't fall like manna from the stars," said Sherman. "This is going to take a real effort, and I'm confident we have the right team in place to create a world-class system."

The Curator

After years of service, Lillian Patterson retires from career promoting Alexandria.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A fourth-generation Alexandrian, Lillian Patterson graduated from Parker Gray High School in 1944. She started working for the city of Alexandria in 1976 as a volunteer during the bicentennial celebration. The following year, she took a full-time position as a travel counselor at the Lyceum. In 1992, she became a museum specialist at the Alexandria Black History Museum, later becoming one of two curators at the city-owned facility.

What was Parker Gray High School like in 1944?

It was a school that had elementary and high school all in one building. It was a co-ed school, and it was a black school — all African Americans. At that time everybody was on an academic tract, which meant that when you came through Parker Gray you were qualified to go to college. Late in my high school years, like maybe the last year or so,



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Lillian Patterson

they began to add more business classes so you could get a business-related job instead of going to college.

Do you think that Parker Gray High School was separate and equal to George Washington High School?

No. It was separate, but we weren't near equal. All through the

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PHOTO BY MECHELLE SCHLOSS/GAZETTE PACKET

Brrrrr Saturday, Dec. 19: Photo taken at high noon during the blizzard of '09 in the middle of a snowbound Prince and S. Columbus streets.

Patterson Retires from Museum

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years, we never got anything new unless the teachers brought in some new books that they bought with their own money. The school system only gave us leftover stuff. The books that we had were the editions that the white schools were getting rid of. Even when Parker Gray began to teach typing, the typewriters that got were the ones that George Washington was getting rid of. We were nowhere near equal anything.

How did you feel about that at the time?

I knew it wasn't fair. But by the same token, but you learn where you live. It was a fact of life. Much of the time we were not even aware that we were being given old things unless we happened to pick up a book that somebody had written something on one of the pages. Then we could tell we were getting an old book.

What did you do after you graduated from Parker Gray?

I went to Storer College in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. It was a small, church-oriented school where everybody knew everybody else. We still have a reunion every year even though our school was one of the first casualties of desegregation. The state of West Virginia cut off the appropriations, which made it difficult for the school to stay open so the trustees decided to close the school in 1965. But even now, after all these years, we have an all-school reunion every year in Harper's Ferry. And every year, there's someone who has not heard that we are having a reunion so we get new people all the time. You know, if you get 100 or 150 people from a school that's been closed 40 years that's saying a lot.

You were first hired by the city in 1977 as a travel counselor. What was that experience like?

Well that was when the Lyceum was a travel

center. There were three travel centers in Virginia at that time — one in Alexandria, one in Charlottesville and one in Williamsburg. And I was working at the travel center here in Alexandria. We were funded by the state for a decade but administered by the city, and we guided people through Virginia and told them what there was to see and where to dine and what kind of activities were happening. We promoted Virginia as a place to go. People could come into the Lyceum and get hotel reservations at a discount. When the decade of funding ran out, the city had to decide what to do with the building. And that's when it became the city's history museum. Shortly after that I moved over to work at the Black History Museum.

What are some of your favorite exhibits you've helped create at the Black History Museum.

One of the most exciting exhibits was when I worked with the Fire Department, the Police Department and Sheriff's Office. A lot of that exhibit is online now, which is wonderful. It was interesting finding all the African Americans who have worked in public safety over the years. And it was interesting meeting some of the people who have been pioneers. Another one I did that I really liked was called "Ah, That Jack and Jill," which was about an African-American mothers' organization known as Jack and Jill. The exhibit pointed out all the different things that these mothers did to involve their children in the community. I was a charter member of the Alexandria/Mount Vernon Jack and Jill, so I really enjoyed working on that exhibit.

So what are your plans for retirement?

My daughter has a business called Joyous Events. She is an events planner, and I am going to be the office manager. I find that kind of work quite exciting. The best part about it is that I get to keep busy. And I get to mingle with people the way I like to do.



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To succeed at any of that, we need your help. Let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, call us or send us an e-mail.

We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an e-mail letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or something you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, we are looking for people to feature each week.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show.

We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. E-mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

EDITORIAL

Strategic Use Of Resources

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Challenges, opportunities, purpose-driven decision making, resolutions. There is so much going on at the beginning of a new year that we all struggle to find balance. Yet, as a school division, we come near the midpoint of our school year with a clear and sharp focus on the work before us, even as we put the final touches on a budget we will present to the ACPS School Board at the end of January.

The budget rhetoric sounds the same throughout our country: competing needs, scarce resources, and greater challenges. However, in the short time I have been your superintendent (only 16 months), I have made it my practice to use a positive, purpose driven, and realistic approach to the work we do. We always remember that first and foremost, every decision we make must be based on what's best for kids.

Our Alexandria community is

extremely supportive of its public schools; I understand the importance of maintaining that trust and using our resources wisely. As we prepare the ACPS 2010-2011 operating budget and capital improvements (CIP) plan, we will continue to be conservative and respectful of tax payers' money. The proposed budget that we present to the School Board next month will adhere to the goals of our Strategic Plan, and be based on the same guiding principles we successfully used last year:

- ❖ Champion student achievement and instruction
- ❖ Respond to enrollment increases and changing needs of students
- ❖ Respect impact of economic downturn
- ❖ Identify efficiencies
- ❖ Eliminate or modify programs or activities that do not help us reach our goals
- ❖ Base determinations on research, data, and evidence
- ❖ Strive to place affected employees in other positions as we create a budget which respects our exceptional staff

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— MARY KIMM,

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The first day of the 2010 General Assembly session is Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees will hold a Regional Public Hearing on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. The hearing will focus on the Governor's proposed 2010-12 Biennial State Budget and is open to the public.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Helping Feed Homebound

To The Editor:

Senior Services of Alexandria offers a huge thank you to Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and his deputies and to Mary Ann Griffin and her staff at the City's Office on Aging for helping us deliver meals to homebound seniors during the recent snow storm. Our usual volunteers could just not make deliveries because of the weather. We called upon the Sheriff and the Office on Aging staff to assist us in getting these meals to our clients, and they happily and willingly obliged.

Our clients were thrilled to see a friendly face, and to receive a meal after the weekend. While some of our seniors are just unable to prepare meals for themselves, or have no family in the area, many are on oxygen, in wheelchairs or just plain lonely. A visitor and a hot meal make a difference in their day.

Our Meals on Wheels Program provides meals on Monday through Friday, and now through a generous donation from the Ronald M. Bradley Foundation, we have expanded this service to holidays. Our next goal is to get funding for the weekends.

Again, thank you Sheriff Lawhorne and Ms Griffin, and to all our partners and donors who

help Senior Services of Alexandria.

Janet Barnett

Executive Director, Senior Services of Alexandria

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To the Editor:

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As the former Alexandria City Manager Vola Lawson correctly points out, “... He still has so much to offer.”

Abe S. Ashcanase

Kudos to Plow Drivers

To the Editor:

Alexandria City deserves credit for a great job of plowing our area streets. And since Tuesday we have not had serious problems getting around. Were we snowed in for a couple of days? Sure. Inconvenience? Of course. Once in 10 years event? I hope so.

So my thanks to all those who were out there in the mess and worked so hard. We appreciate it.

Joe Schramm

Alexandria

City Let Them Down

To the Editor:

In the wake of this weekend's massive snow storm, the City of Alexandria is apparently facing a public safety problem of some significance. Many secondary streets in my immediate vicinity remain unplowed (with even a single pass by a plow) at this point in the day, almost 48 hours after the snow stopped falling. Calls to police and transportation department personnel were met by friendly folks who acknowledged that their trucks and equipment aren't up-to-date and are breaking down. An email to Alexandria Transportation and Environmental Services Director Rich Baier yielded an out of office response (apparently, he is/was not working through Jan. 4) and no further call backs or contacts.

I hope you can help get to the bottom of this problem and ask our elected and appointed officials why this city has been unable to safely restore its infrastructure and maintain equipment for emergency purposes.

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Daniel Keenan Macklin

Daniel Keenan Macklin was born Jan. 29, 1929, in Tontogany, Ohio to Frances Johnson (a Texan) and John DeWalt Macklin. Dan was the third of their three sons. He and his brothers, Jack and Crofford, were raised in Hemlock, Ohio, where their father was the superintendent of schools during the Great Depression. On weekends, the family traveled 50 miles to the family farm outside of Tarlton, Ohio to work, eat and pick up food for the coming week. Dan's childhood passion was playing ball of any kind.



Daniel Keenan Macklin

He started his junior year of high school in the Imperial Valley of Southern California, an eye-opening experience for a young man from the rural Midwest. He played on the football team and when his parents returned to Ohio his junior year, he stayed in California with his best friend's family to play football his senior year.

Dan enrolled in the NROTC program at Miami University of Ohio in 1947, where he started as a guard on the college basketball team and majored in English and Naval Science.

Dan and Nancy Wells of Zanesville, Ohio, met at a freshman mixer and danced just once that night. Nancy said that he seemed "too interested," and Dan later reported that after their dance Nancy "ran away." Thankfully, their first dance was not their last. Dan and Nancy married in 1950, and were married for 59 years.

Dan was an active serviceman in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1951 to 1964, which included tours in the Korean War and a year in Okinawa. He was a sharpshooter. He earned a Bronze Star Medal, Navy

Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Korean Presidential Unit Citation. He was in Research and Development during his last two years of active duty. He served in the Reserves and concluded his military career as a lieutenant colonel.

In 1961, Dan and Nancy moved to Alexandria, where he was stationed with Marine Corps Headquarters in Arlington. In 1964 Dan left active duty in the Marine Corps, and founded Macklin-Hansen Real Estate along with his wife Nancy and Marilyn Hansen. Dan specialized in land sales and was president of the Northern Virginia Board of Realtors in 1972.

In addition to being a good businessman, Dan looked after others in need. Many extended family members, business associates, fellow servicemen, friends and acquaintances leaned upon him for support or sought his advice. He was always available to help. At Grace Episcopal Church, he served as a member of the vestry, was on the building committee and taught Sunday school. He was also very active with Carpenter's Shelter.

Throughout their lives and especially after the children were grown, Dan and Nancy traveled extensively, often through the Elderhostel program or to visit their wandering children. Dan was a lifelong learner who enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles,

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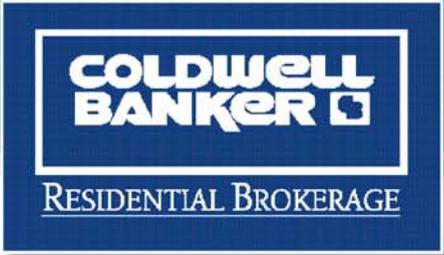
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LETTERS

Working on School Budget

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ments from disenchanted neighbors who cannot get out of their homes due to dangerous street conditions. I am also amongst this group.

Kay Stimson
N. Overlook Drive

Appreciating Dave Baker

To the Editor:

I was delighted to read Michael Pope's article "Not Really a Comeback." Having met Dave Baker through Alexandria Kiwanis,

where he is an honorary member, I am quite familiar with his love and dedication to Alexandria and all of its citizens. The concept of community service is extremely important to him — the article touched on just a few of the activities he has undertaken since becoming a private citizen. His outstanding accomplishments, including developing and implementing new and innovative solutions to keep our city safe, coupled with his ability to lead, make him an asset to any community. Alexandria is a better place due to both his previous and continuing contributions.

Shari Simmans, Alexandria

FROM PAGE 6

The bottom line is student achievement. Our guiding principles last year built upon our strong foundation which has begun to show positive results:

- ❖ More students are enrolled this year in AP courses than in recent years
 - ❖ College attendance for the class of 2009 was close to 90 per cent
 - ❖ Highest-ever eighth-grade Algebra I enrollments
 - ❖ Individual Achievement Plans have been developed for students at-risk in mathematics
 - ❖ Drop out rates are going down
- Our budget challenges this year are many:

- ❖ Student enrollment: up
 - ❖ State revenue: down
 - ❖ City funding allocation: no change in three years
 - ❖ Result: thousands of dollars less to spend on each student
 - ❖ Once again, we will be strategic in our use of existing resources. We have outstanding teachers, wonderful students, tremendous community support, and the opportunities of a brand new year.
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OBITUARY

Daniel Keenan Macklin

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travel, tennis, most other sports, and politics.

Survivors include his wife Nancy, children Dr. Daniel Macklin and his wife Karen, Kelly Macklin and her husband John delRe, Katie Macklin and her partner Marc Shapiro, Jeff Macklin and his wife Leslie Edwards, Sally Macklin, and Amy Macklin and her husband Erik Speakman, grandchildren Leyland delRe, John Daniel delRe, Blake Macklin, Sarah Macklin, Keenan Macklin, Annika Speakman, and

Alexander Speakman, and sister-in-law Sarah "Sally" Wells. Dan's parents and brothers, Jack and Crofford, predeceased him.

Dan died peacefully in his sleep at Goodwin House in Alexandria on Monday, Dec. 28, 2009. A memorial service will take place at Grace Episcopal Church on Jan. 26. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dan may be sent to Grace Episcopal Church or Carpenter's Shelter, both in Alexandria.

Mark L. Tingen

Mark Lawrence Tingen, 62, of Warrenton, former longtime resident of Alexandria, died at home on Dec. 27, 2009. He was born in Washington, D.C. on July 9, 1947, a son of Herman G. and Katherine June Tingen. Mr. Tingen worked for the Navy Federal Credit Union in Vienna for 28 years where he was a mail clerk.

His parents and a brother, Linnie Dwight Tingen, preceded him in death. He is survived by nephews and nieces; Michael A. Tingen of New Jersey, Terri L. Murray of

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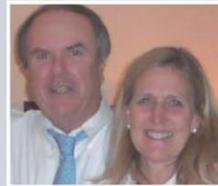
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3724 HAMPTON COURT
Alexandria - \$309,000
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! Move
right into this turn key home!
Remodeled by a builder, this 3 lvl
TH features 2 generously sized
bedrooms, 1.5 upgraded BA. The
gourmet kit boasts granite & SSA,
slider to private yd, new cabinets
& more! Fab low lvl
offers sep laundry rm,
rec rm/3rd BR. Hurry to
this one!

Kim Muffler 703.282.7739



2130, 2128 & 2126
SOAKLAND STREET
Alexandria
\$459,900 - \$469,900
• New brick TH
• 3BR, 2.55 BA
• 1850 sq ft
• Hardwood thru-out
• Open floorplan
• Decks off kit or LR
• Rec room w/frpl
• Drenched in sunlight
• 1 car garage + driveway
• 2128 Under Contract

BRAND NEW
TOWNHOUSES!



Martine Imer 703.346.7283

BACK ON
THE MARKET!

2114
N EARLY STREET
Alexandria
\$539,000
• BRAND NEW Basement
• Recessed lighting
• 3rd Full BA
• 4th BR (legal)
• Sep Laundry + Storage
• plus 3BR and 2BA
• Hardwood thru-out
• Renovated Kit
• LR w/frpl
• Large fenced yard



9316
Allwood Drive
\$540,000
Stunning!
Home features bright,
open floor plan with
soaring cathedral
ceilings in the main
living area. This
fabulous property has
been substantially updated and is in absolutely impeccable
condition. Gleaming hardwood floors, track lighting, finished
lower level, garage and much more. Gorgeous setting on half acre
tract fronting a quiet street in the heart of Mount Vernon.

Home features bright, open floor plan with soaring cathedral ceilings in the main living area. This fabulous property has been substantially updated and is in absolutely impeccable condition. Gleaming hardwood floors, track lighting, finished lower level, garage and much more. Gorgeous setting on half acre tract fronting a quiet street in the heart of Mount Vernon.



3906
Rive Drive
\$998,500
Stunning Property!
The most spectacular
property you will ever
find has been completely
updated with breathtak-
ing results! Bright &
open floor plan, 3 fin lvls

including full w/o LL, 4/5BR, 3.5BA, updated gourmet kitchen, stunning MBR suite and custom river view screened porch house with deck. Expansive glass window walls capture river views and natural beauty of almost full acre site.



4401
Jackson Place
\$475,000
Special Value!
Spacious brick home on
gorgeous half acre lot
with open floor plan,
hardwood floors, family
room with fireplace,
covered parking and
extra driveway space. Fabulous
custom deck overlooks
magnificent level grounds. Rare opportunity to find a well
maintained Mount Vernon home for under \$500,000!

Spacious brick home on gorgeous half acre lot with open floor plan, hardwood floors, family room with fireplace, covered parking and extra driveway space. Fabulous custom deck overlooks magnificent level grounds. Rare opportunity to find a well maintained Mount Vernon home for under \$500,000!



828 SLATERS LA
#104 Alexandria
\$699,000
**MAJOR PRICE
REDUCTION!**
Spectacular Condo!
1890sqft!! 3BR, 2.5BA,
2 Master suites,
gourmet kit, 9' ceilings,

Gas fireplace, Plantation shutters & hardwoods thru-out, handicap accessible + 2 inside parking spaces. City views from rooftop. Shops & rests.

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Shane Canny 703.346.2067



7330 STREAM WAY
Springfield - \$319,000
START THE NEW YEAR . . . in
this bright & spacious 3BR, 2.5BA,
3LVL TH convenient to METRO,
malls & major roadways! All new
baths, new carpet & flooring,
newer roof, windows, paint
landscaping, HVAC & more! Fin.
w-out bsmt w/plumbing
for future BA! Fenced,
private yd & lovely
upper deck. Come See!

Kim Muffler 703.282.7739



116 ROBERTS LANE
#301
Alexandria
\$330,000
ALEXANDRIA'S BEST
KEPT SECRET! The
location and space you
need, the updated
kitchen you want.

2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, granite counter-tops, stainless steel appliances. Come check out this move-in ready unit.

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Mindy Brubaker 571.242.9913



1208
Tatam 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.

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.



4816
Stillwell Avenue
\$525,000
Renovated!
Unique opportunity!
Exceptionally large 5/6
BR home is located in a
gorgeous setting on a 1/2
acre lot bordering acres
of county parkland,
Bright and open floor
plan, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen, luxury baths. 4BRs upstairs
including stunning master suite and oversize side load garage.
Prime location on rare almost half acre 'in-town' lot. Pre-
construction special allows maximum customization!

Renovated throughout, it features an updated kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, finished lower level, in-law suite and large deck. A recently remodeled home of this size in a premier setting creates a truly one of a kind value!



5205
Polk Avenue
\$999,000
Brand New Home!
Top quality luxury home
in prime west end
Alexandria City location
for under \$1,000,000!
Bright and open floor
plan, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen, luxury baths. 4BRs upstairs
including stunning master suite and oversize side load garage.
Prime location on rare almost half acre 'in-town' lot. Pre-
construction special allows maximum customization!

Top quality luxury home in prime west end Alexandria City location for under \$1,000,000! Bright and open floor plan, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen, luxury baths. 4BRs upstairs including stunning master suite and oversize side load garage. Prime location on rare almost half acre 'in-town' lot. Pre-construction special allows maximum customization!



540 SECOND ST
#403
Old Town
\$605,000
**MAJOR PRICE
REDUCTION** of a chic
high end condo built in
2006. This 1,485 sq ft,
2BR, 2.5BA home boasts
a large open
Chef's kitchen, granite, stainless steel appliances,
double sided gas fireplace, hardwoods, plantation
shutters, closets galore & 2 garage spaces.

Chef's kitchen, granite, stainless steel appliances, double sided gas fireplace, hardwoods, plantation shutters, closets galore & 2 garage spaces.

Sharon Edwards 703.408.8144



RIVER TOWERS
6621 Wakefield St
#317 - \$242,500
LIKE NEW CONDO
updated, immaculate
2BR/1.5BA - newly refin
wood flrs, freshly
painted, updated kit,
baths - appliances &
convector.

replaced - great amenities incl pool, tennis, clubrm, basketball, garden plots & picnic areas - deli, convenience store - condo fee include utilities.

Franki Roberts 703.898.0840



1915 QUAKER LA
ParkFairfax
\$299,900
OPEN SUNDAY
1pm to 4pm
End unit Madison
(2 level / 2 Bedroom)
with brand new Maytag
washer / dryer upstairs. Freshly painted throughout
and newly refinished floors.

End unit Madison (2 level / 2 Bedroom) with brand new Maytag washer / dryer upstairs. Freshly painted throughout and newly refinished floors.

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

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



3102
Waterside Lane
\$798,500
Waterfront Value!
Updated and expanded
home on gorgeous
elevated grounds
overlooks Little
Hunting Creek! Private
dock, custom glass
walled family room, updated kitchen with granite, stainless &
custom cabinets, hardwood floors, two car garage and much
more! Unique opportunity - do not miss out!

Updated and expanded home on gorgeous elevated grounds overlooks Little Hunting Creek! Private dock, custom glass walled family room, updated kitchen with granite, stainless & custom cabinets, hardwood floors, two car garage and much more! Unique opportunity - do not miss out!



3706 Riverwood Ct
4821 Stillwell Ave
1810 Hollindale Dr



**302 SOUTH
SAINT
ASAPH STREET**
\$1,495,000
Circa 1700 - Old
World charm, history
and craftsmanship are
immediately evident.
Totally renovated TH
w/soaring ceilings, hardwoods, graceful
arches, mouldings, 4 fireplaces, drenched
in natural light. Partially finished
basement. Fenced rear yard with patio.
3Lvl, 3BR, 3.5BA.

Circa 1700 - Old World charm, history and craftsmanship are immediately evident. Totally renovated TH w/soaring ceilings, hardwoods, graceful arches, mouldings, 4 fireplaces, drenched in natural light. Partially finished basement. Fenced rear yard with patio. 3Lvl, 3BR, 3.5BA.



**1201 & 1217
MADISON ST**
\$559,000 -
\$549,000
Rarely available THs
just 1 block from the
Braddock METRO &
mins to Old Town.
1880 & 1706 sqft
respectively w/top-of-line fixtures, also
incl: 2 master suites, powder rm, eat-in
kit, sep DR/LR, wood floors, fireplaces &
1 car garage. One unit has an outdoor patio.

Rarely available THs just 1 block from the Braddock METRO & mins to Old Town. 1880 & 1706 sqft respectively w/top-of-line fixtures, also incl: 2 master suites, powder rm, eat-in kit, sep DR/LR, wood floors, fireplaces & 1 car garage. One unit has an outdoor patio.

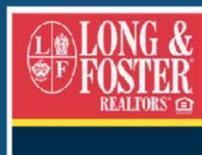
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**510 NORTH
COLUMBUS
STREET**
\$1,099,000
Circa 1820 - an excep-
tional renovation.
Every room has the
finest materials and
finishes avail. incl:
elevator, lavish BAs, chef's kit,
Brazilian hwd, patio, deck, in-
law suite & energy efficient.
3Lvl, 3BR, 3.5BA

Circa 1820 - an exceptional renovation. Every room has the finest materials and finishes avail. incl: elevator, lavish BAs, chef's kit, Brazilian hwd, patio, deck, in-law suite & energy efficient. 3Lvl, 3BR, 3.5BA

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ARTS ♦ ENTERTAINMENT ♦ LEISURE

Schoolchildren Honor Dr. King's Legacy With Poster Contest

Alexandria schoolchildren are celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., again this year by taking part in a citywide poster contest. Winners of the 20th annual juried competition and exhibition will be honored at an awards program on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 18, from 1-3 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, and City Councilwoman Alicia Hughes will deliver the keynote speech. This event is free.

The contest and exhibition are sponsored by the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage (ASPBH) and the Alexandria Black History Museum. The posters represent students' interpretation of this year's King Holiday theme, "Continuing to Keep the Dream Alive." The artwork of all finalists will be on display in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall through Sunday, Feb. 28.

The contest serves as a means of recognizing the life and accomplishments of Dr. King while encouraging the students to express their artistic talents. The ASPBH designed the competition to provide an opportunity for children of all cultures to express their understanding of the late civil rights leader.

Student submissions are judged in two phases, beginning with the individual elementary schools. Three finalists from each grade (first through fifth) from each school are selected and sent on for further consideration. In the second phase, a panel of ASPBH representatives evaluates the artwork within grade levels but across the city, so students are competing against their peers from all city elementary schools. First-, second- and third-place winners for each grade level will be selected. Winners will be announced and will receive their prizes at the Jan. 18 ceremony.

Under the leadership of chairman Carlton A. Funn, Sr., the ASPBH hosts programs and exhibitions presented by the Alexandria Black History Museum while providing yearly funds to help promote educational programs at the museum. The Alexandria Black History Museum, located at 902 Wythe Street, is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 703-838-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

The Women of Folk Music

Friday, Jan. 22 and Saturday, Jan. 23 at The Birchmere.

This year, the 24th Annual World Folk Music Association Benefit Concert Weekend returns to The Birchmere in Alexandria for two big nights of music on Friday, Jan. 22 and Saturday, Jan. 23. Each night will feature top women performers of today's Folk music scene. These Women of Folk Music will amaze, transport, and delight you with their angelic voices and pure talent.

The performers scheduled to appear include: Herdman, Hills & Mangsen, SONiA & disappear fear, Catie Curtis, The Niels, Maura Kennedy, Aoife Clancy (pronounced "Eefa"), Hot Soup!, Lisa Taylor, Doris Justis, Carolyn Hester, and Lea, with additional performers to be announced.

Tickets for reserved seating on Saturday include a desert and coffee reception with the performers following the show, at the Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City Hotel, 2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington.



Maura Kennedy

7:30 p.m. on Friday, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria
Ticket prices: from \$44.50 to \$134
Visit www.wfma.net or call 866-412-5943

Alexandria Restaurant Week Is Jan. 15-24

More than 50 dining establishments will be showcasing their culinary expertise during the second-annual Alexandria Restaurant Week, Jan. 15-24.

For 10 days throughout the City of Alexandria, diners can sample \$35 pre-fixe three-course dinners, or \$35 dinners for two, or \$3.50 sweet treats at participating restaurants.

This 10-day gourmet and gourmand event enables residents and visitors to enjoy tantalizing multi-course meals and distinctive treats prepared especially for the occasion showcasing the culinary diversity offered throughout the city.

For event details and online reservations, go to www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com or call 703-746-3301.

\$35 3-COURSE, PRIX FIXE DINNER

219 Restaurant
A La Lucia (+)
Bastille (+)
Bilbo Baggins
Cafe Salsa
Chart House
Columbia Firehouse
DC Metro Food Tours
Del Merei Grille (+)
Finn & Porter (+)
Fish Market
Geranio (+)
Grape + Bean wine bar
Hank's Oyster Bar
Jackson 20
Joe Theismann's Restaurant
La Bergerie (+)
La Strada (+)
La Tasca (+)

Laporta's Restaurant (+)
Daniel O'Connell's Restaurant
Raw Silk, Indian Restaurant & Lounge
RT's Restaurant
Seagar's Restaurant (+)
Tempo Restaurant (+)
The Carlyle Club (+)
The Jamieson Grille
The Warehouse Bar & Grill
The Wharf
Union Street Public House

\$35 DINNER FOR TWO

Austin Grill
Bombay Curry Company
Bugsy's Pizza Restaurant & Sports Bar
Chadwicks Old
TownCheesetique
Dishes of India (+)

Duke's Bar & Grill
FireFlies Bar & Restaurant
Fontaine Caffe & Creperie
King Street Blues (+)Mango Mike's (+)
Monroe's, An American Trattoria
Murphy's Irish Pub
Overwood (+)
Ramparts (+)
Sapore Italian Ristorante
Thailand on Royal Street
Villa Di'Este

\$3.50 SWEET TREAT

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Bittersweet Catering
Price does not include tax and gratuity. All prices are subject to change.
(+) Indicates online reservations offered

Food History Symposium Is Jan. 23

The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is hosting a daylong symposium exploring early American food production and consumption. "Food For Thought: A Food History Symposium" will take place from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. The series of lectures will examine public markets, pottery vessels, bakeries, chocolate, and African-American foodways, with an emphasis on Alexandria and the Chesapeake region.

The registration fee is \$50. Advance registration is encouraged and can be done online at www.alexandriahistory.org or by calling 703-838-4994. Those wishing to register the same day should arrive no later than 8:45 a.m. Participants will have a break for lunch on their own.

The schedule of lectures follows:

9:15 a.m. – "Public Markets and Civic Culture in Nineteenth-Century America" by Helen Tangires, administrator of the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts at the National Gallery of Art in Washington. Tangires, who holds a Ph.D. in American

studies from The George Washington University, is the author of *Public Markets and Civic Culture in Nineteenth-Century America* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003) and *Public Markets* (W.W. Norton, 2008).

10:15 a.m. – "Chocolate – The Indian Drink, 1500-1700" by Marcy Norton, an associate professor of history at The George Washington University. Norton, who holds a Ph.D. in history from U.C. Berkeley, is the author of *Sacred Gifts, Profane Pleasures: A History of Tobacco and Chocolate in the Atlantic World* (Cornell University Press, 2008).

11:30 a.m. – "Pottery for Alexandria Kitchens" by Barbara Magid, Assistant City Archaeologist for the City of Alexandria and the top authority on Alexandria pottery. Magid, who holds an M.Phil. in archaeology from Cambridge University, is the author of several studies of Alexandria pottery, including five articles in *Ceramics in America* (Chipstone).

2 p.m. – "African-Virginian Foodways in Alexandria and the Potomac Region" by Michael Twitty, a leading expert on African-American foodways. Twitty, a culinary historian who is completing his undergraduate degree in African-American studies and anthropology at Howard University, is the proprietor of *Afrofoodways.com* and the author of *Fighting Old Nep: The Foodways of Enslaved Afro-Marylanders 1634-1864* (Michael Twitty, 2006).

3 p.m. – "Everyone Can Afford a Cracker: The Rise and Fall of George Hill's Alexandria Bakery" by Elaine Hawes, an independent researcher with an M.A. in American studies from the University of Delaware. Hawes has worked for a variety of art and historical agencies and lectures widely on American material culture, with a concentration on the material culture and related commercial development of Alexandria.



For more information, visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-838-4994.

FINE ARTS

JAN. 3-31

Studio In-Sight.

Reception is Jan. 10 from 2-4 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub in Del Ray. For Studio In-Sight, which is based in Bethesda and serves artists with severe chronic disabilities. Call 301-493-4200 ext. 160.



JAN. 7-FEB. 1

"Timbuktu."

Kathleen Stafford's Solo Artist Exhibit at The Art League Gallery. Opening Reception on Thursday, Jan. 14, 6:30 - 8 p.m.; Printmaking demo on Saturday, Jan. 23, 1 - 3 p.m.

Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4827 or www.thedelrayartisans.org.

"Spirits in a Bottle" —

Through Jan. 9 Barbara Hardaway's exhibition, "Spirits in a Bottle: Decorative Expressions of an Ancient African Tradition," has been extended through Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Alexandria Black History Museum. The exhibition is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The

suggested admission is \$2. The Alexandria Black History Museum is located at 902 Wythe Street in the Parker-Gray Historic District. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-838-4356.

JAN. 4-31

Ceramic Artistry.

With clay artists from Washington's Ceramic Guild showing their wares. At Scope Gallery, Studio 19, 101 North Union Street, Alexandria. Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays until 9 p.m. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

JAN. 5 TO FEB. 20

"White Ice." At the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. Artists interpret in fiber the cool, clear, sparkly, sheer, and smooth nature of Ice. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. Located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street in Old Town Alexandria. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except on Thursdays when it is open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free.

JAN. 8 TO JAN. 24

New Work for a New Year. The Del Ray Artisans' (DRA) January show for 2010. This exhibit provides local artists a platform to show recent work that has not been previously exhibited. The show will open on with a reception on Friday, Jan. 8 from 7 - 9:30 p.m., and close Sunday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. Admission is free. At the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mt. Vernon

NOW THROUGH JAN. 10

Pandora's Box Exhibition. Pandora's Box is an exhibition that had artists create a visual interpretation of the Greek Myth and express how it relates to modern times. At The Torpedo Factory Art Center on the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria at 105 North Union Street; call 703-838-4565, ext. 4; Visit www.torpedofactory.org

JAN. 13 TO FEB. 5

East to West Landscapes. Works by Mary Anne Warner in the Tyler Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus. Opening Reception is Thursday, Jan. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. Tyler Gallery is located at 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6239.

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

Second Thursday Art Night: Snowy Winter Nights. 6-9 p.m. Free. Walk through an artistic wonderland of open studios and artist-made snowflakes at this free event. At the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Go to www.torpedofactory.org; or call 703-838-4565.

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Riding Workshop lottery forms due January 8, 2010.

Visit www.madeira.org/on_campus/summer.aspx for all the details.



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CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

ONGOING

Ms. Senior Virginia America is searching for candidates statewide for this year's May Pageant, which will be held in Alexandria. The current Ms. Senior Virginia America, Maureen Ribble, will end her reign in May. The Pageant showcases women age 60-plus who live in Virginia and are U.S. citizens. For details, call 703-978-3663.

Tea Dances. 1-3:15 p.m. on Fridays. Group class from 1-1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Latin and Swing music. \$11/person. At the Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, 2nd Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS

Storytelling Sessions. 2 p.m. Children enter a world of fantasy and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during Mount Vernon's storytelling session, "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon," at Historic Mount Vernon in the Hands-On History Room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center. "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; youth ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

THURSDAY/JAN. 7

Civil War Dance Classes. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. In preparation for the Civil War Ball on Jan. 23. Learn the waltz, polka, Virginia reel and more from an expert dance master. \$12 per class; Reservations recommended. 703-838-4242 or www.gadsbystavern.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 8

Ballroom Dancing for Couples. 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The second Friday of each month. Enjoy waltz, fox trot, cha cha, swing and more to live music on large wooden dance floor in Mount Vernon area; cost is \$15/person. Private club; reservations required www.fridaynightersdancingclub.com.

JAN. 8, 9

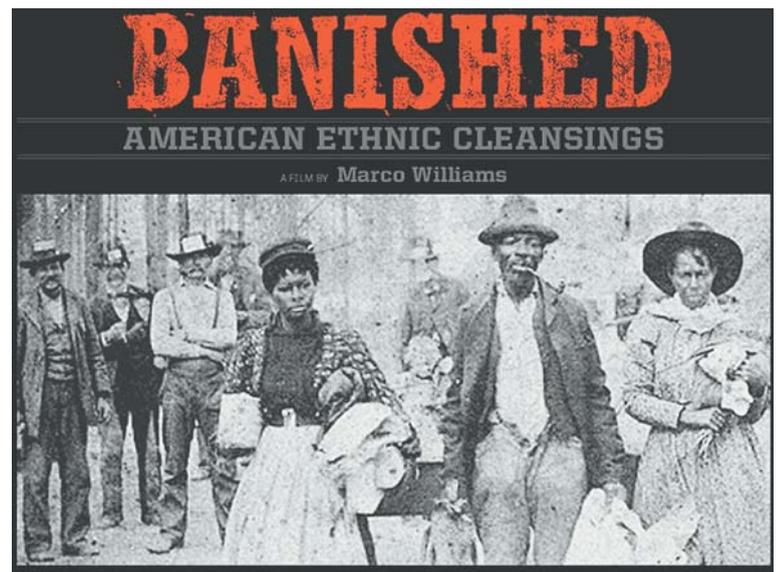
One-Act Play Festival. Friday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 9 at 2 and 7 p.m. The performance on Saturday night will be judged. At T.C. Williams High School, in the Blackbox Theatre across from the auditorium.

SATURDAY/JAN. 9

Rockin' in a Winter Wonderland. 10-11 a.m. Featuring Rocknoceros and benefitting the St. Clement Episcopal Day School in Alexandria. Cost is \$10/advance; \$12/door. At Grace Episcopal Day School Auditorium, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. For tickets, go to http://preschool.fufa.net.

Women's Handyman Classes. 10 a.m. to noon. Basic electrical, plumbing and handyman classes for interested women hoping to learn about everything from hanging a ceiling fan, repairing a leaky faucet, installing a door knob or replacing ceramic tiles. At Michael and Son headquarters building, 5730 General Washington Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.michaelandson.com.

Birding for Beginners. 8-10:30 a.m. The program for adults will start with a discussion about field guides and optics. A walk will follow to look for and identify resident birds. It is the perfect introduction to a hobby that



SATURDAY/JAN. 9

"Banished" Film Screening. 4:30-6:30 p.m. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. How did three U.S. towns make African Americans disappear? Filmmaker Marco Williams visits some of the whitest counties in the country to confront the legacy of "banishment" — a wave of racial purging that tore through the South 100 years ago. The wounds of history are opened as Williams sits down with KKK leaders, white residents of these all-white communities, as well as descendants of the banished alike. Free! 703-838-4356 or www.alexblackhistory.org.

may last a lifetime. Reservations are required. The charge is \$6 per person. Call 703-768-2525 to reserve. At Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria.

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

Vesper Organ Concert. 6 p.m. With Jane Bourdow, Choir/Music Director of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. The concert will feature music of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, by J. S. Bach, Dieterich Buxtehude, Paul Manz, Gerald Near, Craig Phillips, and Max Reger, on 2009 a Di Gennaro-Hart pipe organ. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-1980 or e-mail music.director@gracealex.org.

Hungry for Music Concert. 7 p.m. Four folk/Americana duos perform. Starring Siobhan Quinn and Michael Bowers; BumpKin Pie with Michael Dunkley and Suzanne Ives; Lisa Taylor and Dana Connor; and The Sweater Set. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. Contact Kay Coyte at kay@focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061

MONDAY/JAN. 11

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TUESDAY/JAN. 12

Rehearsals for NOVA Community Chorus. No audition is required. Join by registering for this one-credit class at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus. Rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, at NVCC Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beaugard. Contact Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director, at 703-845-6097 or e-mail: mwhitmire@nvcc.edu

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 13

Ladies Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$17. Sponsored by the Springfield/Alexandria Women's Connection. At the Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill

Road, Springfield. For reservations, call 703-569-4670 or 703-590-6562.

All About Dogs. 7:30 p.m. Friends of Duncan Library are hosting Robin Bennett, author of All About Dog Daycare: A Blueprint for Success and Off-Leash Dog Play. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4566 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

Second Thursday Art Night: Snowy Winter Nights. 6-9 p.m. Free. Walk through an artistic wonderland of open studios and artist-made snowflakes at this free event. Enjoy fun activities for the whole family with opening receptions in Target Gallery and The Art League Gallery and a kids' scavenger hunt. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Go to www.torpedofactory.org; or call 703-838-4565.

JAN. 14, 15, 16

Used Book Sale. At the Alexandria Library, Barrett Branch. Hours are Thursday, 4-9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4555.

JAN. 15-24

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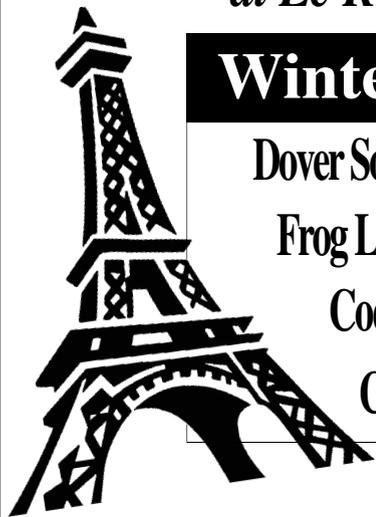
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TUESDAY/JAN. 19

Winter Concert. Works by Philip Glass with Dana Tae Soon Burgess Dance Co. Schönberg "Verklärte Nacht". At Episcopal High School, in Pendleton Hall in the Ainslie Arts Center, 1200 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-933-4135.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 20

Square Dance Lessons. 7:30-9:30 p.m. With the Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council. At Lincolnia Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. Contact Nancy at 703-573-8378.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Civil War Ball. 8-11 p.m. In Gadsby's Tavern ballroom. \$45/advance; \$50/door. Period attire, either civilian or military, is encouraged. In preparation for the Ball, dance classes will be offered at Gadsby's Tavern Museum from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21. Learn the waltz, polka, Virginia Reel and more. Cost is \$12/each of \$30 for the series. Call 703-838-4242. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

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Football Creates Excitement To Start 2009-10 Season

Titans boys basketball looking for team effort, girls searching for consistency.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE PACKET

A pair of narrow, nail-biting victories put the T.C. Williams football team in position to secure its first playoff berth since 1990. With a chance to end a 18-year drought, it was fitting the Titans waited until the final moments of their regular season finale to make their move.

After falling behind 20-0 to Robert E. Lee on Nov. 7, T.C. Williams scored 13 straight points and had the ball with a chance to tie or take the lead with less than four minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. But the Titans' drive stalled and their season ended with a 27-13 loss.

While T.C. Williams fell short of postseason competition, the excitement the Titans generated made the 2009 season memorable. The once-dominant program won five games for the first time since 1996 and fell one win shy of its first winning season since 1995 — the Titans' only winning season in 19 years. Starting quarterback Joe Hargrove returned to play in the season's final three games after suffering a fractured non-throwing (right) wrist in a preseason scrimmage.

The T.C. Williams program won state championships in 1971 and

1987, and was made famous by the 2000 Disney movie "Remember the Titans." During the 2009 season, the Titans wanted to make their own history. What they did was give hope to future Titan teams and open T.C. Williams' 2009-10 athletic season in dramatic fashion.

T.C. Williams

What happened in the fall: The football team won five games, including a Sept. 17 upset of Oakton, considered one of the top teams in the Washington D.C.-metro area at the time. Oakton appeared on its way to a victory when T.C. Williams linebacker Damien Benton forced a fumble and fellow Titan Chelo Abbe picked up the loose ball and scampered 50 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. T.C. Williams added a two-point conversion and won 15-9.

Hargrove set the single-game school record for passing yards with 297 on Oct. 24 during a 38-37 victory over West Potomac. Hargrove also tied the single-game school mark for touchdown passes with four.

Benton was a defensive presence for the Titans. Cortez Taylor was a threat to score every time he touched the ball and lineman Jay Whitmire was a force on each side of the ball.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET

Robert Carter, with ball, and the T.C. Williams football team fell one win short of the playoffs in 2009. The Titans have not been to the playoffs since 1990.

The Titans also beat Mount Vernon (33-0), Annandale (31-7) and South County (17-10).

The volleyball team finished 8-10 and lost to West Springfield, 3-0, in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament. The highlight of the Titans' season came when they defeated Episcopal for the city championship on Oct. 10. Led by senior Miranda Branch's 20 kills, the Titans defeated the Maroon, 3-2. Episcopal had swiped momentum from T.C. Williams, winning sets three and

four after falling behind 2-0. The Maroon led 9-5 in set five when Branch took over and carried the Titans to victory.

Middle blocker Kate Whitmire emerged as a force at the net during her freshman season and should be one of T.C. Williams' top players for years to come.

The field hockey team finished 9-10, losing in the opening round of the regional tournament. The Titans defeated West Potomac in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament.

What's next: The boys basketball team looks to continue its Patriot District winning streak. The Titans have not lost a district game since the 2004-05 season.

The Titans dropped their 2009-10 season opener to Hayfield on Dec. 8 but rebounded with a pair of victories. The team is led by the senior duo of Ryan Yates and Billy Rowland, but head coach Julian King said he wants to establish a deep team with many contributors.

T.C. Williams returns to district play at 7:45 p.m. Jan. 8 against Lake Braddock.

The girls basketball team, which lost four of its first six games, looks to bounce back. The Titans are trying to develop consistency during their first season after the graduation of all-American Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, who now plays for the University of North Carolina. Junior forward Jasmine Norman is the team's top scorer and rebounder. Rainie Summa is the Titans' top perimeter threat.

T.C. Williams, which dropped its first two Patriot District games, returns to district play at 7:45 p.m. Jan. 8 at Lake Braddock.

Bishop Ireton

What happened in the fall: The boys cross country team won the team title at the Virginia State Catholic Championship on Oct. 27 in Newport News, edging Peninsula Catholic. It was the boys' first team state championship since 1986. Ireton junior Michael Andersen won the individual title. The Cardinals girls finished second.

"Oct. 27, 2009, was truly a historical day for the Bishop Ireton cross country team," head coach Brad Byrnes said in an e-mail. "Our performance as a team down in Newport News was a reflection of how far we've come as a program over the past few years. Everybody ran a great race and I'm proud to coach this talented group of student-athletes."

The football team finished 7-3, including a 19-7 win over St. Stephen's/St. Agnes on Sept. 26. The Cardinals won four of their first five games, three of their final four and averaged 24.8 points per contest for the season.

Quarterback Michael Larrabee and running back Doug Vines were the team's top offensive threats. Larrabee completed 67 of 128 pass attempts for 613 yards and one touchdown. He also rushed 56

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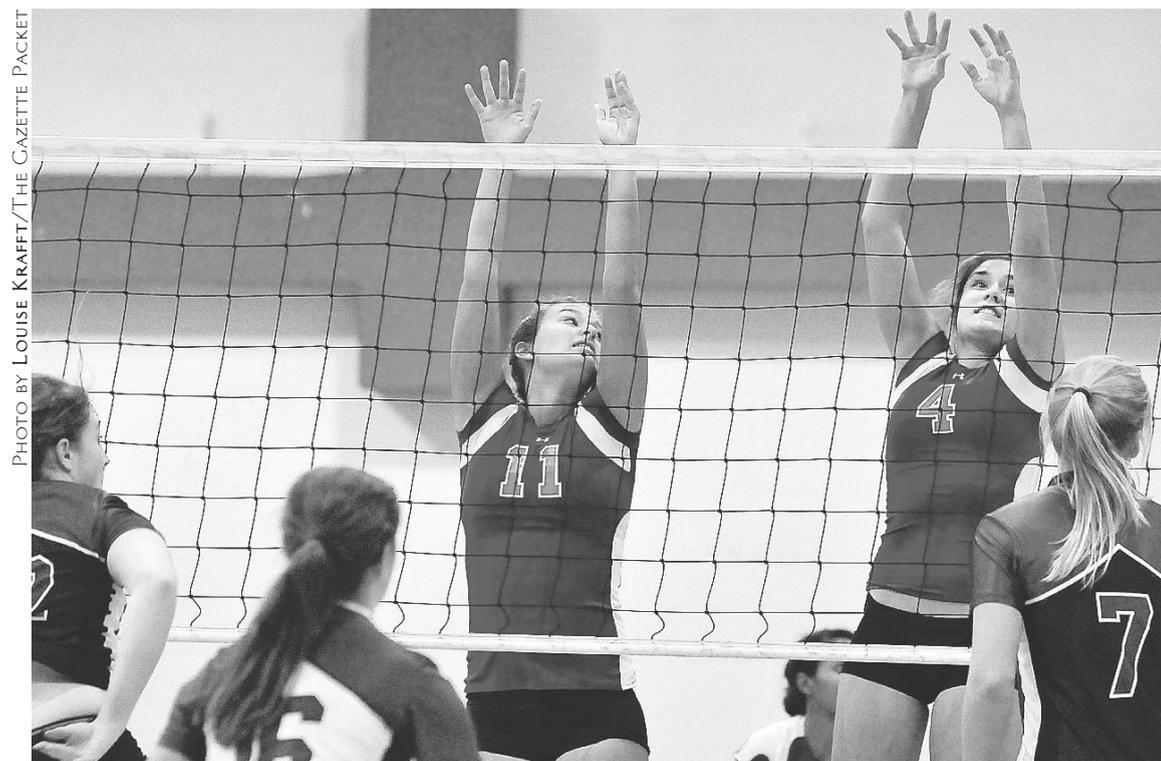


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Senior Nicole Burdett, left, and junior Natalie Brown helped T.C. Williams win the Alexandria City Volleyball Tournament in October.

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times for 301 yards and three scores. Vines led the team in rush attempts (120), rushing yards (622), rushing touchdowns (7), receptions (26) and receiving touchdowns (2). He finished with 206 receiving yards.

The volleyball team finished 10-13, losing to Paul VI in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference quarterfinals. Led by 12 kills from Lauren Monroe, the Cardinals defeated St. Stephen's/St. Agnes in the consolation match of the Alexandria City Volleyball Tournament.

The boys soccer team finished 5-14-2 under first-year coach Jon Norem, falling to O'Connell in the WCAC tournament.

What's next: The boys basketball team, which started 4-3, looks to improve under first-year coach Neil Berkman. The Cardinals defeated Georgetown Prep (54-51), Don Bosco Cristo Rey (68-30), St. Stephen's/St. Agnes (81-66) and Glenelg Country (75-52).

The Cardinals won three WCAC games in the previous three seasons. Berkman is trying to change the culture surrounding the Ireton program, which includes winning games in its uber-competitive conference. The Cardinals lost their conference opener to national power DeMatha, 84-50, on Dec. 15, giving Ireton a glimpse of what it takes to be one of the best teams in the country.

The Cardinals travel to take on St. John's at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8.

The hockey team looks to continue its winning ways after a 3-0 start. Robert Chastain has been solid in net for the Cardinals, while Dillon Roach is one of the team's top scoring threats.

St. Stephen's/ St. Agnes

What happened in the fall: The field hockey team finished 16-5-2, losing to St. Catherine's, 1-0, in the state semifinal on Nov. 13.

The football team started 5-1 but lost its last three games to finish 5-4. The volleyball team finished 2-13, beating Stone Ridge and Holton-Arms. The girls soccer team was 8-8-1, losing to Bullis in the ISL semifinal.

What's next: The boys basketball team, which started the season 4-3, travels to take on Georgetown Prep at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8. Saints coach Kevin McLinton said he was looking for consistent effort from his team after a Dec. 9 loss to Bishop Ireton.

The wrestling team, which started 2-2, is led by Tyler Haley, Doc Jacobsen, Erik Romanin and Kyle Swenson.

Episcopal

What happened in the fall: The boys soccer team won the Virginia Independent School state championship, finishing with a 19-0-3 record. The team finished ranked No. 3 in the nation, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The Maroon has a 45-game undefeated streak after last season's 23-0 record.

The football team rebounded from a 1-4 start to finish 4-5. Three of the team's five losses were decided by seven points or less. The Maroon defeated St. Stephen's/St. Agnes 14-12 on Oct. 31.

The boys cross country team finished second at the state meet and the girls finished third. The volleyball team finished 12-7, losing in the state tournament. The Maroon finished second in the City of Alexandria Volleyball Tournament. The field hockey team finished 12-7, losing in the state tournament. The girls soccer team finished 2-8-2.

What's next: The boys basketball team, which won four of its first five games, looks to improve. The Maroon hosts Woodberry Forest at 5 p.m. Jan. 9. The boys squash team looks to remain undefeated (2-0) when it travels to face St. Andrew's (DE) at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 8. The girls squash team (0-2) looks for its first win when it travels to face the Bryn Mawr School at 4 p.m. Jan. 8.

SPORTS BRIEF

Rowland, Yates Lead TC Boys

Billy Rowland scored 28 points and Ryan Yates added 23 as the T.C. Williams boys basketball team defeated Riverdale Baptist 71-55 on Tuesday at The Garden. The win improved the Titans' record to 4-1. T.C. Williams also defeated Bishop McNamara 56-55 on Dec. 30.

The Titans host Patriot District opponent Lake Braddock at 7:45 p.m. Friday.

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Seminary Valley

Each neighborhood column will have its own take on the enormous snowfall ... suffice it to say that Seminary Valley was not spared ... and each household seemed to deal with it in its own way. Probably the most effort was expended by the Chamberlain family of Richenbacher Street ... Rob and his children Caroline, Maggie and Grant spent Friday and Saturday night out in a tent in the back yard, and they also constructed a partial snow cave! We were able to make it to one holiday party on Latham Street by foot, and it was good to catch up with neighbors before we all headed off for various destinations for the holidays. Husband Pat reported that Holmes Run Park looked beautiful as he headed to CVS for various sundries; local snowshoe-ers and cross-country

skiers were out and about too. Katie Sargeant of Pryor Street was delighted with the "mystery carolers" who serenaded her family on Saturday ... the gentleman even had an accordion! That's the Seminary Valley Spirit.

If you are looking for a new volunteer opportunity for 2010, look no further than Polk Elementary School. Beth Sanderson and Andrea Leidolf are coordinating a reading intervention program for ACPS called Book Buddies. The program uses all community volunteers. Beth and Andrea write individual lesson plans each week based on the students' developmental level. Students' folders contain leveled books, games, word and picture sorts, etc. Book Buddies is a research based program and was so successful last year that ACPS has expanded it to nine elementary schools. The program is in great need for tutors at

Polk; ideally, the tutor comes twice a week and works with a student for 30 minutes each time. If you can help, contact Ms. Leidolf at andrea_leidolf@comcast.net.

Seminary Valley residents just can't seem to get far enough away! Patrick and I just returned from Sao Paulo, where the 75 degree days now seem like a dream ... Ann Principato is glad to have son Brian back from his six-month internship in Dubai, working for an international advertising agency. Ann was especially glad that Brian got to connect with another Alexandria son, Cutler Dawson, who is serving our country in the Navy and who just happened to be in Dubai. Nancy Leary, her son Bob and daughter Maggie have returned from sunny Greece and Turkey.

We hope to see crossing guard Bob Moran back at his post at Richenbacher and Pegram Streets soon. "Mr. Bobs", as the kids call him, is recovering from a bout of pneumonia. If you would like to drop Bob a card, you can send it

to 7820A Harrowgate Circle, Unit 105 Springfield, VA 22152. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Bob! Send your news and notes for 2010 to me at mamamiajones@gmail.com.

— MIA JONES

Taylor Run

CAROLING REPORT

Shooter's Hill Ecumenical Carolers, for the 42nd year, walked around on top of our hill singing Christmas carols and collecting donations for Children's Hospital on Dec. 27, the third day of Christmas.

This year the generous people who live up here set a record, donating \$1,348 to help pay the bills for children whose parents cannot.

Rachel Gibson Hunt, one of the original small carolers back in 1967, led the way this year. Dakota Kelso Hunt, 9, and Wyatt Qualiana, 12, collected the money.

Don Mela, now 87, pushed his accordion in a wheelchair.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

POTLUCK SUPPER

Chili, salade russe, Swedish meatballs in wine sauce, devilled eggs, scalloped potatoes with ham and cheese, spinach dip, and bread pudding were among the dishes shared by the carolers, while mulled cider and wine were drunk.

Moing Ratliff organized the food and drink service in her usual efficient way.

I am sorry to say that L.K. Hunt, who had fallen downstairs and banged herself up on December 19, did nothing but sit on a sofa.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Glenna Gallagher, about to graduate from the Chicago Art Institute, came to the party with her family. She hopes to go into industrial design.

Our favorite pianist, Rachel Bussey, came with her father, Rich. Unfortunately, a sore arm prevented her from playing for us. She is still studying for her master's degree in Indiana.

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Anne Audibert Brown, on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2009, Anne left the party at her Hollin Hills, Alexandria home she shared with her husband of 54 years, Phil Brown. She joined the heavenly celebration in progress and was reunited with her mother, Catherine Audibert, father Vincent Audibert, and her eight brothers and sisters formerly of Fort Kent, Maine, where she was born on March 2, 1922. Anne left behind her three children Wm. Phillips Brown, III, Stephen Vincent Brown, Cynthia Brown Czifra, and 5 adoring grand children.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 8, 2010 at 10am at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 6744 South Kings Highways, Alexandria, Virginia, after which interment will take place at Mount Comfort Cemetery, 6600 South Kings, approximately a mile away from St. Mark's Church. A reception at St. Mark's Church will follow the interment for Anne's relatives and friends. Two periods of visitation are scheduled on Friday, January 8th, 2010 at Cunningham Funeral Home, 811 Cameron Street, Alexandria, Virginia, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm.

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CASE BAR2009-0309
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 206 Duke St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Harry & Maria Hopper.

CASE BAR2009-0310
Request for approval of alterations at 731-735 N Columbus St, zoned RB Residential. APPLICANT: Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

CASE BAR2009-0311
Request for approval of alterations at 105 N Union St, zoned CD Residential. APPLICANT: Torpedo Factory Artist Association.

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) 746-4666

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENT TO PANEL OF CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEES

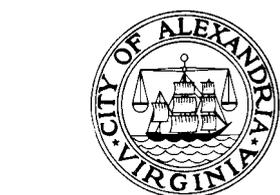
The Office of the United States Trustee is seeking resumes from persons wishing to be considered for appointment to the panel of trustees who administer cases filed under chapter 7 of the bankruptcy code. The appointment is for cases filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division. Chapter 7 trustees receive compensation and reimbursement for expenses in each case in which they serve, pursuant to court order under 11 U.S.C. 330 and 326. Please note this is not a salaried position.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2009-0293
Request for approval of new construction at 634 S Pitt St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond for George & Maria Charuhas

CASE BAR2009-0308
Request for approval of demolition/encapsula-

\$10,000 Meeting Bailout More Than Doubles

Hilton Alexandria's \$10,000 meeting bailout was transformed overnight into a \$25,000 giveaway thanks to support from the Hilton Hotels brand. In early July, the hotel announced it would give away a \$10,000 meeting to help stimulate the local Alexandria economy.

The mission was to find one company that was planning a meeting critical to stimulating future business for their company, a meeting that benefited the local Alexandria economy, or to reward an organization with deep local and national charitable roots.

Hilton Alexandria Old Town General Manager Kevin Brockway and Director of Sales and Marketing Stephanie Snapkoski were so overwhelmed with responses that they solicited help from Mayor William D. Euille, Lorraine Lloyd, vice president of sales for the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association, and representatives of the Hilton Hotels brand. The final three candidates were brought to the hotel and asked to communicate the goals of their organizations and what they hoped to achieve if they were to win a \$10,000 meeting.



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Three nonprofits benefited from a Hilton Alexandria Old Town plan to help boost the economy by providing a \$10,000 meeting giveaway. Present at the giveaway are, left to right, Kevin Brockway, general manager, the Hilton Alexandria Old Town; Teresa Alfaro, CMP | meetings manager, Volunteers of America; Stephanie Snapkoski, director of sales and marketing, Hilton Alexandria Old Town; Nicole Driebe, vice president, Strategic Direction Alexandria; Mayor William Euille, and Kieran Donahue, senior director brand marketing, Hilton Hotels.

The three candidates were: Volunteer Alexandria, an organization committed to building a better community by inspiring and mobilizing people to volunteer; Volunteers of America, a national nonprofit, spiritually-based organization providing local human service programs and the opportunity for individual and community involvement; and For Goodness Sake, Inc., a non-profit organization that produces events

to raise funds and awareness for issues affecting women and children.

Volunteers of America was selected as winner of the free meeting giveaway, but Hilton Hotels contributed an additional \$5,000 to each finalist, including Volunteers of America, to help make their meeting dreams a reality. For more information on this contest and the hotel, visit www.hiltonalexandria.com

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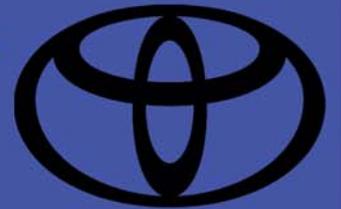
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