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Back to School: Unofficial End of Summer

Students walk into George Washington Middle School as the new school year begins.

First Day Jitters

Jefferson-Houston launches inaugural seventh grade; John Adams Elementary School opens early childhood center.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Deborah Daniel had a plan for her locker at Jefferson-Houston School. She knew she wanted to have a magnetic utility bin to stick on the inside of the door. And other magnets to hold artwork or notes. Then, of course, there was the magnetic mirror — a necessity for any student wind-

ing down her first day of seventh grade. Tuesday was her first day of classes, but it was also the first day Jefferson-Houston had ever offered seventh-grade classes — part of a move that will add eighth-grade classes next year in an effort to craft an elementary/middle school steps from the King Street Metro station.

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Getting Down to Business In Breast Cancer Fight

New Surgical Fund Auction set for Sept. 16.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

One by one they arrive for their Tuesday morning meeting, Blackberrys and day planners in hand and a sense of purpose in their walk. No real housewives here, they are members of Women Mean Business — spearheading the Sept. 16 auction benefiting the city's new Breast Cancer Surgical Fund.

"In the past we've raised money for the Walk Fund," said Lisa

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Dr. David Weintritt explains a new breast catheter technology that reduces the course of radiation treatments from several weeks to five days.

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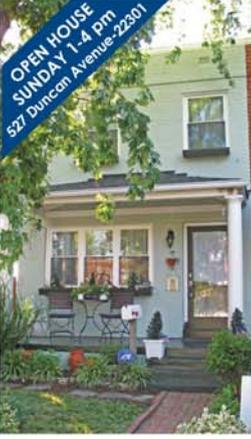
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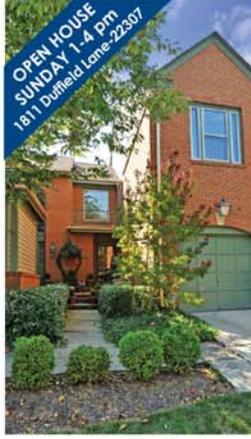



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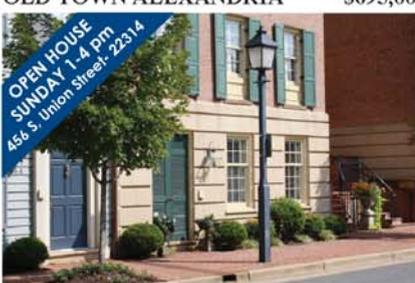



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A Sports Metaphor

U.S. Education Secretary **Arne Duncan**'s love of basketball is well known, but T.C. Williams High School teacher **Patrick Welsh** used some lesser known stats about Duncan's college basketball career to make a point during the school division's annual convocation last week.

Taking the microphone during a question-and-answer session with the secretary, Welsh pointed out that during Duncan's first year on the team it ranked next to last in the Ivy League. Then in his senior year, when Duncan was captain, the team had seven wins and 17 losses.

"I think by any standard I would call that a persistently lowest achieving basketball team," said Welsh, eliciting nervous laughter in the crowd. "And there was no annual yearly progress."

The reference was obvious to the teachers, and it was a joke at Duncan's expense. Earlier this year, T.C. Williams was dubbed a "persistently lowest achieving school" after years of failing to make what federal officials call "adequate yearly progress." By taking the vocabulary of No Child Left Behind and using it to describe the Harvard basketball team during Duncan's college days, Welsh hoped to frame a point about how the federal legislation fails to consider context.

"You guys did the best you could," said Welsh, referring to Duncan's teammates on the basketball team. "And I think there are a lot of schools out there who are doing the best they can with the students they have. And still your department is marking them as failing."

The secretary agreed that adequate yearly progress is a flawed measure, one that he would like to see abolished when No Child Left Behind is re-authorized in the coming year. But he took issue with Welsh's characterization that schools are doing the best they can with the teachers they have.

"We have to, as a country, raise our expectations of what we can do for every single child," said Duncan, eliciting rousing applause from the teachers.

The Silent Debate

Ever since radios were invented, the public has had access to frequencies used by police. As technology became more complex, public-safety agencies were able to block sensitive channels, like one for the SWAT team or the vice squad. Now, the Alexandria Police Department is considering a plan that could block all scanner frequencies.

"I would probably say that I'm opposed to it," said Mayor **Bill Euille**. "But I need to be convinced as to the rationale behind why they want to do it."

Don't expect that debate to play out in public. The mayor didn't even know the police were considering the proposal until a reporter asked him for comment. And Police Chief **Earl Cook** declined to comment on the matter.

"We are currently working on that policy," said Cook. "We would be glad to discuss it as soon as we've had a chance to talk through it with the city government and our partners."

One Year Away

Mark your calendars, West Enders. Opening day for the massive new Department of Defense building currently under construction at Mark Center is Sept. 15, 2011. That's only one year away, yet an off-ramp from the interstate to the complex is at least six years away. That means years of gridlock as 6,000 employees will be coming to work each day at the building, known as the Washington Headquarters Service.

For now, the DOD has been limited to 1,000 parking spaces thanks to legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8). But that's only a temporary fix, a stalling tactic to show military leaders that Alexandria is serious about getting a clear plan outlining how 6,000 employees are going to get in and out of the building each day. Moran plans on pressing for some of those answers next week during a town hall event at Hammond Middle School. The event, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 16, is free and open to the public.

Correction

Our Insiders Guide included some outside information, specifically the phone number of Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes**. By the time of publication, it had been changed to 703-751-0974.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



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U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) is being challenged on the right from Republican Patrick Murray and on the left from Independent Green Ron Fisher.

A Challenging Challenge

Beset by demographics, Republicans are hoping for surprise.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

During the first of several debates scheduled for the fall campaign season, Republican candidate Patrick Murray joked that he could have thrown a dart at a map and hit a better congressional district to launch a campaign. Virginia's Eighth Congressional District is notoriously uncompetitive, including some of the bluest of the blue areas in Northern Virginia. Murray's line got a laugh, but it also revealed the hard truth for any candidate going up against a popular 10-term incumbent who's raised more than six times as much money this cycle.

"For candidates facing an entrenched incumbent like Jim Moran, the easiest path to victory is scandal or retirement," said Isaac Wood, communications director for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "Neither of those appears to be in the cards this year, but politics has the capacity to surprise."

Moran had the largest margin of victory of any congressional race in Virginia in 2008, so Murray is banking on the element of surprise. During the first debate of the campaign season in Arlington this week, the Republican candidate tried to cast Moran as an out-of-touch career politician who will say and do anything to get reelected. He criticized Moran's statement on cable television that the economy has recovered. And he went after the congressman for sending a constituent newsletter that Murray said was campaigning at taxpayers' expense.

"Jim just doesn't get it," said Murray. "He's going to place the blame on everybody else and he's going to tell you how he's spending us rich. Don't buy it."

MORAN SHOT back, criticizing Murray's description of Roe versus Wade as "the worst Supreme Court decision ever." The congressman said that Murray's description seemed like a stretch, especially considering other notorious Supreme Court decisions such as the Dred Scott decision in which the court ruled that slaves were not protected by the Constitution and could not be considered citizens.

"Clearly, this speaks to the gentleman's credibility," said Moran, adding that he wanted to make sure abortions were "safe, legal and affordable."

Murray tried to downplay the issue of abortion, a perpetually polarizing issue in American politics since the 1973 Supreme Court decision. When Congress was considering the Obama's health-care overhaul, abortion became a major sticking point when conservative Democrats opposed public funding for abortion. Democratic leaders were able to finally broker a compromise by adding an amendment aimed at preventing federal funding of abortions.

"This is not a key critical issue," said Murray. "I don't spend a lot of time wondering if I'm pro this or pro that."

SINCE MURRAY snagged the Republican slot on the ballot from attorney Matthew Berry in June, he's tried to present himself as a conservative alternative to Moran. That's an effort that has included fundraisers with luminaries of the movement former Virginia Gov. George Allen and current Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, whose federal lawsuit against the health-care overhaul Murray supports.

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Free Pizza In Del Ray

HomeMade Pizza Co. giveaway Sept. 14-15.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
GAZETTE PACKET

Chicago-based HomeMade Pizza Co. is throwing a party and they're giving the presents — free samples of their most popular pizza combinations plus a medium pizza and Caesar salad to take home and bake for the whole family to enjoy.

Director of Operations Mike Ganino describes it as a kind of reverse housewarming — a way for the company to jump into a new location, meet the neighbors and give everyone a chance to try HomeMade Pizza.

“The two founders of the company will be on hand to grill pizza, hand out samples and answer questions,” Ganino explained by phone from Chicago. He also said there would be a tent, drinks and music.

According to Ganino, company founders Matt Weinstein and Eric Fosse are brothers-in-law who set out to bridge the gap between restaurant pizza that's always served hot and fresh, and pizza delivery that often arrives at home in less than best condition. After two years of working in their kitchens to perfect their

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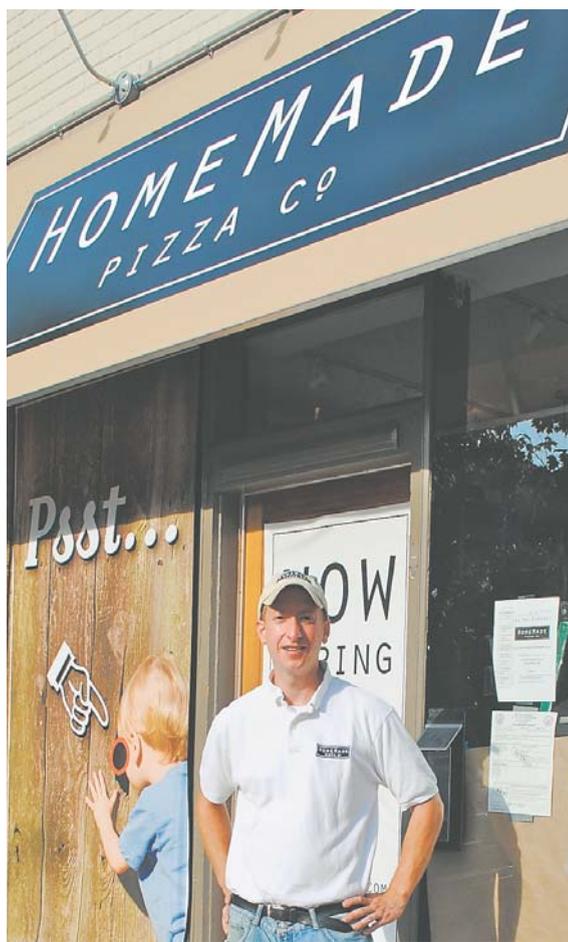


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Jared Ringel of Falls Church is the store manager of the new HomeMade Pizza Co. location opening in Del Ray. He's been with the company since March at the Arlington store.



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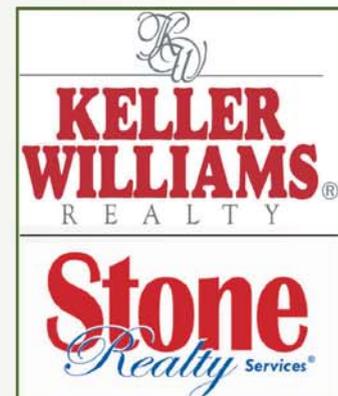
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Moving Beyond a Stroke

By SUSAN KNIGHTON CAVANAUGH
GAZETTE PACKET

She picked up the phone to call 911, but it slipped out of her hand. Mollie Danforth, who resides in Alexandria, knew she was having a stroke and she was all alone. Luckily her husband Steve Colangelo returned home to pick up his reading glasses, and he immediately called for help. Danforth was taken by helicopter to Fairfax Hospital on June 6, 2007.

Danforth had only a 12 percent chance of surviving. What caused the stroke, no one knows for sure, but high blood pressure was a factor. We do know it was a bleeding stroke in the brain stem that controls automatic body functions including all movements — breathing, heart beat, swallowing, etc. Danforth's movements were severely affected, so after one month she was transferred to Mount Vernon Rehabilitation Hospital. After 2-and-a-half months in hospitals, Danforth was finally released. Even though she had improved immensely, there was still a long road to travel before Danforth could be independent again.

Her husband, who is an attorney in corporate litigation, learned a new profession — caring for Danforth including blow-drying her hair, and shouldering most of the housework and gardening — Danforth's previous duties.

She presently cooks with occasional assistance from



Mollie Danforth

The major issues now are her awkward walking gait, her left hand not functioning properly, and her balance.

Prior to Danforth's stroke, she and Colangelo raised two children. Now adults they have been supportive and helpful during Danforth's recovery. Anna is expecting a baby girl in October and Danforth is looking forward to being a grandmother.

In addition to being a mother, Danforth served as: Executive director of the ASO; president of the Symphony Orchestra League; an elected member of the Alexandria City Public School; and chairman of the School Board.

Danforth says she "feels lucky to be alive and not an invalid, and she values each and every day." She has joined the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities with the goal of improving the lives of other persons with disabilities.

sous-chef Colangelo, and washes clothes — chores Danforth disliked prior to the stroke).

Because of her determination, persistence, and hard work, Danforth is now strong enough to walk on the treadmill for 30 minutes. She is even driving her car, giving her the freedom to run errands and work part time as a volunteer at the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (ASO) office.

Local Pets Gain International Fame

"Pets are people too," said photographer Stephanie Millner Cr. Photog., CPP of Rome, Italy. "My clients want something timeless that honors their pets — whether cats, dogs, birds or — well, something more exotic. It's my responsibility to give them that."

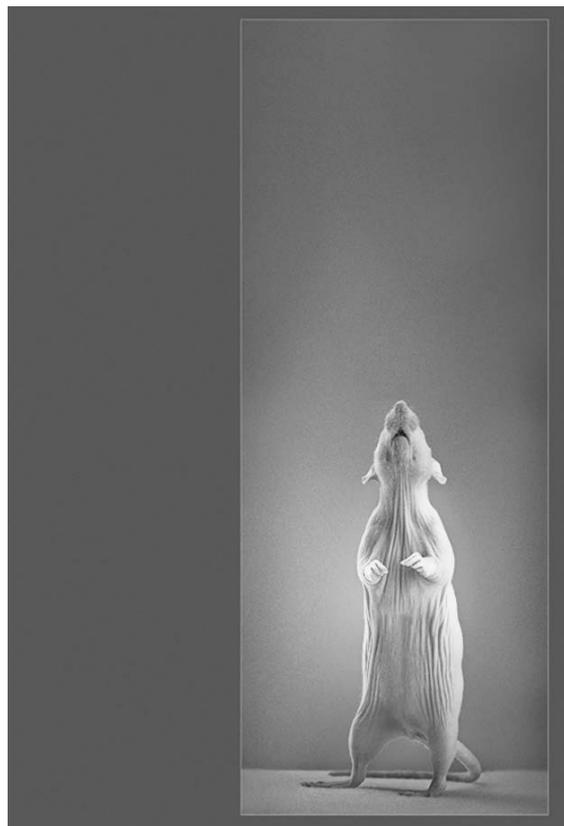
Millner has a long history of working in the photographic industry, and has shifted her specialty to photographing the furry and feathered in the past three years. Until eight months ago, her studio was based in Alexandria. However, her husband's military orders have stationed Millner across the Atlantic Ocean to Rome.

Her career shift has been a positive one, said Millner: "I was a little concerned about moving my business to focus primarily on pets. But I really love animals, and I think it comes through in my work."

This year, her entry case for the 2010 International Print Competition was filled with prints of studio portraits — all pets owned by local area residents. The goal at Print Competition is to earn a merit for each of the four prints submitted. A photographer attains the award "Photographer of the Year" when all four prints merit. All merited images enter PPA's renowned General Collection.

Millner's images, however, were not simply accepted into the 2010 General Collection. The Photographer of the Year Awards have five levels of acceptance; the level of the award is determined by how many of the four merited images are accepted into the PPA Loan Collection - a photographic collection which represents the year's "best of the best" in Print Competition. The Loan Collection travels the world for one year, and is displayed at photographic exhibitions, conventions, and other photography events worldwide.

All four of Millner's pet images were accepted into the 2010 Loan Collection, earning her the award



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LIVING LEGENDS

Digilio: Enjoying Life in Area He Helped Shape

BY SHERRY WILSON BROWN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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Which identity do you select to profile Living Legend Rodger Digilio?

You can choose from among soccer coach, historic preservationist-developer, anti-drug activist, former school board member, or economic advisor. If there is a single theme to Rodger's involvement, it is his desire to be of service to Alexandria citizens, especially the children.

A native of Philadelphia, Rodger graduated from Lehigh University before spending three years in Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar where he earned a graduate degree in Politics. It was his Rhodes connections that brought him to Alexandria when he began a career in the Federal government while he worked as a systems analyst in the Department of Defense. Rodger worked on Southeast Asia which he steadfastly refused to visit, preferring his analyses to be based on the data, not on tours organized and controlled by the military.

Rodger and his first wife Alice moved to Alexandria because Rodger was attracted by the developmental potential of Old Town properties. The vision Rodger saw for Alexandria historic properties took second place for over a decade while Rodger pursued his career in the Federal government. In addition to the Department of Defense, his service included the State Department and the National Advisory Council for Drug Abuse Prevention. He also spent three years working on transportation issues for Sen. Richard Schweiker.

Rodger laughingly remarked that he was always working in new offices. "I figured that new offices had two years to get things done before the existing structure realized that you were there and came after you. Once they knew you existed and wanted to protect their turf, it was time to move on because you won't get anything else done after that."

"I love living in the city. I step outside and everything is right there on my doorstep, wonderful places to eat, great shopping."

— Living Legend
Rodger Digilio

AT THE EARLY

AGE of 26, Rodger had one of those moments when you know you have made a difference. Early in the transition to the Nixon Administration, Rodger's analyses caught the attention of Under Secretary of Defense David Packard. He met privately with Rodger to question why Rodger foresaw American Army troops continuing to

bear the brunt of the fatalities if the war continued to be pursued in its current form.

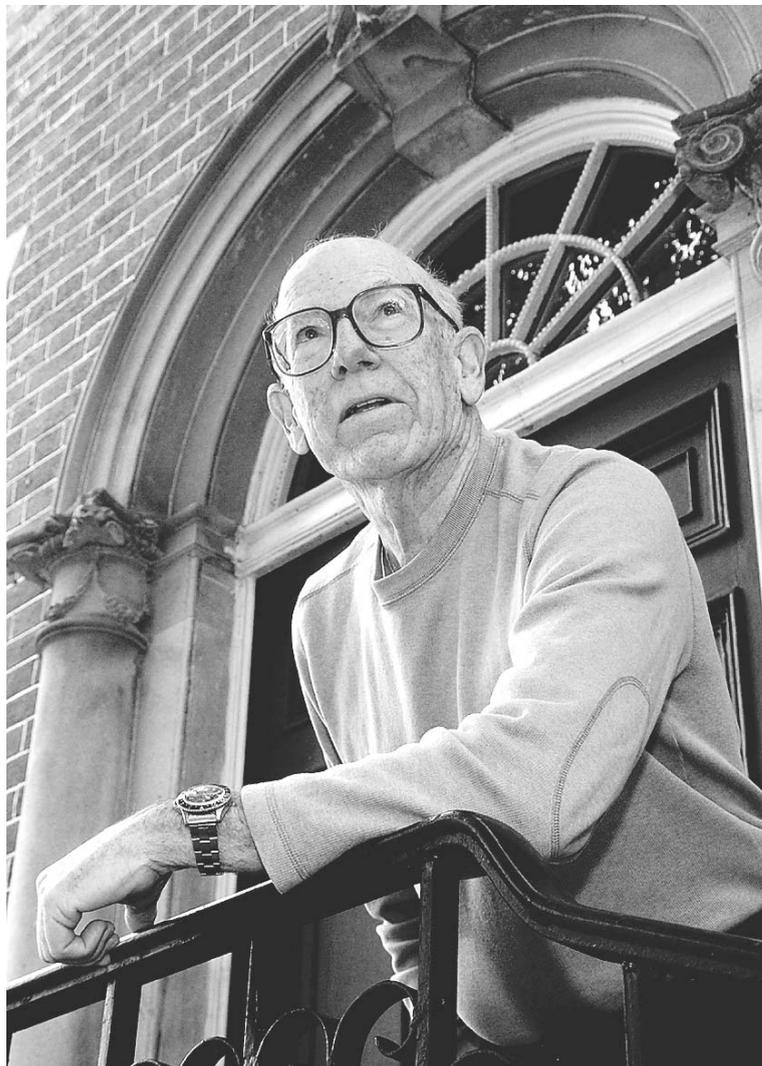
Within a week of that meeting, a new directive was issued changing the conduct of the war. "After our meeting, they 'Vietnamized' the war. South Vietnam troops took over the main role that American troops had been fulfilling, I had had a role in changing the conduct of the war. It was a big moment for someone as young as I was."

When he left Federal employment, it was the time to fulfill his vision of restoring historic properties in Alexandria. He formed OTV, Inc. and his first project was the conversion of the nursing student residence of the old Alexandria Hospital into the Swann-Daingerfield Condominium.

Restorations which followed included the Courts Condominium at 1006-1016 Prince Street, the Bank of Alexandria at 133 North Fairfax Street, the Cotton Factory at 515 N. Washington Street, the Doniphan Building at 101 N. Columbus, Durant House at 708 Pendleton, the Coca Cola Plant at 1500 King Street, and assorted other smaller buildings and townhouses around the city. In nominating Rodger for the Living Legend Award, Linda Holland points out that "Without Rodger's vision, energy, and commitment to the city ... these historical structures would have been lost not only as buildings but as part of the living history of Alexandria."

RODGER'S INTER-

ESTS were not limited to Old Town. Properties large enough to be viable development properties are finite and the supply was drying up in Old Town. The first project he redeveloped in the Mount Vernon Avenue area was the Post Office building at the corner of Howell and Mount Vernon Av-



Rodger Digilio

PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

member of the Alexandria School Board which included serving as chairman. Rodger was a member of the Alexandria Early Childhood Commission, a member of the Northern Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association, and a board member of the Alexandria Crew Boosters Club. Rodger is currently serving with the Healthy Families Alexandria Resource Development Committee and is chairman of the King Street Gardens Park Foundation.

Rodger has a hobby of buying, selling and collecting old cameras. He buys cameras in need of attention, cleans them up and makes minor repairs and then usually sells them, although he occasionally comes across one he keeps. His collecting instincts go way back. Even as a youngster he was always collecting something and somewhere cameras came into the mix. "I go around to shows where I have a table. I buy at these shows or off the Internet."

Although Rodger and Alice are no longer married, they share two sons, products of the Alexandria school system. Ed is a land surveyor and he and wife Laura are the parents of three-year-old Julia. David is a

screen writer who wrote the script for the Disney film "8 Below" and the television series "Traveler." He lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif., with his wife Kim and their six-year-old son Alex and three-year-old daughter Ella.

David played matchmaker for his dad and suggested that he take out the widowed mother of one of his high school team members and good friend. Today, Rodger and that mother, Fredde Ottinger, an interior designer, live above a store on Upper King Street. "I love living in the city. I step outside and everything is right there on my doorstep, wonderful places to eat, great shopping."

It seems fitting that this Living Legend should enjoy living in the area he helped so much to shape.

He was both an appointed and an elected

Living Legends: The Project

Now in its third year, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photojournalistic project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria's Living Legends. The project was conceived by Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. Gold Sponsors of the project this year are Rotary Club of Alexandria, McEneaney Associates and Dominion Virginia Power.

This one in a series of 12 profiles that will appear this year. For more information or to nominate a Legend for next year's program, visit www.alexandrialivinglegends.com.

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OBITUARIES

Karol Rodriguez

Karol ("Kirby") Rodriguez died in her home in Alexandria on Aug. 13, 2010 after a long illness. She was born in Warren, Pa., the only child of Mildred and Albert ("DeVere") Kirberger. She attended Stephens College in Missouri and graduated from Penn State University. After college, she moved to the Washington D.C. area where she remained for the rest of her life.

Kirby, in fact, lived several lives to their fullest. She was a joyful and curious participant in the world around her. In her early years, she juggled the roles of mother, wife and volunteer, but never let that completely define her. She found her calling in the arts and pursued it with a passion, earning her master's in ceramics from Columbia Visual Arts College in 1984 with a thesis focusing on Shoji Hamada, the Japanese potter. She also served as the development director for Anton Art Gallery in Washington. She collected Southeast Asian folk ceramics and was a member and benefactor of the Freer and Sackler Galleries in Washington. Kirby became an accomplished potter, exhibiting her works in Washington, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Germany. She developed her talent through workshops at Haystack Mountain School of



Karol Rodriguez

Arts, Arrowmont School of Craft, Penland School in North Carolina and the Chautauqua Institution School of Ceramics where she was mentored by noted American potters.

She was a woman of eclectic interests — ceramics, politics, travel, classical music, American antiques, historical preservation, ethnic food, and Tramp Art. Always a protester at heart, Kirby was actively engaged in the conservation efforts to preserve the Stabler Apothecary Shop and Lee Street playground in Alexandria. She was a tireless volunteer. One of her legacies included serving on the Women's Committee of the Smithsonian in the 1980s,

where she worked to establish one of the first daycare centers in Washington for working women. She was a member of the Robert H. Jackson Society in Jamestown, N.Y.

In her spare time, she traveled the world. But she never forgot her roots in Warren, Pa. and Chautauqua, N.Y., where she returned every summer to focus on her pottery.

She is survived by her son Scott Rodriguez (Lisa) of Tampa, Fla. and daughter Lucy Rodriguez (Bob

Ruggiero) of Rye, N.Y. and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by her beloved granddaughter Dana Ruggiero. In addition, she leaves behind countless dear friends. Kirby was a free spirit with a personality larger than life whose absence creates a huge void. However she leaves many colorful memories that will sustain her loved ones for the rest of their lives.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in the name of Kirby Rodriguez to the Chautauqua Institution or the Freer Gallery in Washington D.C. A service to celebrate Kirby's life will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1, at the Atheneum in Alexandria.

Carol D. Becker

Born June 4, 1930, Carol D. Becker, 80, "Grammie B," died on Sept. 2, 2010 in Alexandria. Mrs. Becker lived in Alexandria for 55 years; was co-owner of B&C Jewelers with her daughter, Vicki; a member of Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church;



Carol D. Becker

had a passion for work and a love of family. Mrs. Becker was loved by all that encountered her and she never met a stranger.

She was preceded in death by her husband of over 40 years, Harold H. Becker; son, Gary E. Becker; and brother, Harold Callan.

She is survived by her daughters, Vicki Forness (Nolan) and Bonita Mills (Michael); grandchildren, Brook (Eric), Marcus, Ryan, Katelin, Shane; sisters, Nell Ackerman, Verna Cross, and Connie Callan; numerous nieces, nephews, and many close friends.

A funeral service was scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m. at Sleepy Hollow UMC, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church with interment to follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either Aplastic Anemia and MDS Foundation or Sleepy Hollow UMC.

Who would you call a Living Legend of Alexandria?



Who do you know whose vision and energy has improved life in Alexandria? Living Legends of Alexandria is seeking nominations in order to recognize Alexandria's Living Legends throughout 2011.

Nomination Categories:

- (1) Those who have contributed at least one tangible improvement to the quality of the city's life that would likely be missing without this person's vision and energy.
- (2) Those demonstrating exemplary service to the City over an extended time (ten years or more) especially service on Boards, Commissions, Committees or Service Organizations that improve the quality of life in Alexandria.

Nominees must live or work in Alexandria. Those currently running for or holding political office are not eligible for consideration. The contributions of City employees should be beyond the responsibilities of their jobs.

See www.AlexandriaLegends.com or call 703-625-2330 for a nomination form to explain why you consider this person a Living Legend. Send your nominations no later than November 15 to Living Legends, P.O. Box 10485, Alexandria, VA 22310.

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OPINION

Readiness, Preparation for Emergencies

Back to school a good time to check on backups, supplies, record-keeping.

There are some basic rules of self-protection that sometimes escape us.

I got a reminder a few weeks ago of a few simple things: Always lock the car. Don't leave valuables in the car.

I always lock my car, but the one night I forgot (distracted at a key moment) was the night every open car in my neighborhood was rifled and stripped of anything potentially valuable. While overall, the losses were in the thousands of dollars, my losses were small, an antique iPod and a battered camera made up most of the loss.

The next lesson was from the detective who dutifully followed up on the police report filed online. Stolen items are recovered all the time, and returned to their owners if their owners knew and reported the serial number of the stolen item. His recommendation was to record every new item purchased, especially electronics, including serial number, price, make, model, date and place of purchase, and to store that list by either uploading it as a "Google Document" or attaching it to an email. That way even if the computer you used to make the list is stolen or your house burned down, you would have a record for police and insurance.

September might be hurricane preparedness month, but it was August that left so many of us in the Washington area without power for days, on two different occasions. Last winter's blizzards reminded us that you can be without power and without an easy route to leave

your home at the same time. Both experiences argue for some home safety checks.

Can you find the flashlights in the dark? Do you have what you need to hunker down at home for a few days? Do you have a plan to gather all the members of your family, or how to contact each other, in case of an emergency? If you put together an emergency kit, has it been updated lately? See the attached list, plus www.ready.gov, for good, basic information.

Don't forget your pets in your emergency planning. Whether you were to decide to stay put in an emergency or change locations, you need to make plans in advance for your pets. Do you have enough food, pet carriers, etc.? Some emergency shelters will now accept pets, and the American Red Cross in the National Capital Region, with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) recently took delivery of eight regional animal shelter trailers for pets in times of disaster, each with the capacity to set up a shelter for up to 200 pets. (These appear destined for Maryland and D.C.) This comes from the experiences after Katrina and other disasters when it became apparent that many people would not evacuate without their pets.

The recent meltdown of Virginia's networks can also serve as a reminder to the rest of us: Have you backed up your computers this week? Are your critical documents backed up in multiple places, including offsite? The governor is correct to call for an investigation. With an

investment of billions of dollars, the commonwealth's systems should be better protected from a crash. But after a crash, there should be a much faster response time. But don't let this happen to you, mind your backups.

— MARY KIMM,
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Emergency Supplies

THE BASICS

- ❖ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ❖ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ❖ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both (some versions will also charge your cell phone)
- ❖ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ❖ First aid kit
- ❖ Whistle to signal for help
- ❖ Dust masks, to help filter contaminated air
- ❖ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ❖ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ❖ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ❖ Local maps
- ❖ Cell phone with chargers

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- ❖ Prescription medications and glasses
- ❖ Infant formula and diapers
- ❖ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ❖ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- ❖ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ❖ See www.ready.gov for more.

passengers. The trolley is paid for by visitors when they check out of their hotels — whether or not they use it. A one-percent increase in the hotel tax was implemented to pay for the trolley. This tax on the City's visitors generates more than \$1.5 million annually — more than twice the cost to operate the trolley.

The trolley has attracted more people to King Street. A survey of riders found that 24 percent said they would "not have made the trip" if the trolley was not available. Roughly calculated, that's almost 300,000 people visiting King Street who would not have come without the trolley.

The trolley has reduced traffic and its environmental impact. Among the 76 percent who would have come anyway, 33 percent would have used a personal car or taxi without the trolley — adding to the congestion of Old Town.

The trolley has increased the number of businesses used by its passengers. 57 percent of riders said that the trolley increased the number of businesses they used on that particular day. Only 6 percent said it decreased the number.

The trolley has clearly been a success story for the City of Alexandria. Keeping the trolley free-of-charge is critical to its ongoing success. Extending its hours of operation and increasing its frequency, whenever the resources can be found, will only add to its success.

John J. Renner II

John Renner is the chair of the Public Affairs Committee of the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trolley's Success

To the Editor:

The King Street trolley has carried 1.2 million passengers between the river and the rails since the service began in April 2009. The trolley has attracted visitors to the city, reduced traffic and its environmental impact, and increased the number of businesses used by its



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Snapshot Officers from the Alexandria Police Department practice motorcycle drills in an open parking lot on Eisenhower Avenue.

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Commending Alert Officer

To the Editor:

As a long time resident of Old Town Alexandria, I would like to let all of our residents know that the Parking Enforcement Officers do much more than chalk our tires and issue parking tickets. Two weeks ago, I opened the store that I work at on King Street and within one hour was robbed at knifepoint. Thankfully, I was not seriously hurt but this criminal would probably not have been apprehended if Officer Ingleton wasn't doing her job. No, she wasn't issuing a ticket but was paying attention to the activity around her; definitely an important part of her job but one that we may be unaware of. After taking the cash and my personal cell phone, the robber ran out of the store, alerting Officer Ingleton's personal radar. She followed him (by car) and by the time I called 911, he was in custody! Absolutely amazing! My phone has been returned to me and his hearing is scheduled for next week. She is to be commended by her peers and superiors and we should all be thankful that these officers are watching out for us while doing their other duties. I will be forever grateful to her and the detectives who helped me that afternoon.

Jan Scott
Old Town Resident

A Flourishing Visual Salute

To the Editor:

Unlike the writer who objected on esthetic grounds to the City's flag display as "over the top" ("Why Garish Flag Display?"), I'm one Alexandrian who appreciates the large flag of the United States of America hung from City Hall. It faces Market Square where people gather for the farmers' market and ethnic festivals. It can be seen by visitors and residents alike as they walk through Old Town. Nothing against flags on poles but that grand banner set high over the most historic area of the City is a flourishing visual salute.

Sheila McGough
Alexandria

Just Not Right

To The Editor:

Following my letter to the editor in the Gazette back in August concerning immigration and marriage, "Paying for Citizenship?" I contacted the Northern Virginia District Office of U.S. Rep. Jim

Moran which gave me a number to contact regarding immigration issues and concerns (1-866-DHS-2ICE., 1-866-347-2423) — the Department of Immigration.

Some city residents gave their opinion that it's like a mail order bride or a bit like Internet dating. But paying money to get married to become a citizen isn't right.

Anyone offended by someone requesting money to marry an illegal immigrant in order for a person to stay in the country should contact the Department of Immigration.

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

Fine Words, But Results?

To the Editor:

I would hope that Alexandria residents do not need the voice of Shakespeare's Marcellus to realize that something is rotten in the City of Alexandria. Having read the letter submitted by two members of the Alexandria School Board, I was left shaking my head at the "accomplishments" of Alexandria City Public Schools. Here is a closer examination of what was cited,

you decide:

1. "A reduction in the minority achievement gap"

This can be achieved in many ways. One way is to simply have a specific subgroup not increase their scores significantly from the year before. If the performance of white students increases by, say, 2 percent and the performance of black students increases by 6 percent, well, there is your close in the achievement gap. This in no way means that there has been an

increase in overall student performance. It is simply robbing Peter to pay Paul.

2. "An increase in the attendance rate"

ACPS implemented a new attendance computer system this past school year which was fraught with numerous technical issues. The program automatically counted students present, unless otherwise indicated by a teacher or administrator. If the teacher was busy and forgot to log into the sys-

tem, guess what? One hundred percent attendance for that day. Now, how many days are teachers busy in the classrooms?

3. "An increase in test scores among our students with special needs"

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Reporting Fatigue

Many aspects of President **Barack Obama**'s landmark health-care reform remain controversial, and the Republican war cry this campaign season has become "repeal and replace." But one particular section of the bill has become so odious to the business community that they are putting on a united front against it. Known as "Section 9006," the section requires businesses large and small to report expenses of more than \$600.

"At a time when our economy needs small business to help our country grow out of this recession, saddling them with expensive new requirements and paperwork only further hampers their ability to succeed and ultimately aid our economic recovery," wrote Alexandria Chamber President **Tina Leone** in a call to action.

Currently, businesses must report wages they pay employees although they are exempt from reporting payments to other businesses. They also don't have to report merchandise. That will change under Section 9006, which requires businesses, governments and nonprofits to file a 1099 form with the Internal Revenue Service reporting any purchases they make of goods and services of \$600 or more from any individual or business, including corporations. Leone and hundreds of other chambers leaders from across the country have signed a letter from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce asking Congress to repeal the provision.

"If this provision is implemented, the 1099 reporting mandate will impose substantial paperwork and reporting burdens on the backs of governments, nonprofits and businesses — especially small business," wrote the business leaders.

Half-Pint Dragons

It's every parent's worst nightmare — a stranger comes out of nowhere to grab a child. Is your child ready? One Alexandria business wants to help out, offering a free seminar to children.

The seminar will teach the basics of repelling bad guys, everything from how to hit them were it hurts to the proper way to yell for help (loudly). All-Star Martial Arts owner **Phil Baroudy** says the seminar will include role playing exercises in which the children will practice what to do when a stranger tries to grab them. Baroudy says he offered the class many years ago, but feels differently about the subject now that he has kids of his own.

"It puts a different perspective on things," said Baroudy. "The main thing is learning how to use the voice."

The half-hour seminars will be at the All-Star Martial Arts studio, which is located on Duke Street in the Alexandria Commons. The class for 3- to 5-year olds will be at noon on Sept. 18. The class for 6- to 10-year olds will be at 12:40 p.m.

"The moms tend to get a little scared because of the reality of it," said Baroudy. "But we're not going to scare the kids."

Moratorium To Expire

After years of complaining that they were being taken advantage of by taxicab companies, drivers were finally able to persuade the City Council to create new regulations for the industry in 2005. Yet one of the new rules created a stumbling block for Alexandria taxicabs, one that has never been resolved. Now city officials are set to reconsider the issue in the coming weeks.

At issue is a requirement that each driver has two dispatch calls each day. Since 2005, Columbus Cab Company has closed up shop because it wasn't able to meet the city's demands. City regulators put VIP Cab Company on probation for not logging enough dispatch calls, and Union cab was given a "pre-probation" status. Back in December, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance postponing the annual 2009 review of the taxicab industry, effectively placing a moratorium on enforcement of the dispatch rule.

"While staff does not support the requested moratorium, we are in the fifth year of operation under the revised taxicab ordinance, which went into effect July 1, 2005," wrote City Manager **Jim Hartmann** in December. "I believe that this is an appropriate time for a five-year review of the new ordinance."

Later this month, the city's Traffic and Parking Board will consider a new ordinance outlining rules for the industry, which is expected to include another version of the dispatch rule.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



COURTESY PHOTO

Classics & Country Home Décor & Gifts owner Andrea Ploutis with daughter Stavroulla Kokkinis.

Classics & Country Expands to Old Town

Blending the new with the old.

BY GALE CURCIO
THE GAZETTE

Twenty-five years ago, Andrea Ploutis opened a small grocery store on Richmond Highway. There wasn't much around, but Ploutis wanted to open a business and had faith that this was the right place to be.

It wasn't long before a customer suggested that she should start selling gifts and home décor. Thus, Classics & Country Décor & Gifts was created. It has been an icon on Richmond Highway ever since, selling holiday and gift items year-round and home décor with a touch of Americana.

The description on their website states: "We are located just minutes away from Historic Mount Vernon Estate near our nation's capital. We first opened our doors 25 years ago with a goal to offer our customers home decor that will give them a feeling of warmth and coziness. We traveled across the country in search of these simple treasures. Now we have made available, to our customers, items that evoke housewarming memories such as the smell of baked apple pie in grandma's kitchen. We believe our products will help you enjoy happiness, warmth, and peace right in your own home."

Ploutis had three daughters, but Stavroulla Kokkinis was the most involved in the business, and said, "I've been involved since I was four years old."

Kokkinis and her mother now co-own Classics & Country Home Décor & Gifts. Fast forward to January, 2010, when they opened their Old Town, Alexandria location at 217 King Street.

"It was a dream for me and my mom to open a store in Old Town, Alexandria," said Kokkinis. "We are so excited."

While this new store also carries holiday items year-round, they have changed their products to update the needs of their customers.

"People are trying to stretch their dollars and look for things that are multi-functional," said Kokkinis. "Tourists want smaller items and people like anything to make them smile."

Things to make one smile are funny books and comical signs. There is a large selection of jewelry and small knick-knack items that tourists can easily pack in their bags. Tourists also like the



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The second floor of the King Street location has a wide selection of baby items.

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Blending New with Old

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fact that the King Street location stays open late; Kokkinis said that they sometime have people in the store at midnight during the weekend. She recently married and she and her husband live nearby; he helps out with the store as well.

Switchflops are an example of a multi-functional item. Shoppers purchase one pair of flip-flops and then purchase interchangeable colorful straps so that they have unlimited choices with minimal effort. Another example is the line of Trollbeads bracelets, necklaces and charms. And then there's the Mag'nabilities – necklaces with interchangeable magnetic pendants.

While these items can be found in other specialty stores, Classics & Country has just as many of those uncommon items – things that you won't find in other stores. Shoppers who used to frequent Unique on King Street were glad to find fun and whimsical items at Classics & Country.

Ploutis does most of the purchasing while Kokkinis does the decorating and marketing. They

Details

Classics & Country Home Décor & Gifts is located at 217 King Street Old Town Alexandria, VA 22314 (open late every night) and at 8365 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. (Monday - Saturday 11 to 5 - Sunday closed). For more information visit <http://classicsandcountry.com>, email info@classicsandcountry.com, or call 866-766-2601.

both attended the Atlanta Gift Show where they found all kinds of new and exciting items.

"We're a good team," said Kokkinis.

The Richmond Highway location has more traditional items, including an extensive line of the Dept. 56 Collection. While these holiday items are still very popular, Kokkinis said that people aren't collecting as much.

Kokkinis said that Halloween is becoming a much bigger holiday with shoppers buying all kinds of decorations. Fourth of July is pretty popular as well.

Gale Curcio is an independent writer and public relations consultant in Mount Vernon.



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(VGLA) assessment. The validity of this alternative assessment has been called into question by many educators, parents, and recently by Virginia State Superintendent Patricia Wright who raised her concerns regarding the “overuse and misuse of the VGLA.” It is hard to believe that students reading on a 1st grade level are legitimately passing 8th grade reading standards. It is a relief that the Virginia Department of Education is phasing this questionable assessment out beginning in 2011.

4. “A dramatic increase in SOL writing scores”

Before this school year ACPS did not have any clear writing curriculum. This increase in writing scores and an actual writing plan was long overdue.

5. “A dramatic increase in the number of eighth graders taking algebra and

6. A dramatic increase in the number of students taking AP classes”

Here are two clear cases of misguided school administrators trying to show that quantity somehow equals quality. How exactly does more students enrolled in a class show that they are receiving a quality education? Simply pushing students who are unready for algebra or AP courses to boost enrollment numbers hardly seems to create a “dynamic system for individual achievement.”

What is being presented by ACPS is not what is taking place within ACPS. Parents, residents, taxpayers, and voters within the city should start raising serious questions and expect serious answers. Enough of the singing and dancing, smoke and mirrors, and excuses ripe with meaningless buzz words.

Tim Leary
Alexandria

Lukewarming To a Yen for Ken

To the Editor:

Since he's been in office, I have been a vocal and published critic of Virginia's Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. Part of that, admittedly, is that as a high profile representative of his — and my — ethnic background, more times than not, I have felt that he is putting forth a poor image of Italian Americans on the national stage for others to lampoon. Particularly with regard to the immigration debate, in some respects the Commonwealth's equivalent to my home state's “Mosque,” I have openly wondered whether he may have forgotten where his — and my — not so distant ancestors came from not so long ago. In addition, I think some of his “escapades” are just a waste of taxpayer money, most obviously that modesty revision and reversion with respect to the state's insignia. That said, he finally found a cause that I can support, and in fact, feel with which this time he did not go far enough. Craigslist.

First, let me say that I have had positive experiences with it being a forum linking legitimate interests for mutual benefit. But its problems go far beyond the “Services -

Adult” board and permeate the “For Sale” and “Jobs” arenas as well. Let me illustrate with my recent adventures on the latter.

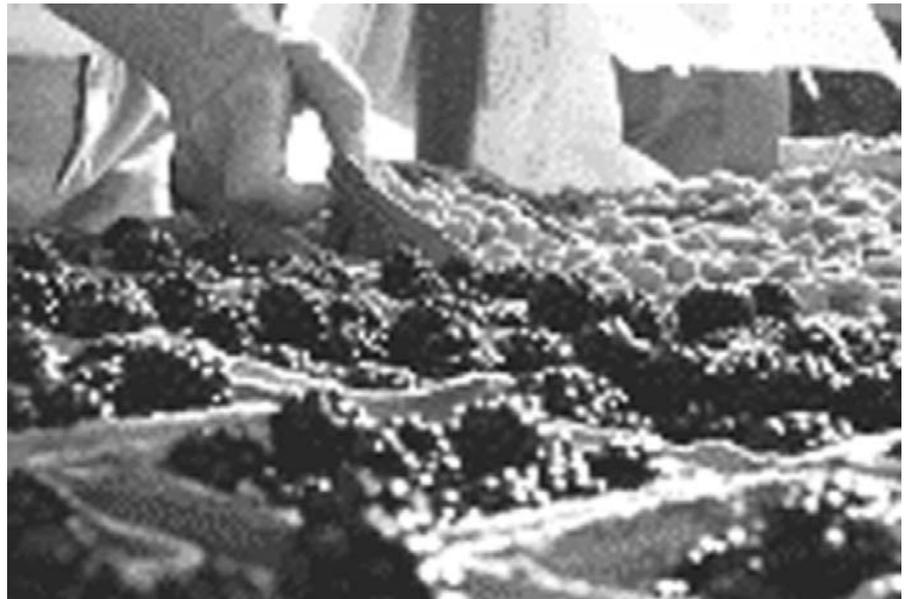
I am an attorney with a private practice that I am always looking to grow. In this economy, Craigslist has been a useful resource for finding more than a few good clients. Recently I answered two ads under “Jobs - Legal,” both in the mortgage foreclosure defense field which is relatively new and fairly undeveloped. The first was with a partnership of two young females in the Tysons Corner area of Northern Virginia. On the first interview, only one partner showed up ... late. The second time, after a half an hour of patiently waiting, neither appeared. I thought the third time would be the charm, but although both partners were present and I provided them with a lot of feedback on their caseload, which they semi-assigned to me, for free, no contract was forthcoming and no files actually change hands. Promises, promises ...

Several weeks later, out of the blue, I received a tickler e-mail from the Fairfax County (VA) Bar Association reminding me that I had signed up for a pro bono CLE - for lawyers - on uncontested divorces. Quelle surprise! One of the addresses cc'd belonged to the partnership. Nice to know that they had allocated my time for me - again - in this instance, without notifying me in advance or informing me after the fact! I attended the seminar, mostly because I wanted to support the pro bono director, who I know, the cause, which is a good one, and was interested in the subject matter. While we were waiting for one of the partners to turn up (she was 15 minutes late and did not apologize on arrival), the director went around the room asking each of the attendees to state their name and what type of law they practiced. The partner that had managed to show up on time had to admit she had no law license and was sitting for the Bar in January. This was in early August. My heart sunk! Adios Amigas ...

Undaunted, I answered another similar ad on Craigslist and spoke with a gentleman on the phone for a half hour. I liked his novel theory for the handling of these sort of cases and the opportunity to treat the clients he assigned to me as my own, with “team” support for the esoteric forensics. But then he sent me a e-mail containing a “Petition” which he wanted me to record in Fairfax County, basically a reword of the FDCPA demand letter and subpoena combined, but court captioned. When I inquired, he told me that the specific case in question had not yet been docketed. Red Flag! I refused to put my bar number on this faux filing clearly intended for posturing — as if it would fool anyone including an intake clerk — and he got testy and personally insulting, telling me I had trust issues, etc. You think?

Both of these postings seemed legitimate far beyond the initial Craigslist text. As do attorneys who are now advertising their credentials on the “Jobs” boards rather than the “Services” boards on that site, because they know that on the latter, the Virginia and other state Bars will monitor them.

Which brings me back to Ken. The Attorney General needs to expand his investigation to the entire site. Have staff troll all



‘Berries’ Eric Brown of Alexandria took the winning photo in the adult category of a contest sponsored by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). The photo contest showcased the beauty and abundance of Virginia agricultural products and farmers’ markets. He received a Virginia Grown/Virginia’s Finest gift basket filled with locally-grown and produced items. Eric Brown’s “Berries” photo was taken at the Alexandria Farmers’ Market.

the boards as job seekers, employers, sellers, buyers, etc. He would be shocked. Plus in so doing, it would be a non-discriminatory probe, beyond the solicitations for prostitutes and child trafficking that he is currently targeting, and less likely to face a constitutional challenge based on suspect classifications created on “morality” grounds. Perhaps he would even be more successful in prodding Craigslist to clean its act up itself, further than the largely symbolic Labor Day “black censorship” of the “Services-Adult” board - in the U.S. alone - which only serves to shift the complained of activity to the “Personals.” By broadening his cause, he could make it - and himself - more sympathetic to the general public. To say nothing of actually being effective ...

Unless Mr. Cuccinelli is a master of bilocation, there is a contradiction with a free market Republican asserting “public interest” selectively as a justification for the infringement on self policing and self regulation which is his party's mantra. His stance in opposition to Federal health care reform mandates comes to mind. It is also doubt-

ful that his crusade in its present form will be able to overcome the dictates of the U.S. Constitution and its Amendments, particularly the Commerce Clause and the First Amendment, and succeed where others have historically failed. The victims on Craigslist go beyond women and children. Sadly, you cannot keep people from “behaving” badly, perhaps Virginia's AG included. And as a sage stalwart of the GOP (Barry Goldwater) once so memorably articulated, “you can't legislate morality.” Different branch of government, same principle.

I continue to oppose his positions on “less than academic freedom in state schools,” the regulation of abortion clinics more stringently to reduce the availability of those procedures (yes, I had one in the early 1980s - in Virginia - and I don't regret it), and denial of climate change. But having ... my own adventures on Craigslist, a selective Cliff Notes version delineated above, I think he may be onto something. So while I still don't have a yen for Ken, I'm getting lukewarm.

Karen Ann DeLuca
Alexandria

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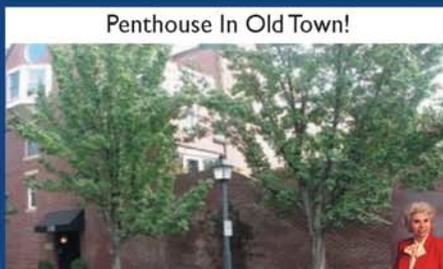


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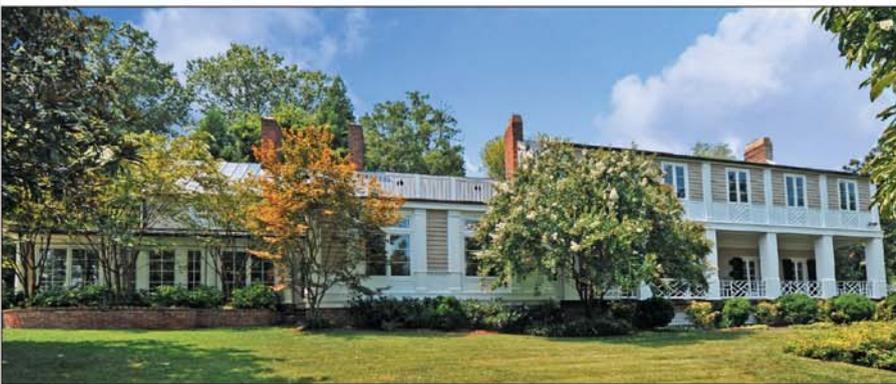


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A mural inside George Washington Middle School.

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Jefferson-Houston Launches Inaugural Seventh Grade

FROM PAGE 1

"I didn't want to go to a big middle school where you hear about violence and all that," said Deborah, who opted out of Hammond Middle School in favor of being part of the pioneer middle-school class at Jefferson-Houston. "I like the smaller size here."

As students returned to classes for the first day of school Tuesday, there were stories swapped about summer vacations and fears of the pressures ahead. School officials said there were some glitches, including a concern among some parents that they didn't have an advance copy of their child's daily schedule. And a few middle-school buses were late. But for the most part, said Alexandria City Public Schools spokeswoman Sandy Hudnall said the first day of school was a success.

"The phones have been pretty quiet," Hudnall said. "No major problems to report."

THIS YEAR MARKS some dramatic changes at Alexandria City Public Schools, including six new principals and a newly created early childhood center at John Adams Elementary School. Among the new principals taking charge this week is Suzanne Maxey, who has been given the task of transforming T.C. Williams High School. Earlier this year, it was dubbed a "persistently lowest achieving school," and now the School Board has directed the new principal to create individualized learning plans for each student.

"The plan is a documentation and a promise of what each student is going to do," said Maxey. "If transformation is going to happen, it's going to happen in the classroom," said Maxey. "That's where real learning takes place, so this is an important piece of the transformation process."

Other new principals include Tina Radomsky, who came from Chicago to lead

Mount Vernon Community School. She'll replace Scott Coleman, who moved to an international school in Brazil. Then there's Jean May, who came from North Carolina to take charge at John Adams Elementary School. He's replacing Mary Gibson, who has moved to central administration. Another newcomer is Rosario Casiano, who recently moved from New Jersey to take the helm at Ramsay Elementary School. She replaces Kathy Taylor, who has moved to take a new administrative position at T.C. Williams High School. Kevin West came from Arizona to head George Mason Elementary School, replacing Dawn Feltman who moved to become principal at Patrick Henry Elementary School.

"She wanted a school with some challenges," said Hudnall. "And a more diverse population."

OF ALL THE SCHOOLS in the city, none face more challenges than Jefferson-Houston. The school consistently ranks at the bottom of the pack. Ever since the federal government began sanctioning low-performing schools in the wake of No Child Left Behind, Jefferson-Houston has received every punishment conceived by the landmark education reform. That includes everything from bringing in officials from Richmond to monitor a "transformation" plan to allowing parents to abandon the school in favor of other schools with higher test scores.

Now, the school is trying something that's never been done before by adding middle-school grades. The older students are shoehorned into chairs and desks designed for elementary students, and the bathrooms are out of proportion for their new occupants. Perhaps worst of all, it's all set in a building that the school division has decided repairs would be too expensive compared to the cost of demolishing the structure and starting over.

"For now, we'll make do with what we have," said Jefferson-Houston Principal Kimberley Graves, while touring the 1970 building with a modular design and classrooms that have no doors.

Teachers say the modular design has its challenges, like the noise of the class next door and the lack of windows. But they say it also has its benefits, like the collaborative relationships forged between teachers. That will be especially important as Jefferson-Houston forges ahead with the experiment of merging middle school and elementary school classes at a building that has been deemed beyond repair.

"It's really a challenge getting used to it," said language-arts teacher Linda Porter, recently moved to Jefferson-Houston after 18 years at Hammond. "But the design really does emphasize the sense that we're all a team here."

ACROSS TOWN, teachers at John Adams Elementary School welcomed a new kind of student to the fold — ones that are under the age of 5. For the first time, Alexan-

dria City Public Schools now offers pre-Kindergarten classes at the school's new Early Childhood Center. The move comes after many years of talk about expanding access to pre-Kindergarten in Alexandria.

"We want to make sure that all kids come to Kindergarten on an even playing field," said School Board Chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts. "And this is a first step down that path."

The new pre-Kindergarten will be overseen by Andreia Searcy, who comes to Alexandria from Prince George's County, where she was an instructional specialist. In the coming years, school officials hope to reach out to parents to underscore the importance of pre-Kindergarten to parents who might not be considering it for their children. They also want to make sure the service is available to all parents who want it citywide.

"Our goal is to eventually provide universal access to pre-Kindergarten programs," said Superintendent Dr. Morton Sherman last year. "So we might need to go broader than the Head Start requirements to do that."

SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnews.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

George Washington Middle School (Grades 6-8) will hold its Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Contact 703-706-4500.

T.C. Williams High School Minnie Howard Campus (Grade 9) will hold its Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Contact 703-824-6750.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School (grades 6-8) will hold its Back-To School Night on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at 4646 Seminary

Road, Alexandria. Contact 703-461-4100.

The 1960 class of George Washington High School (now a middle school) is having its 50th Reunion in Alexandria, Oct. 8-10. Contact persons are Carolyn Weaver Whitaker, 386-447-5420, gwhs60carolynw@yahoo.com or Doug Garthoff, 703-683-2584, dgarthoff@verizon.net.

Rachel Anne Blier of Alexandria won the Department Award for Mixed Media for her piece "Do the Spirits Come Back" at the University of Mary Washington's Department of Art and Art History Annual Student Art Exhibition in April.

Blier is the daughter of William Blier of Washington D.C. and Teresa Blier of Alexandria, and is a 2006 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School.

A senior English and Studio Art double major, Blier has been named to the Dean's List. She is a member of the fencing club, UMW chorus, and is

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NEWS

City Seeks Volunteers for Help with Tree Conservation

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities seeks volunteers to participate in a tree conservation activity at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 8-10 a.m. The volunteer activity will be held rain or shine.

Due to recent beaver activity in the park, Parks Operations staff needs assistance in the installation of wire caging around trees. This summer, 20 trees have been lost to beavers who have taken up residence in the storm water retention pond.

This conservation activity appropriate for the entire family, and all that is needed is to be at the park at 8 a.m. The City will provide all necessary supplies, and light refreshments will be served.

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We Salute The Twig!



Past Twig President Seema Nawaz (left) at Twig's annual membership meeting with Christine Candio, CEO of Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Inova Alexandria Hospital wishes to thank The Twig, the hospital's junior volunteer auxiliary, for completing their \$750,000 pledge to build The Twig Pavilion, a 16-patient bed telemetry unit.

The hospital is thrilled to announce The Twig's new commitment — a \$1,000,000 gift to fund The Twig Patient Care Center of Project 2010. This state-of-the-art, 24-patient bed addition will have a tremendous impact on providing excellent patient care.

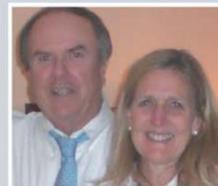
On behalf of our physicians, nurses, and staff, **thank you** Twig members for all you do for Alexandria's community hospital!

Join The Twig's 69th Annual Historic Homes Tour on Saturday, September 25. For information or to purchase tickets, visit thetwig.org



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\$579,500
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OPEN SUN

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1204
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JUST LISTED

7115
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\$795,000
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Expanded colonial in prime location just minutes from Old Town. Many fabulous features include: exceptionally large room sizes, first floor family room, updated custom kitchen and baths, finished lower level and expanded master suite with luxury bath and cavernous walk-in closets. Stunning custom sunroom overlooks gorgeous pool and grounds. Uniquely fabulous home.

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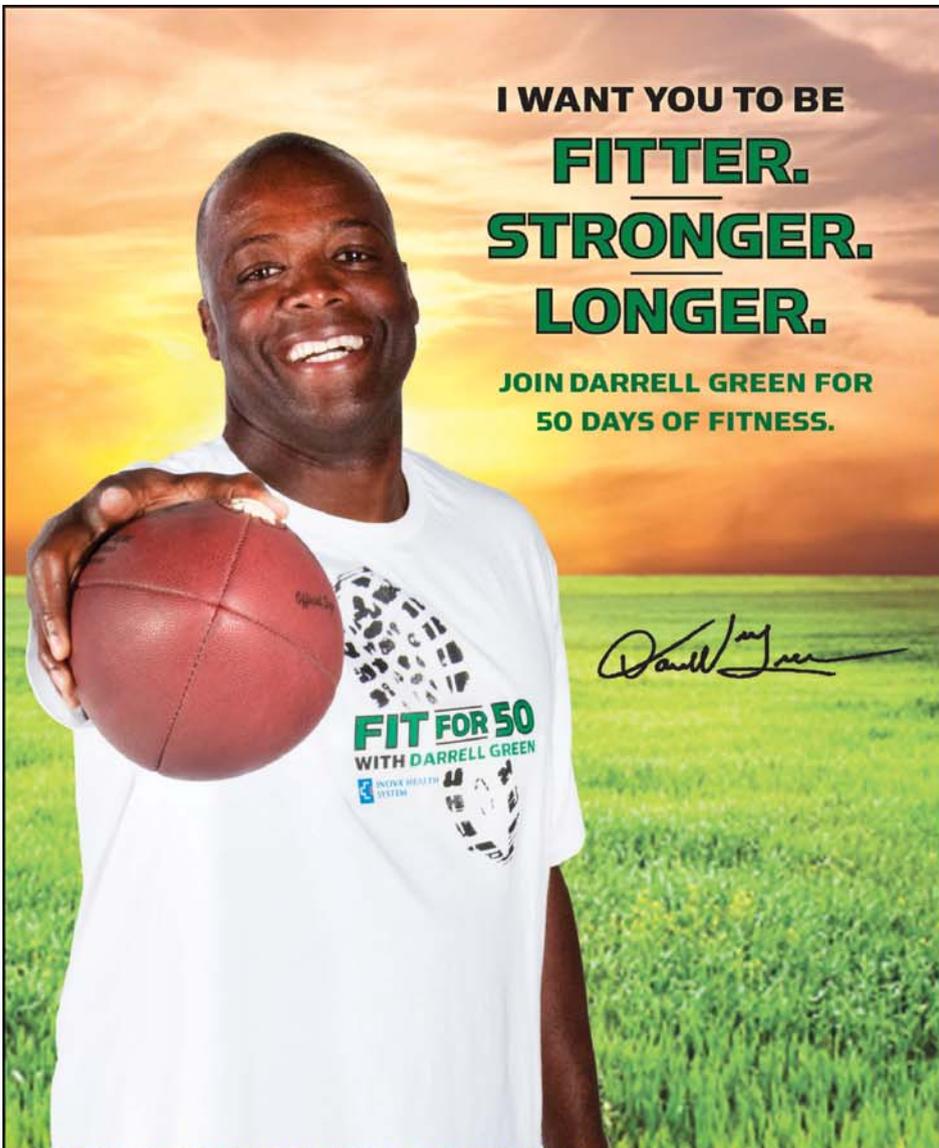
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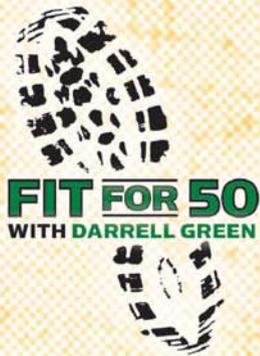
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Art League Helps Kick-Off Alexandria Festival of the Arts

The Art League will host a variety of free creative programs on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Market Square in Old Town Alexandria (The Art League will be located at the corner of King & North Fairfax Streets).

Fun, hands-on, art activities for all ages will be offered throughout the day along with demonstrations by nationally recognized artists. They will also hold their first artistically delicious fundraiser — The Ice Cream Bowl.

♦ **10 a.m. – noon:** Kick Off with Art League Instructor Steve Prince and Mayor Bill Euille at Market Square. Art League Instructor and artist Steve Prince kick off the festivities with a fun, hands-on activity for kids. Mayor Bill Euille will also participate.

♦ **12 p.m. – 4 p.m.:** Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser at Market Square. Support The Art League Ceramics Department while enjoying ice cream.

For \$15, select a handmade ceramic bowl created by the artists of The Art League's Ceramics Department and enjoy a bowl of local artisan ice cream by ACKA Cocoa Bar in Del Ray.

Participants in the Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser may enter the free drawing to win an Art League Gift Certificate.

The Ice Cream Bowl benefits The Art League's Ceramics Program. Thanks to ACKC Cocoa Bar for generously donating ice cream and supplies; students, associates, and instructors of The Art League's ceramics program for creating and donating the handmade bowls; and Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association for their support.

♦ **12 p.m. – 4 p.m.:** Art Activated in the Torpedo Factory Art Center with Patrick Kirwin. Art League Instructor and muralist Patrick Kirwin demonstrates his techniques for creating "fool-the-eye" effects. At the main hall of the Torpedo Factory.

♦ **2 p.m. – 4 p.m.:** Plein Air Painting Demo with Fred Markham at Market Square. Art League Instructor and landscape artist Fred Markham shares his painting tips and techniques for capturing the essence of any scene.

Alexandria Festival of the Arts



An artist will be demonstrating in the Alexandria Art Experience.

Alexandria's premier art affair returns for its 8th anniversary Sept. 11 - 12, 2010. For two days King Street from Washington Street to the waterfront is transformed into an outdoor art gallery with original fine artwork by 226 artists from 30 states and 20 countries. Festival-goers will be treated to paintings, life size sculptures, photography, glass, wood, jewelry, collage and ceramics with prices ranging from \$25 hand-designed earrings to \$20,000 metal sculptures. New this year, the "Alexandria Art Experience" joins the festival on Saturday.

Alexandria artists are among the troupe of national and international artists presenting work at this highly anticipated fine art show; including Torpedo Factory artists Matthew Johnston and David Cochran as well as local favorites Pat Palermino, Martha Brumbaugh, and Jane Andrie Gillette. Admission to the festival is free and open to the public.

New "Alexandria Art Experience"

Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Located next to Market Square on the corner of North Fairfax Street and King Street. On Saturday, The Art League and the Torpedo Factory Art Center present the "Alexandria Art Experience," a special new local village at the Festival of the Arts. Through activities, an artist demonstration, and a fun ceramics fundraiser these tents will share the enriching experience of the arts community in Alexandria.

♦ Hands-On Activities

The Art League will present a hands-on silhouette-style portrait activity for kids and adults in the morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, followed by a plein-air painting demonstration from 2 to 4 p.m., and a sketch book activity throughout the afternoon.

♦ Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser

From 12 to 4 p.m. the Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser supporting The Art League Ceramics Department presents a delicious way to support the arts. \$15 includes the selection of a unique handmade ceramic bowl created by the talented artists of The Art League's Ceramics Department and a bowl of artisan ice cream from ACKC Cocoa Bar of



The Alexandria Festival for the Arts is this weekend, Sept. 11-12.



Visitors attend last year's Alexandria Festival of the Arts on King Street.

Alexandria's Del Ray neighborhood. Participants in the Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser may enter a free drawing to win an Art League gift certificate.

♦ Create Your Own Button Art

The Torpedo Factory Art Center will hand out components for a button badge that can be designed collage-style. Participants will take their badge components to the Torpedo Factory on the waterfront to collect a variety of colorful bits and create their own piece of flair. The Torpedo Factory activity goes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and coincides with their annual event Art Activated, held at the Art Center from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

♦ Visitors can Win an Artful Getaway

Visitors from around the corner or around the world can enter to win an Artful Getaway to Alexandria! Alexandria was voted Third Best Arts Destination Among Mid-Size Cities by AmericanStyle magazine readers, and this giveaway will award five winners a fun, free way to experience this accolade first-hand.

Five prize packages include overnight stays at top Alexandria hotels, gift certificates and experiences from the Torpedo Factory Art Center and The Art League, and gift certificates for dinners at local restaurants. Art lovers can enter online at VisitAlexandriaVA.com, or entry can be made in person during the Art Festival at the information booth near

Market Square or at the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King Street.

♦ Additional Art Festival Events:

Art Activated at the Torpedo Factory Art Center
Saturday ONLY, Sept. 11, 2010
12 noon to 4 p.m.
Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria, VA 22314
www.TorpedoFactory.org; 703-838-4565

Step inside from the street fair and let your creative side play at this 4th annual event. Artists will demonstrate pottery on the wheel, painting, sculpture and much more. Try your hand at screen printing, bubble gum painting, pottery on the wheel and the popular champagne cork chairs workshop. Target Gallery partners with SPARK to present a Spoken Word event and don't miss a hip hop fusion performance by DCypher Dance. The SnackShak by Bittersweet will offer a Torpedo Factory inspired cupcake creation and other goodies available for purchase.

♦ Children in the Churchyard

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m.
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COMMUNITY

Scavenger Hunt in Old Town Boutique District Sept. 17-19

Serious shoppers are gearing up for the signature event of the fall season in Northern Virginia — the third annual Scavenger Hunt in the Old Town Boutique District.

The Old Town Boutique District, a cooperative association of 28 Alexandria boutiques, is giving away more than \$5,000 from participating merchants during its Third Annual Scavenger Hunt, Sept. 17 to 19.

“If you’re serious about shopping, there’s no better place in the region than walkable Old Town Alexandria,” said Elizabeth Todd, owner of The Shoe Hive. “This is a fun way to see all that Old Town’s boutiques have to offer.”

Participants are eligible to win a \$2,800 grand prize shopping spree by obtaining a “passport” and getting it stamped at all 28 stores between Friday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 19. No purchase is necessary. Twenty-eight second place winners, drawn at random, receive a \$100 gift certificate from one of the participating merchants.

Subscribers to Boutique Buzz, the Boutique District’s e-mail newsletter, will receive Scavenger Hunt passports in their e-mail inbox. Passports can also be downloaded from the Boutique District’s web site,

www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com/scavengerhunt.

During the Scavenger Hunt, every shopper will receive free gifts they can use to build their own gift bags. Each store will offer free items, while supplies last, that scavenger hunters can pick up and add to their collections. They can collect as many or as few items as they want, but only one per store per customer.

No purchase is necessary to receive the free gifts, but shoppers must show a Scavenger Hunt Passport to be stamped.

“We thought this would be a fun way to encourage shoppers to visit more independent Alexandria shops and boutiques,” said Amy Rutherford, owner of Red Barn Mercantile. “They can get free gifts from the merchants of their choice, or if they really want to win big, they could visit every store and take their chance at winning the grand prize.”

“We have a lot of wonderful shops and boutiques right here in Old Town; you don’t have to drive out to Tysons Corner or the outlet malls to find great deals on quality merchandise. And when you shop locally you are also supporting the Alexandria community because more money stays here in our local economy.”

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THEATER

Coward's Comedy Well Staged

Little Theatre of Alexandria mounts 1956 play.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

Noel Coward's comedy of manners ridiculing the world of modern art may be titled "Nude with Violin," but neither nude nor violin distracts from the solid performances of an ensemble delivering Coward's wit with style. The result is a solid evening of light comedy at the Little Theatre of Alexandria.

The text has its delights but is not packed with big laugh lines that can be stacked one on top of the other to build a sense of hilarity. Instead, there are individual comments, rejoinders and asides that draw more chuckles and smiles than bursts of laughter. The play is more notable for its sense of style than its high comedy, and director Howard Vincent Kurtz is always a fine choice to head any production of a stylish piece.

The play presents the events following the funeral of a famous modern artist when his estranged family gathers with hopes of hearing just what fortunes may come their way with the reading of the will. They learn with deep dismay that not only has the artist died without a will, he died without a fortune.

What is more, he has left a letter admitting that he never painted any of the works on which his fame is based. Not his first significant success, "Portrait of Marjorie," in which no one can detect the slightest hint of a portrait, nor the primitive colorful nudes of his "Jamaican Period."

The letter is in the hands of the deceased's longtime valet and companion, a role that was originated by Sir John Gielgud in London and which Coward himself portrayed when the play was staged on Broadway. Here John Barclay Burns turns his stiff upper lip to the delivery of drolleries such as his rejoinder to a character who says "I believe life is for the living, don't you?" It is with a devastating undertone of disdain that he replies: "Its difficult to know what else one could do with it."

The family's hope of making any future earnings out of the paintings he left behind depend on their



Gary Cramer (Clinton Preminger Junior), John Barclay Burns (Sebastien), and Michael Fisher (Jacob Friedland) star in "Nude With Violin" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria.

ability to keep this posthumous confession secret, and thus, they are at the mercy of one surrogate painter after another who emerges to blackmail them while revealing the story behind their participation in the fraud. These include a former stripper masquerading as a Russian princess (the striking Megan Murphy), a coarse

American with her silent gigolo by her side portrayed with panache by Diane Linton Sams and Geoffrey Brand, and an imposing practitioner of a new religious trend "Immersion." The "immersionist" it is given memorable moments on stage in the debut performance by DeJeanette Horne.

The members of the family are at the core of the ensemble, however, and Kurtz has assembled a cast for these roles and directed them so well that each is a distinct personality. The role of the widow gets the least of Coward's gifts for character definition, but Gayle Nichols-Grimes' performance makes the most of what there is. It is to her credit that she reaches a level that contributes to the sense of ensemble balance. Elizabeth Keith, on the other hand, takes full advantage of Coward's description of her role of the artist's daughter as having "a style of her own and a sense of humor which perhaps she inherited from her father."

Adding to the sense of assurance the ensemble presents is Michael Fisher as perhaps the greatest victim of the fraud, the art dealer who handled the collection over the years. He, too, delivers precisely what Coward's script calls for: "dapper, shrewd enough although his manner is inclined to be pompous and didactic on occasion."

"Nude with Violin" may not be Coward's finest hour, but in the hands of Kurtz' crew it delivers a few fine hours for a fall evening.

Where & When:

"Nude with Violin" plays through Sept. 25 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street. Performances are Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$17 - \$20. Call 703-683-0496 or log on to www.thelittletheatre.com.



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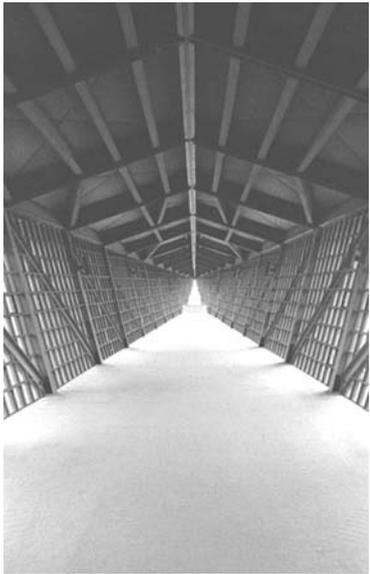
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SEPT. 5 THROUGH OCT. 31

Melissa Parkinson Photo Exhibit.

Opening reception is Sept. 17 from 4-7 p.m. . Melissa resides in Alexandria and is an MFA graduate from University of Wyoming. At BUZZ Coffee House, 901 Slaters Lane, Alexandria.

SEPT. 8 THROUGH OCT. 3

Big World, Small Paintings. A

collection of works by Cindi Lewis. Reception on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 5-8 p.m. Located at Gallery West, 1213 King Street in Old Town. Go to www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 10

From Our Perspective Exhibit. 7 to

10 p.m. Opening reception. Presented by the Del Ray Artisans, the seventh annual Board Showcase titled "From Our Perspective." Exhibit runs through Sept. 19. At the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact Marlin G. Lord at 703-836-2724.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 11

Art Activated. Noon to 4 p.m. Free. During the Alexandria Festival of the Arts, the Torpedo Factory presents Art Activated featuring artist demonstrations, hands-on projects, art-inspired treats from SnackShak by Bittersweet and special performances by DCypher, Joy of Motion Dance Center's resident adult hip-hop company. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 12

Shore Line. 2-6 p.m. Featured by Van Landingham Paintings, Fire Enamels. A show of paintings and fire enamels featuring scenes of beaches and sea by Marian Van Landingham will open in studio 321, Torpedo Factory Art Center. The show will end on Sept. 25.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 12

Shelf Life / Mary "Mimi" Frank. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Hours are Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org.

KEYS FROM THE CRISIS

The Torpedo Factory Art Center, The Art League, and Multiple Exposures



SEPT. 16 THROUGH OCT. 31

J.J. Cromer: A Study of Passing

Events. Opening reception is Friday, Sept. 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

Gallery are partnering with the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) to kick off their national campaign "Keys From the Crisis." Through a variety of art related activities, the art center will help the NCRC tell the story of the foreclosure crisis to the public in a very visual way.

- ❖ **Now Through Sept. 26:** Systems Failure exhibition in the Target Gallery
- ❖ **Sept. 1-30:** David H. Wells' photo-essay, "Foreclosed Dreams," that explores the empty homes littering the American landscape in the wake of the housing crisis on exhibit in the Site 3 Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art

Center, and a large scale projection at The Art League Gallery/National Harbor Location

"House of String": Large Scale installation located on the main floor of the Torpedo Factory, created by Torpedo Factory Artists serving on the Target Gallery Committee

- ❖ **Sept. 9, 6-9 p.m.:** Second Thursday Art Night. Target Gallery's Systems Failure "Meet the Artists" Reception - 6-8 p.m.

National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), Special Presentation at 7pm by John Taylor, President and CEO of the NCRC

David H. Wells, artist talk, in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at 8 p.m.

- ❖ **Sept. 11, 12-4:** Art Activated 1:30 p.m. -Target Gallery hosts SPARK: art from writing, writing from art - a spoken word event, along with a hands-on writing activity for the public. Focus is on the Systems Failure exhibit and the Keys from the Crisis campaign

- ❖ **Sept. 23, 7 p.m.:** Target Gallery hosts a Curator Discussion with juror Sarah Tanguy for Systems Failure Exhibition. Sarah Tanguy is an independent curator, arts writer, and critic, as well as a curator for the Art in Embassies Program, based in Washington, D.C.

SEPT. 10 THROUGH OCT. 10

Phil Napala's Digital Photography.

Part of the Orphan Works Project. The Opening Reception is Friday, Sept. 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with an artist talk at 7:30 p.m. The Gallery Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

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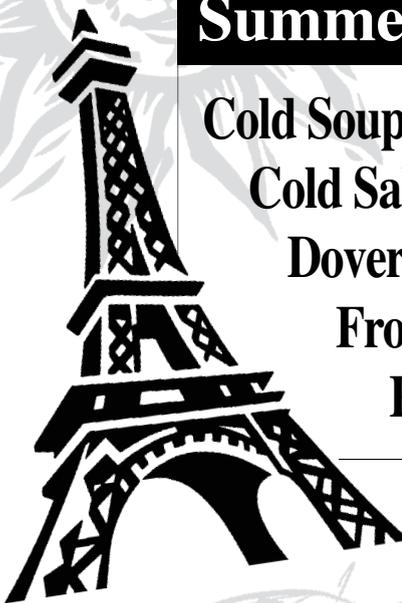
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THURSDAY/SEPT. 9

Second Thursday Art Night. 6-9 p.m. Free. Artist Talk with David H. Wells at 8 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery. From 6:30-8 p.m., The Art League Gallery hosts the reception for the All-Media Membership Show and Michele Rea's solo show, Vantage Point. From 6-8 p.m., Target Gallery presents a "Meet the Artists" reception for Systems Failure. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565

David Glaser. 7 p.m. David Glaser burst onto the Acoustic/Folk scene in 2008 with "Cars and Lovers," a genre-bending CD that shows his range as a performing songwriter. Performs at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

Canine Cruise. 8 p.m. Cost is \$35/person; \$20/kids under 12. Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue invites humans and their doggie friends on a cruise, leaving from the Alexandria dock. All breeds are welcome. Wine, beer, soda, snacks, doggie treats and a souvenir photo. Register at www.cockerspanielrescue.com/cruise.htm. Meet at Pat Troy's Irish Pub, 111 N Pitt St. from 5-7 p.m. for a Pre-Yappy Hour on their back patio. Afterwards, there is a "Cocker Parade" down to the dock at the bottom of King Street/Cameron Street behind the Torpedo Factory.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 10

Composting Seminar. 1:30 to 2:30

p.m. Cost is \$12/person. Green Spring Gardens' Master Gardeners share gardening tips. To register, call 703-642-5173. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria.

Stroke and Osteoporosis

Screening. 9 a.m. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes. At the Manchester Lakes Senior Apartments, 7131 Silverlake Blvd., Alexandria. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 11

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of Barrett Branch Library. At 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1703.

Remembrance Ceremony for 9/11. Noon. At the George Washington Masonic Temple, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Contact Robert Rodriguez, 703-746-4184.

Civil War Living History. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Reenactors from the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, Co. D, at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

"Blacks Without Borders" Film Screening. 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of "Movies with a Mission." At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

Art Activated. Noon to 4 p.m. Free. During the Alexandria Festival of the Arts, the Torpedo Factory presents Art Activated featuring artist demonstrations, hands-on projects, art-



SATURDAY/SEPT. 11

Historic Fashion Show. 3 to 5 p.m. \$10/adults; \$5/children. Living history interpreters will model clothing from the later half of the 18th-century and the beginnings of the 19th-century while historic fashion experts explain the changes in fashion during that period. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or e-mail carlyle@nvrpa.org.

inspired treats from SnackShak by Bittersweet and special performances by DCypher, Joy of Motion Dance Center's resident adult hip-hop company. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

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person. Guests may purchase tickets for the post-race celebration, at \$10 per person. Event participants are asked to raise at least \$100 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in lieu of a registration fee. To register for the events or for more information, contact Loree Lipstein, Sr. Campaign Manager, at 703-399-2957, or visit www.leukemiaup.org/nca.

SEPT. 11-12

Alexandria Festival of the Arts.

Free. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alexandria's premier art affair returns for its 8th anniversary with the nation's top established artists as well as new and emerging talent. Includes paintings, life size sculptures, photography, glass, wood, jewelry, collage and ceramics with prices ranging from \$25 hand-designed earrings to \$20,000 metal sculptures. In Old Town on King Street from Washington down to the Potomac River at the Torpedo Factory; 480 King street, Alexandria. Visit www.artfestival.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 12

Pet Adoptions. 1 to 4 p.m. Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation will be starting bimonthly pet adoptions at the PetSmart in Hybla Valley Shopping Center. All animals are spayed or neutered and are up-to-date on vaccinations. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org.

Christmas Cantata. 6 p.m. Free. Presented by Gracias Choir. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall at NOVA Alexandria Campus, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-822-3026.

Alexandria Citizen's Band (Classical, Show Medleys, American Classics). 3 to 4 p.m. Free outdoor concert at

Historic Collingwood Estate, off the GW Memorial Parkway, 8301 East Boulevard Drive. Contact the Collingwood Library and Museum at 703-765-1652 or www.collingwoodlibrary.com.

Church Picnic. Heritage Presbyterian Church's Christian Education Kick-Off and Annual Picnic. Register for adult, youth and children's Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. and after services, enjoy an international selection of foods, live music, a moonbounce and face painting. Bring a dish to share. Heritage is located at 8503 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria. Call 703-360-9546.

MONDAY/SEPT. 13

Tavern Toddlers. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Weekly open playtime with a new craft activity each week. For toddlers (walkers through 36 months). Runs weekly through Monday, Nov. 15. Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are \$3. A five-visit pass costs \$30, never expires, and includes up to three people. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 14

Alexandria Singers Auditions. 7 p.m. Washington D.C.'s premiere adult pops chorus will hold auditions on Tuesdays, Sept. 14, 21 and 28. At the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss Street, Alexandria. Contact audition@alexandriasingers.com to book an audition. Visit www.alexandriasingers.com.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 15

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m.

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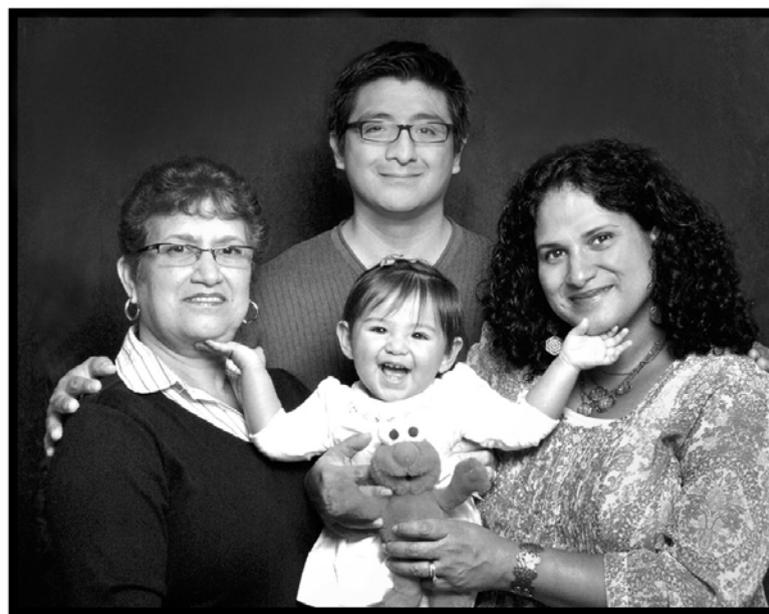
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Italian Wine Tasting. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tastings are led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar and tickets are \$25 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact 703-548-1789. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org.

Gourmet Tasting and Boutique Style Wedding Fair. 5-8 p.m. The event features a gourmet tasting prepared by R&R catering and exhibits by Alfred Angelo Bridal Shop, Alexandria Pastry Shop, Floral Specialties, All Seasons Floral Preservation, Jan Davis Entertainment and Events, Tisara Photography, Prime Transportation and Perfect Honeymoons. At Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. For reservation information, see www.rrcatering.com under the tastings tab or call 703-451-2798.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 16

Silent Auction to Benefit Alexandria's Breast Cancer Surgical Fund. Hosted by Women Mean Business, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Alexandria Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First St. All funds raised will benefit Alexandria's Breast Cancer Surgical Fund, which will pay for breast cancer surgery for uninsured women who do not have the means to pay for it. Women Mean Business is seeking donations for the silent auction and accepting RSVPs for the event. Visit www.womenmeanbusiness.info.

Jim Stephanson and John Previti. 7-9 p.m. Free. Guitarist Jim Stephanson and bassist John Previti will treat visitors to an evening of blues, swing, and jazz inspired tunes. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 17

Swing Dancing. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4. With the Mount Vernon Swing Band. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Red Molly in Concert. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$20/door; children under 14 with an adult half price. For reservations, go to www.sunspotpro.com or call 800-404-9049. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 18

Community Yard Sale. 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees). In the parking lot of Anthony Lane Elementary School, 7137 Beulah Street, Alexandria. Cost for sellers is \$15/space. Seller setup from 6-7 a.m. Visit www.alexjaycees.org or call 703-866-7171.

Piano Recital. 7:30 p.m. The Friends of Music of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will present virtuoso pianist Edvinas Minkstimas in recital. His program will include romantic music by Chopin, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Liszt and Piazzola. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students. At 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4342.

St. Luke's Craft and Family Fun Fair. 10 a.m. to noon. Some 50 vendors will sell crafts, jewelry,



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SATURDAY/SEPT. 18

Genealogist Workshop. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5. Char McCargo Bah will conduct a workshop and lecture showing how she successfully traced descendants of people buried at Freedmen's Cemetery and how these techniques can be applied to any family research. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. To register, call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

soaps, photos and more. Food, face painting and pony rides from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At St. Luke's, 8009 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call Tracey Navratil at 703-417-9219.

Sketching Session. 6 p.m. to midnight. Free. Sketching with a live model from 7 to 9 p.m. Musical performance starts at 8 p.m. Complimentary special show cocktail by Mie N Yu Restaurant. At Art Whino Gallery, 173 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md.

Hawaiian Luau. 4 to 9 p.m. Authentic food, music and entertainment featuring Halau Ho'omau I ka Wai Ola O Hawai'i. Advance purchase tickets are \$35 for Adults (over age 13); \$20 for children 6-12. Children age five and under are free. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children the day of the event. The luau, a church fundraiser, is open to the public. At Hope United Church of Christ, 6130 Old Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 703-960-8772.

Alexandria Story Festival. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free admission. For families of students in preK- grade 4. Local authors Sharon Hickey, Tamatha Hollingsworth, and Captain Brandon Barnett will read in tents to small groups and lead children in activities related to art, recycling, and exercise. More authors will be reading aloud:
10:15 a.m. Sandy Pugh
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11:10 a.m. Nick Bruel
12:15 p.m. Melissa Thomson
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At Hooray For Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King Street, Alexandria.

SEPT. 18-19

Market Marketplace. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mount Vernon's Colonial Market & Fair features Colonial-attired artisans demonstrating 18th-century crafts and selling traditional wares. The event also features 18th-century music, fire-eating, sword-swallowing, puppet and magic shows, plus food for sale onsite. The Colonial Market & Fair at Mount Vernon is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; children ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 19

Harmonia Concert. 3 p.m. \$20 donation suggested; students free. Featuring top soloists from Ukraine and Slovakia and with roots in Hungary and Croatia, this multi-

cultural ensemble includes violin, accordion, vocals, folk flutes (sopilka) and the 125-string cimbalom (played by Alexander Fedoriouk, a cimbalom supreme). Reception following the concert to meet the artists. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Contact 703-241-1817.

Vance Gilbert. 7 p.m. Contemporary folk/Americana artist with special guest Beggars Ride, in a concert and pre-show performance workshop. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit FocusMusic.org.

Lesson Zero (New Adult Contemporary Indie Rock/Blues). 3 to 4 p.m. Free outdoor concert at Historic Collingwood Estate, off the GW Memorial Parkway, 8301 East Boulevard Drive. Contact the Collingwood Library and Museum at 703-765-1652 or www.collingwoodlibrary.com.

Teddy Bear Picnic. 1 to 3 p.m. Children ages 7 to 11 should bring their favorite teddy bear or stuffed toy to Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, where they will play traditional Victorian era games. Cost is \$10/child; parents admitted free. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org.

Grieving Seminar. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Loss of Loved Ones to Sudden Tragedy (LLOST) Foundation's "Grieving - Handle with Care" Seminar Series presents, "Men - the Forgotten Griever." The presentation, hosted by Wendy Maiwurn, LCSW, Capital Hospice, will be based on the book, "Men and Grief" by Carol Staudacher from New Harbinger Publications. At Fort Ward Park in Alexandria. Visit www.LLOST.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 21

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. The meeting will feature a presentation by Laura G. Prescott entitled "Using Footnote.com." Meets in Room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, in Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

Meet Author. 7 p.m. Meet Bernice McFadden, author of "Glorious," the story of Easter Venetta Bartlett, a fictional Harlem Renaissance writer whose tumultuous path to success, ruin, and revival offers a candid portrait of the American experience in all its beauty and cruelty. Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Free; Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-765-3645.

Alexandria Singers Auditions. 7 p.m. Washington D.C.'s premiere adult pops chorus will hold auditions on Tuesdays, Sept. 21 and 28. At the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss Street, Alexandria. Contact audition@alexandriasingers.com to book an audition. Visit www.alexandriasingers.com.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 22

Author Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Rawn James Jr. will discuss "Sailing East for Western Shores: The Strange Legal Strategy that Defeated Segregation," based on his new book, Root and Branch: Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall and the Struggle to End Segregation. At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria.

Dyke Marsh Lecture. 7:30 p.m. Chris Miller, president of the Piedmont Environmental Council, will discuss how what we do in our community impacts Dyke Marsh, the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay at the Friends of Dyke Marsh quarterly meeting. At Huntley Meadows Park Visitors' Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525.

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Getting Down to Business in Breast Cancer Fight

FROM PAGE 1

Baker, director of the Alexandria Office on Women. "But that money is earmarked specifically for diagnostics. Finally there is a fund to help women get the treatment they need after diagnosis."

Baker, herself a breast cancer survivor, said that although the city has expanded the definition of diagnostic testing and increased the income limits of women eligible for assistance, more needed to be done.

"There was no fund to help cover the costs of surgery once a woman was diagnosed with cancer," Baker said. "There is a University of Virginia Medical Center Fund, but then you need to get a woman on a bus to Charlottesville. And let's face it — the women who most need the fund usually don't have easy access to transportation."

For the last 16 years, the Office on Women has worked with Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation to raise funds for the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer. Those funds provide breast cancer screening and diagnostic procedures for under-insured or uninsured women in the City of Alexandria. But funds were needed to pay for breast cancer surgery — lumpectomies and mastectomies — for those women whose screenings result in a diagnosis of cancer.

"Fortunately there are not large numbers of women who need this assistance," said WMB member and breast cancer survivor Victoria Almquist. "But each year there are six to 12 women who struggle to find funds to cover their surgical costs and that's where this new fund will help."

Dr. David Weintritt, a leading breast cancer specialist, is one of several surgeons at Inova Alexandria Hospital who have agreed to provide their services at the Medicaid rate for these women.

"Most physicians are happy to give some of their time," Weintritt said. "By the same token, it's a lot easier for me to pull in a whole team of people — anesthesiologist, pathologist, radiologist — who don't have a personal connection the way I do with the patient if there's a fund available to see that they get paid something for their time."

FOUNDED 10 YEARS AGO by Donna



Women Mean Business members meet to review the final details of the upcoming Sept. 16 silent auction benefiting the new Alexandria Breast Cancer Surgical Fund. Standing, from left: Donna Udvari, Victoria Almquist, Mary Breiner, Carla Clarke, Sally Hitchcock, Carolyn Wilder and Rose Gentile. Seated: Jennifer Harchick and Donna McIntyre.

Udvari of Burke and Herbert Bank, Donna McIntyre of Today's Cargo and Rose Gentile of Gentile Financial Group, Women Mean Business has raised more than \$63,000 for the Walk Fund through an annual silent auction. This year's proceeds will help launch the new Surgical Fund.

"Since 2005, we've held a silent auction as a fundraiser for the Walk," said WMB chair Mary Breiner. "We raised over \$19,000 last year alone, making us the lead sponsor of the Walk two years in a row."

This year's auction will be held Sept. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Suites in North Old Town with ACT executive director John Porter acting as master of ceremonies and auctioneer.

"We have over 120 items donated so far," Breiner said. "There will be five to 10 live auction items including a chef's table dinner at Geranio's with Mayor [Bill] Euille and Jim Hartmann as guest waiters and a private cruise for 25 people from Charlotte Hall and Potomac Riverboat."

The auction usually draws 120 to 140 attendees but Breiner would like to see the number top 200 this year. She was quick to note that, unlike many other fundraisers in

town, the auction is very casual.

"This is not a structured evening," Breiner said. "People can come right after work and relax and have a glass of wine while they do their bidding."

ALTHOUGH THE AUCTION marks the official launch of the Surgical Fund, early donations have already been put to work.

"The Surgical Fund was pushed along this summer," Baker said. "One woman was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer and she is already using the funds for treatment."

Weintritt, who will be speaking at the auction, said a program like this is key to the survival of many patients.

"Success rates are great with early stage breast cancer," Weintritt said. "The disaster cases that come through are usually due to a significant time delay in patients seeking care. That's the big winner in all this — getting rid of the fear patients have that they will be consumed by debt and lose everything if they seek help."

Despite having full-time jobs and families of their own, this small group of nine women does all the work behind the auc-



Dr. David Weintritt demonstrates a portable biopsy machine.



Dr. David Weintritt reviews the mammogram results of an Alexandria woman. A leading surgeon, he is donating his time to treat breast cancer patients.

tion, from soliciting donations to setting up tables the day of the event.

"This is a group where everyone pulls their own weight and works really hard," Udvari said. "It wouldn't work otherwise. It's a wonderful group of women and the fight against breast cancer is one we are determined to help win."

To RSVP or for more information on the Silent Auction to benefit the Breast Cancer Surgical Fund, visit www.womenmeanbusiness.info or contact Donna Udvari at 703-660-0674.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have a notice listed, e-mail gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum are looking for volunteers to lead school tours during the 2010-2011 school year. Volunteers should be enthusiastic about history and enjoy working with elementary school age children (grades K-6). Volunteers would need to be available during weekday mornings, and those with teaching experience are strongly encouraged to apply. Museum staff will provide ongoing training for both tour content and teaching techniques.

For more information or for an application, contact Michele Longo, Curator of Education for both

museums, at 703-746-4242.

Volunteer Career Mentors are needed to help under- and unemployed adults find jobs. Contact Sarah Schultz, employer partnerships manager at sarah@computer.core.org or call 703-931-7346 ext. 102 for more information. (www.computercore.org)

THURSDAY/SEPT. 9

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting. Group will meet at the Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. at 7 p.m.

Alexandria Beautification Commission. Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street.
Alexandria City Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan

Board. Due diligence meeting at 8:30 a.m., Sister Cities Conference Room 1101, City Hall, 301 King Street.

Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities. Meeting at 7 p.m., Room 2000, City Hall, 301 King Street

SEPT. 10-11

AARP Virginia and Ruritan are calling upon communities to help supply Virginia's food banks during a statewide community food drive on Sept. 10-11. The list of drop-off sites for the food drive is available at www.CreateTheGood.org/hunger.

❖ Take a filled bag of food on Friday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon to United Community Ministries, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria.
❖ Take a filled bag of food on Saturday,

Sept. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. to ALIVE!, First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria.

❖ Take a filled bag of food on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to New Hope Housing, 3516 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 11

"Where in the World Should You Invest?" 9 a.m. Fee is \$25/person in advance; \$30/door. Presented by David John Marotta, CFP, president of Marotta Wealth Management. At the Courtyard by Marriott, 4641 Kenmore Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.aaii.com/chapters/washingtondc or call 301-593-4542.

The Big Event. President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama announced the United We Serve campaign, a service initiative to

meet community needs and help reverse the economic downturn. Volunteer Alexandria is hosting a youth service day in the spirit of the United We Serve campaign and September 11th's designation as a national day of service. The event will bring together nonprofits, corporate sponsor and youth volunteers for one big day of service to offer one big thanks to the Alexandria community. Throughout the year, Volunteer Alexandria places volunteers in more than 500 nonprofit and government organizations, to provide much needed service to Alexandria. The Big Event is an opportunity for youth and community members to actively participate in giving back to the great community in which we are connected. Call 703-836-2176 or email intern1@volunteerallexandria.org.

NEWS

Debate in 8th Congressional District

FROM PAGE 3

"I don't agree with the federal government forcing people to purchase a product," said Murray in July, declining to identify other issues where he agrees with the attorney general. "This lawsuit is a debate we should be having."

When current Republican Gov. Robert McDonnell said he disagreed with a New York developer's plans to build an Islamic community center two blocks from Ground Zero, Murray joined in, calling the proposal "inappropriate." Moran disagreed, saying the developer has the right to build although he stopped short on commenting on the wisdom of such a move. When the conversation turns to earmarking, Moran stands by his record as a member of Congress who steers money into his district.

"Many of you are here because I earmark money," he said at a recent forum, addressing Republicans in the room. "And I do earmark money. I earmark a lot of money."

SOMEWHERE IN between Moran and Murray is Ron Fisher, the Independent Green fighting for attention as the two major-party candidates trade barbs on everything from the economy to abortion. Fisher also ran in 2008, barely registering with voters on Election Day.

Although he was only able to snag about 0.26 percent of the vote, Fisher decided to make another go



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

Independent Green Ron Fisher and Republican Patrick Murray listen to U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) make opening remarks during a recent debate at the Virginia Hospital Center.

at it.

"We have a pretend government," said Fisher during the Arlington debate. "They pretend to give us health care while they give handouts to insurance companies and they pretend to give us civil liberties while they spy on our citizens."

A retired Navy captain, Fisher wants to reduce the defense budget by 90 percent, establish a Department of Peace, extend Medicaid to all United States citizens, overturn the Patriot Act, close the prison at Guantanamo and freeze the sale of offshore drilling licenses.

"The major parties have no real solutions," said Fisher.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Town

SAME TIME, NEW PLACE - Towners, this isn't one of those sappy "Save the Date" notices, so stop reading if you like them.

This is an announcement (drum roll) of a major change of venue for what many of us believe is easily one of Old Town's best parties — the annual Historic Alexandria Foundation Antiques Show. As usual, the show and a slew of collateral events will be held in November. But this time around, everything — for the first time ever — will be held up the hill on upper King street, on Shuter's Hill at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Show dates are Nov. 4 through 7.

After many years of being held in a downtown Old Town hotel, the HAF Board voted to move to the majestic and imposing Masonic Memorial for its hugely successful fund-raiser for historic preservation and restoration projects in our town.

HAF worker-bees tell us in their "Save the Date" notice (see, I'm doing it, too) that the massive

granite columns of the ground-level Grand Masonic Hall will give a dramatic backdrop for the 38 dealers from around the country — not to mention the ample free parking on site. We'll tell you more later about the specifics of this four-day extravaganza — which includes an elegant (and wet) Preview Party on Nov. 4 and an informal celebration on Nov. 6. As most Towners know, the show proceeds and donations support a number of important initiatives that help preserve what make our town click and bring tens of thousands of big spenders to the old port.

Save the dates!

ALEXANDRIA FORUM TIME - The 52nd annual Alexandria Forum as always welcomes Fall in Old Town Sept. 24-25 with two days of total immersion in matters historic. Sponsored by the Office of Historic Alexandria, the theme of this year's Forum is "Coveting, Curating and Collections: The Art of the Public and Personal Museum."

The two-day movable feast car-

ries a registration fee of \$175 per person or, if you chose, \$125 for Sept. 24 only and \$100 for Sept. 25 only.

An opening session Sept. 24 kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with a reception, banquet and a lecture at Gadsby's Tavern and Museum by the Rev. Professor Peter J. Gomes of Harvard University. Subject: "Things of Beauty." Dr. Oscar P. Fitzgerald will preside.

On Saturday, Sept. 25 the Forum will move to the Lyceum, with lectures covering aspects of restoration and collecting by various speakers, starting at 9 a.m. After a buffet luncheon, the afternoon program will move to the Lloyd House at 220 N. Washington St. for three rotating, interactive workshops on furniture, Canton and silver. For more information on this always elegant affair, call 703-746-4554.

Hope you all had a bountiful summer, "Towners, and it's good to see you back in the house. Please keep it that way.

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SCHOOLS

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president of the Japanese Animated and Dramatic Entertainment club. She also is a winner of the UMW student writing contest in the arts and humanities division.

High school artists from Fairfax and Prince William won awards in Congressman Gerry Connolly's Congressional Art Competition. Winning 5th Place was **Alex Saylor** of St. Stephens and St. Agnes School. Winning Honorable Mention was **Olivia Dantzler** of Bishop O'Connell High School.

Seventy nine pieces of art by students from 14 area high schools were entered in this year's contest. All of the students' artwork will be displayed at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center until April 25. The exhibit will then move to theSPACE at Old Town Plaza, 3950 University Drive, in the City of Fairfax where it will

remain on display through May.

The Universities at Shady Grove recognized **Minkyung Kim** of Alexandria as an undergraduate student academic achievement winner from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore at USG Hotel & Restaurant Management Program. Kim is a member of the Eta Sigma Delta International Hospitality Management Honors Society and an active volunteer at the UMES student organization Campus Kitchens.

DePaul University student **Megan Miller of Alexandria** has been named to the Dean's List for the 2009-10 Winter quarter.

The following Alexandria students were named to the High List, Episcopal High School's academic honor roll, for the third quarter of the 2009-10 school year. This honor denotes an average of 90% or above in five or more academic

courses for the quarter.

❖ **Hunter Joseph Fairchild**, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fairchild II of Alexandria.

❖ **Nancy Elizabeth Walker**, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Walker of Alexandria.

❖ **Alexa Linn Williams**, senior, daughter of Mr. David B. Williams and Ms. Kathleen S. Ligon of Alexandria.

Linda McCargo, a freshman international studies and German major, received special recognition at Lycoming College's 2010 Honors Convocation held Sunday, April 18.

McCargo received the M.B. Rich Endowed Prize given to the students in the freshman class who attain the highest rank in scholarship and deportment. A resident of Alexandria, Va., McCargo is a graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

Mary R. Baucom of Alexandria was presented the Bradley R. Evers '94 Outstanding First-Year Student Award at Moving-Up Day ceremonies held recently at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Baucom is a freshman at St. Lawrence. She graduated from Grafton High School in Yorktown. The Thelomathesian Society is among the activities that Baucom has participated in on campus.

Alexandria resident Karima Ben Ayed, a student of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), has won one of the 40 national scholarships from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship provides up to \$30,000 a year toward tuition, living expenses and required fees for the final two-to-three years needed to achieve a bachelor's degree.

Ben Ayed was an F1 International student at the Alexandria Campus who graduated in December 2009 with associate degrees in business administration and general studies. While at NOVA, she held a 3.97 GPA. She has also been very involved in the life of the College, serving as president of the International Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and co-founder of the Student Alliance of Women's Interest. In addition, she has been nominated and selected to be a member of the 2010 All Virginia Academic Team and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and has been featured in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

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Theresa Schimizzi, a resident of Alexandria, was among the class of more than 550 graduate students at Nazareth College who received master's and doctoral degrees during the College's 83rd Commencement Exercises held on Sunday, May 9. Schimizzi received an MS degree.

Robert J. McGihon, a graduate student in the Master of Science in Real Estate Program at the University of Florida, has been awarded the Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Scholarship and the Rick Scarola Scholarship at UF.

McGihon, son of Charlie and Karen McGihon of Alexandria, attended Penn State University as an undergraduate student. At the University of Florida,

McGihon is the spokesman of the Master of Science in Real Estate Student Executive Committee. After graduating, McGihon plans to work in real estate private equity or brokerage.

Randolph-Macon Academy senior Margaret Strain, the daughter of David and Charlotte Strain of Alexandria, is the 2010 recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution award. The award recognizes a senior who excels in the AFJROTC program, and demonstrates exceptional qualities of dependability and good character. This award is sponsored by the National Society of The Daughters of The American Revolution, Front Royal Chapter.

Marymount University recently inducted 66 students into the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society. Among their number are the following residents from Alexandria:

❖ **Michele Fenimore (Brock) of Alexandria**, who is earning the degree M.Ed., Learning Disabilities.

❖ **Stephanie Marengo of Alexandria**, who is earning the degree M.B.A..

❖ **Patricia Markle of Alexandria**, who is earning the degree M.A. in Human Resource Management.

❖ **Jaclyn Sirois of Alexandria**, who is earning the degree M.A. in Forensic Psychology.

The following students from Alexandria received degrees at Lock Haven University during spring commencement ceremonies:

❖ **Courtney B Johnson of Alexandria**, Bachelor of Science.

❖ **Jeffery B Shiposh of Alexandria**, Bachelor of Science.

Mary Elva McIsaac, a junior from Alexandria, was named to the University of Kentucky's dean's list for the fall 2009 semester. Mary is studying anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Clara M. Helm, a resident of Alexandria and senior aeronautical engineering major at Clarksons University has received the Aeronautical Engineering Staff Award.

This award is given annually to an outstanding junior and most promising senior in each major. The recipients are selected by the mechanical and aeronautical engineering faculty based on scholastic performance and other activities. Helm will receive handbooks related to her field of study.

Brian Hunt of Alexandria graduated May 15 from Rice University. Hunt received a Bachelor of Arts in English and Psychology.

Benjamin Sullivan of Alexandria graduated from York College of Pennsylvania on May 15. Sullivan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Leah Withers of Alexandria graduated May 15 from Rice University. Withers received a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Brendan Sullivan, a resident of Alexandria, was among over 950 students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the College's 92nd Commencement Exercises held on Sunday, May 16, 2010. Sullivan received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Rachel Anne Blier of Alexandria graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. degree, English and studio art from the University of Mary Washington. Rachel Anne Blier received the Art Department Award in Mixed Media and Departmental Honors in English.

Local students were among the 232 men who graduated on Sunday, May 9, at commencement exercises marking the end of the 235th academic year at Hampden-Sydney College.

❖ **Dylan H. Colligan** graduated cum laude with a B.A. in political science. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Christopher R. Colligan of Alexandria and is a graduate of T. C. Williams High School.

❖ **Robert Brett Melvin** graduated with a B.A. in political science. He is the son of Catherine & John Finucan and Vinson & Harriet Melvin, all of Alexandria, and is a graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

Luke Alexander Navarro graduated summa cum laude on May 15 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a pre-med major in human nutrition, food, and exercise.

Michael Robert Prazmark of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Arts degree on May 16 from Curry College in Milton, Mass.

Amity J. Gilman of Alexandria was awarded a master of arts in International Relations during Salve Regina University's 60th commencement on Sunday, May 16.

Sara Fry of Alexandria, a senior at Gettysburg College, received the Karl J. Mattson Service Award at the college's May 15, 2010 Spring Honors Day ceremonies.

On Sunday, May 16, Washington College, a private, independent college of liberal arts and sciences located in historic Chestertown on Maryland's Eastern Shore, held its 227th commencement ceremonies.

The following students were recognized for their academic achievements and received their diplomas as members of the Class of 2010.

❖ **Matthew Boucher of Alexandria**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Boucher, BA, American Studies, magna cum laude, departmental honors, recipient of the American Studies Program Senior Capstone Experience Award and the Eldridge Eliason Award.

❖ **Valerie Wexler of Alexandria**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Wexler, BA, Political Science.

Paul Marc Vecchione of Alexandria obtained his bachelor of arts degrees in business economics and Spanish; cum laude from Wofford College on May 23.

Karissa Jensen of Alexandria was among a total of 484 students who recently graduated during 2010 spring commencement exercises at Gardner-Webb University. Jensen received a BA in Sociology.

Aubrey J. Peterson of Alexandria, a senior broadcasting and mass communication major, has been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester at SUNY Oswego.

Timothy Brosnan McCarty of Alexandria received his bachelor of business administration at the University of Mississippi this spring semester.

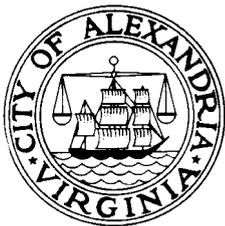
Jordan James Hatchell of Alexandria was one of 371 students who were named to Union University's Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester.

Aaron Fussner of Alexandria received a degree in media communications from Indiana Wesleyan University

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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
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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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2010-0196
Request for approval of new construction at **219 N West St**, zoned RB Residential.
APPLICANT: Wanda Carter

CASE BAR2010-0241
Request for the installation of a rear door and light fixture at **527 N Patrick St**, zoned RB Residential.
APPLICANT: Timothy Gorman.

CASE BAR2010-0260
Request for the installation of a screen wall at **227 N West St**, zoned RB Residential.
APPLICANT: Brendan Owens.

CASE BAR2010-0018
Request for demolition/encapsulation at **918 1/2 Pendleton St**, zoned RB Residential.
APPLICANT: Michael Ann Casey by Tom Dodd for Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

CASE BAR2010-0020
Request for the construction of an addition and alterations at **918 1/2 Pendleton St**, zoned RB Residential.
APPLICANT: Michael Ann Casey by Tom Dodd for Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

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

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ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT COMPANY

BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Alexandria Transit Company has a vacancy on its Board of Directors. Interested parties must complete a Personal Data Form and return it to the Alexandria Transit Company Administration Office at 3000 Business Center, Alexandria, VA 22314 or by email to marlene.jones@alexandriava.gov, no later than 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 5, 2010. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered

To obtain a Personal Data Form, contact Marlene D. Jones, ATC Secretary, at 703-746-5637 or by email.

Paul Abramson, Chairman

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OBITUARY

CAROL D. BECKER

On September 2, 2010 in Alexandria, VA. Mrs. Becker lived in Alexandria for 55 years; was co-owner of B&C Jewelers with her daughter, Vicki; a member of Sleepy Hollow UMC; had a passion for work and a love of family. Mrs. Becker was loved by all that encountered her and she never met a stranger. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 40 years, Harold H. Becker; son, Gary E. Becker; and brother, Harold Callan. She is survived by her daughters, Vicki Forness (Nolan) and Bonita Mills (Michael); grandchildren, Brook (Eric), Marcus, Ryan, Katelin, Shane; sisters, Nell Ackerman, Verna Cross, and Connie Callan; numerous nieces, nephews, and many close friends. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 10 a.m. at Sleepy Hollow UMC, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, VA 22044 with interment following at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Alexandria, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either Aplastic Anemia and MDS Foundation or Sleepy Hollow UMC.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ030147-01-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re HIWOT INFANTEE
The object of this suit is to:
Custody/Visitation
It is ordered that the defendant Francisco Infante, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/19/2010 at 10:00am.

SCHOOLS

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in Marion on May 1.

George Paul Barsness Jr., a senior at Washington and Lee University, has earned dean's list status for the recently ended winter term. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Barsness of Alexandria.

Gustaf Robert Cavanaugh of Alexandria, a senior at Washington and Lee University, has earned honor roll status for the recently ended winter term. He is the son of Mr. Robert P. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Claudia J. Fletcher of Alexandria.

Caroline Marion Habliston of Alexandria, a senior at Washington and Lee University, has earned honor roll status for the recently ended winter term. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Habliston IV of Alexandria.

Sydney Lee Cople of Alexandria, a junior at Washington and Lee University, has earned dean's list status for the recently ended winter term. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cople III of Alexandria.

Julia McLaughlan Farnham of Alexandria, a senior at Washington and Lee University, has earned dean's list status for the recently ended winter term. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Farnham of Alexandria.

Debra Gilmore of Alexandria received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha College of Graduate Studies.

Andrew Reese, a sixth grader at Hammond Middle was selected to participate in the State Competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee on April 9 at Shenandoah University. Bees were held in schools with fourth-through-eighth grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Geographic Bee winner. School-level winners then took a qualifying test, which was submitted to the National Geographic Society. Only students with the top 100 scores were invited to compete at the state level. He is the son of son of Janet and Townsend Reese of Alexandria.

Mary R. Baucom of Alexandria, a freshman at St. Lawrence University has been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Larry Gibbs Asante of Alexandria graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December with a Bachelor of Arts from the College of Arts & Sciences.

Courtney Evan Wilson of Alexandria graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December with a Bachelor of Arts from the College of Arts & Sciences

TC Williams High School class of 1990 is having its 20th reunion on July 24 at the Embassy Suites Oldtown-Alexandria.

Hayfield High School class of 1990 is having its 20th reunion on July 31 at the Embassy Suites Oldtown-Alexandria.

Marshall Hackett of Alexandria has graduated from Excelsior College, earning a(n) Bachelor of Science.

Nicholas C. Schoeder of Alexandria was among the 539 students who received a degree at St. Lawrence

University's Commencement Ceremony, held May 16 on campus in Canton, New York.

The following local residents are among the more than 700 new graduates of Marymount University who received diplomas at the University's 59th Commencement Ceremonies at D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, on May 10.

❖ **Wedd Aburagabah of Alexandria** graduated with a B.A. in Graphic Design.

❖ **Khalid Alsobeiee of Alexandria** graduated with an M.S. in Information Technology.

❖ **Blake Bishop of Alexandria** graduated with a B.A. in Communications.

❖ **Maddy Bukasa of Alexandria** graduated with an M.S. in Health Promotion Management.

❖ **Meaghan Casey of Alexandria** graduated with an M.Ed. in Elementary Education.

❖ **Ada Cuadrado of Alexandria** graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Graphic Design. Cuadrado completed Marymount's Honors Program, and gave the Address for her graduating class at Commencement.

❖ **Michael Curtin of Alexandria** graduated with an M.Ed. in Secondary Education.

❖ **Nicholas Davis of Alexandria** graduated with a B.A. in Liberal Studies.

❖ **Andrea Drost of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Community Counseling.

❖ **Lori Geftic of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Interior Design.

❖ **Krystyn Ivey of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Interior De-

sign.

❖ **Kedemah Joseph of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree).

❖ **Jennifer Kaufman of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Community Counseling.

❖ **Jacob Keane of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology.

❖ **Neil Markoff of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Human Resource Management.

❖ **Sara Mazzuto of Alexandria** graduated with an M.Ed. in Elementary Education.

❖ **Jeffrey Osborne of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree).

❖ **Martha Paz of Alexandria** graduated with an M.Ed. in English as a Second Language.

❖ **Christine Peter of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing.

❖ **Carolina Posada of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree).

❖ **Kristi Remkus of Alexandria** graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree).

❖ **Melanie Renaud of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree).

❖ **Paola Romero of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. in Criminal Justice - Forensic Science.

❖ **Sarah Shuff of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Humanities.

❖ **Brigita Stavreva of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Interior Design.

❖ **Tyshawn Thomas of Alexandria** graduated with a Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management.

❖ **Lauren Tusso of Alexandria** graduated with an M.Ed. in Secondary Education.

❖ **Joseph Vazquez of Alexandria** graduated with a B.B.A. (Business Administration).

❖ **Liliana Vedia of Alexandria** graduated with an M.Ed. in English as a Second Language.

❖ **Faith Von Guggenberg of Alexandria** graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Psychology.

❖ **Andrew Walker of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology.

❖ **Sara Waskowicz of Alexandria** graduated with an M.S. in Health Care Management.

❖ **Lindsay Wegge of Alexandria** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology.

❖ **Sherry Wilkins of Alexandria** graduated with a Graduate Certificate in Project Management.

The following area students were among 1,201 students graduating from the University of Mary Washington. Retired Senator John H. Chichester delivered the commencement address for graduate students on Friday, May 7 and Daniel R. Wolfe, executive vice president of Worldwide Creative Operations for Universal Pictures, delivered the undergraduate commencement address on Saturday, May 8.

❖ **Benjamin Robert Stokes of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, business administration.

❖ **Caitlin L. Messinger of Alexandria** graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. degree, psychology.

❖ **Caitlin S. Raab of Alexandria** graduated with a B.A. degree, sociology.

❖ **Cassidy P. Ringler of Alexan-**

dria graduated with a B.A. degree, classical civilization and religion.

❖ **Charles R. White of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, business administration.

❖ **Christine Anna Wang of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, biology and environmental science.

❖ **Christine Thanh Pham of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, business administration.

❖ **Christopher Bert Goulait of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, business administration.

❖ **Christopher Gabriel Castillo of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, computer science.

❖ **Claire Louise Copps of Alexandria** graduated with a B.A. degree, English.

❖ **Daliana C. Gandarillas Sagarnaga of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, business administration.

❖ **Elaine Rita Bryant of Alexandria** graduated cum laude with a B.A. degree, historical preservation.

❖ **Elisa Caballero of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, biology and creative writing.

❖ **Hasina Akhter of Alexandria** graduated with a B.S. degree, business administration.

❖ **Hillary Paige Graves of Alexandria** graduated cum laude with a B.S. degree, biology.

❖ **Jennifer A. Hicks of Alexandria** graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. degree, psychology.

❖ **Jennifer McMichael of Alexandria** graduated with a M.Ed. degree, master of education.

❖ **Jeremy E. Burke of Alexandria** graduated with a B.A. degree, sociology.

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Alexandria resident Billy Casamo, 3 1/2, exercised his creative muscle on the giant canvas provided by National Art Framing.



Torpedo Factory artist Lisa Schumaier and her helper, Kirby Ruble, 13, a student at George Washington Middle School invited children to help build a papier maché monster.



Janae White, 6, a student at Cora Kelley Elementary School, helped build the papier maché monster.

Youth Arts Festival

Young aspiring artists had the opportunity to share their talents, engage in the arts and promote community involvement at the Alexandria Youth and Arts Festival Aug. 14 at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School Field in Old Town. The festival featured live performances, puppet theatre, fine art displays, interactive workshops, poetry readings and opportunities for youth to sell their art. The festival was sponsored by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Au-

thority (ARHA), in partnership with the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, the neighborhoods of EYA, the Northern Virginia Urban League, and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Torpedo Factory artist Susan Greenleaf showed children how to manipulate clay and make shoe lizards.



Children and their parents watch a puppet show designed to teach lessons about bullying.

Free Pizza in Del Ray

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idea, Ganino added, HomeMade Pizza Co. was born — offering fresh, all-natural ingredients, with the convenience and simplicity of cooking at home.

Jared Ringel, store manager at the soon-to-open Del Ray location, is excited to introduce Alexandria to the company he's been with since March in Arlington.

"HomeMade Pizza is all about giving families an easy avenue to get a fresh, all-natural meal at home that they can enjoy together," Ringel said.

He added the store is looking forward to next week's promotion. "In addition to the VIP's grilling and sampling outside," Ringel

Details

Who: HomeMade Pizza Co.
What: Pizza samples and giveaway
When: Sept. 14 and 15, 4-7 p.m.
Where: 2413 Mount Vernon Ave.
Phone: 703-535-8855
Web: www.homemadepizza.com
Grand Opening: Thursday, Sept. 16.

said, "anyone who comes by and comes in the store will get a free medium pizza and free Caesar salad to take home."

Ringel also said additional menu offerings will be available for purchase for those who might want to round out the meal, but they will not be taking phone or fax orders until the official opening of the store on Thursday, Sept. 16.

BUSINESS NOTES

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

Each year, dressbarn honors the contributions that teachers make to the community by hosting an exclusive V.I.P. (Very Indulgent Party) shopping event for them. This year's fall celebration is scheduled for Sept. 30 through Oct. 3, and the following dressbarn stores in the Alexandria area, will host an event on one of those four days.

* dressbarn, located at Potomac Yard Center, which can be reached at 703-299-8910

* dressbarn, located at Bradlee Shopping Center, which can be reached at 703-379-4462.

Catholic Charities re-opened its

Thrift Shop in Old Town Alexandria after five days of deep cleaning. Store manager Ana Gutierrez, four Catholic high school volunteers and three adults cleaned, painted, washed windows and pared down the store's inventory, making room for new merchandise.

Consider donating gently worn seasonal clothing, small household appliances and decorative items to the thrift shop.

Tax receipts will be provided. Catholic Charities Thrift Shop is located at 125 South West Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-4881. Located adjacent to Christ House, the Thrift Shop is open daily from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Alexandria Country Day School (ACDS) celebrated the completion of its \$5 million campus expansion with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Pep Rally on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The campus expansion includes a new regulation-sized gymnasium, a din-

ing hall, a dedicated performing arts center, renovated office space and a new playground. These facilities complete the campus of the 28-year-old school and enhance the academic and athletic programs.

Fresenius Medical Care North America, operator of dialysis facilities, named two local dialysis facilities Centers of Excellence for achieving the highest standards in patient care in 2009. Fresenius Medical Care Alexandria and Fresenius Medical Care Fort Belvoir (Alexandria) were both honored.

Handle With Care Packaging Store of Alexandria wants to help job seekers put their best foot forward during Build a Better Image Week, Sept. 19-25, by offering to fax their resumes for free throughout that week and by sharing important tips on creating and presenting a professional resume.

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Depleted Titans Suffer Lopsided Loss

TC loses season opener to Robinson, 35-2

By JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

A depleted T.C. Williams football team appeared ready to battle Concorde District power Robinson during the opening minutes of both schools' season opener on Sept. 2.

— The TC defense forced Robinson to punt on the game's first possession and the Titans offense responded by moving 20 yards in three plays. Then, facing second-and-1 from its own 34-yard line, TC lost a fumble.

— The Titans defense, backed into a corner, stepped up by forcing Robinson into a third-and-15 situation. Then the defense allowed a 27-yard pass for a first down. One play later, the Rams scored a touchdown.

— Needing to answer, the TC offense took the field ... and promptly lost a fumble.

The evening did not improve for the Titans, who lost 35-2 at Parker-Gray Stadium. The 33-point defeat was TC's most lopsided since losing to Annandale by 36 in 2006. Only a Robinson punt snap through the end zone for a safety late in the fourth quarter kept the Titans from being shut out for the first time since 2005.

For the Titans, facing the Rams without Division I lineman Jay Whitmire and defensive standouts Damien Benton, Israel Richardson and Deontre Sanders was an uphill battle. Facing the Rams as a depleted team fumbling the ball away twice in its first five plays was a recipe for a blowout.

"You can't keep giving the ball to the other team — and a good football team at that," TC head coach Dennis Randolph said. "They're well coached, they're tough, they're big and they're strong."



Dealo Roberson and the T.C. Williams football team lost to Robinson on Sept. 2.

While the fumbles were costly, Robinson's third-and-15 conversion was arguably the Titans' most deflating moment. After stopping Robinson on its first possession and forcing the Rams into a third and long on their second, the TC pass rush chased Robinson quarterback Mike LoPresti to his left before the senior flipped the ball in the air. What appeared to be an act of desperation proved to be a momentum-capturing decision when the ball landed in the hands of running back Jared Velasquez, who scampered 27 yards for a first down. Robinson running back Kambulu Musokotwane scored the game's first touchdown on the next play.

"We had a screen [pass] called and we got pressure immediately," Robinson head coach Mark Bendorf said. "Mike LoPresti wasn't able to set his feet and he did the old Brett Favre flip. We had it set up so as soon as Jared got the ball he was in space and,

"You can't keep giving the ball to the other team — and a good football team at that. [The Robinson Rams are] well coached, they're tough, they're big and they're strong."

— T.C. Williams head football coach
Dennis Randolph

in space, you can see he's pretty tough. That [play] was critical."

Robinson scored touchdowns on its next two possessions and cruised to victory.

Meanwhile, the TC offense failed to get anything going, managing 187 total yards.

Senior starter Doug Murphy played into the second half at quarterback, completing 6 of 18 passes for 57 yards. Sophomore Alec Grosser entered late in the third quarter and completed 6 of 11 attempts for 79 yards.

"We had the kid back there, ready to sack him, and he flicked the ball out there like good quarterbacks do," Randolph said of LoPresti's flip. "The job of the quarterback is to make plays. It wasn't pretty, you don't teach it [but it got the job done]. ... You've got to give credit to that kid. He kept them alive and that's what a quarterback's got to do and that's what we didn't do — Alec or Doug."

The offense showed life at the end of the first half, moving from its own 42 to the Robinson 15 in less than a minute. Trailing 22-0, TC lined up for a 35-yard field goal attempt in hopes of building some halftime momentum. But the kick was blocked and returned 78 yards for a touchdown, giving the Rams a 29-0 halftime lead.

TC had seven players with at least one rush attempt. Jalani Winbush and Dealo Roberson each finished with a team-high 21 yards on the ground. Tyrell Sitton was the team's leading receiver, catching four passes for 74 yards.

The Titans should start to get some of its missing standouts back in the next two weeks. Whitmire, a Division I prospect at offensive tackle and a starting defensive end, is hoping to return from an ankle injury for the team's Sept. 16 game against Oakton. Richardson, a safety, has missed time with a knee injury and Sanders, a linebacker, has been out with a concussion. Benton, who has missed time due to personal reasons, said he expects to play on Sept. 11 against Mount Vernon.

"You're talking about four guys that are captain-like guys," Randolph said. "You take that away from [a team and] it's tough."

The Titans host Mount Vernon at 2:30 p.m. TC opens Patriot District play on Sept. 24 against Lake Braddock.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bishop Ireton Football Loses Opener

The Bishop Ireton football team gained 328 yards of offense and created multiple scoring chances during its season opener against Bishop O'Connell on Sept. 4. But four turnovers and a pair of missed opportunities in the red zone led to a 20-13 loss for the Cardinals at OHS.

Trailing 12-7 late in the fourth quarter, Ireton had a chance to take the lead but lost a fumble near midfield. O'Connell's Kenya Brown scooped up the loose ball and returned it for the game-clinching touchdown. Ireton took a 7-0 first-quarter lead on a touchdown pass from P.J. Zingler to Anthony Rivers, but did not score again until Zingler found Malcolm Westbrook in the end zone on the game's final play.

O'Connell pulled to within one at 7-6 on a 29-yard touchdown run by freshman Marvin Stewart late in the first quarter. Ireton drove inside the O'Connell

20 on its next possession, but came up empty with an incomplete pass on fourth down. Four plays later the Knights took the lead for good on a 75-yard touchdown pass from Nicholas Morabito to Zachary Allen.

Ireton once again drove into the red zone on its next possession, but fumbled the ball through the end zone for an O'Connell touchback.

Zingler, a sophomore, completed 21 of 29 passes for 225 yards and two touchdowns, but threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles. Westbrook caught seven passes for 96 yards and a touchdown and River caught four passes for 69 yards and a score. Moses Webb rushed 10 times for 83 yards.

Ireton will host Benedictine at 2 p.m. on Sept. 11.

SSSAS Football Opens Saturday

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes will open its 2010



Bishop Ireton receiver Malcolm Westbrook (7) caught seven passes for 96 yards and a touchdown on Sept. 4 against Bishop O'Connell.

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SPORTS

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season on the road at 1 p.m. on Sept. 11 against St. Christopher's. The Saints' home opener is Sept. 25 against Bishop Ireton.

SSSAS Soccer Wins Opener

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys soccer team defeated St. Christopher's 2-1 in overtime on Sept. 3. Freshman Graham Guidry scored the game-winning goal for the Saints. SSSAS junior Parker Patterson scored on a penalty kick in the second half.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Saints travel to face Woodberry Forest at 4 p.m. on Sept. 10.

football program. This developmental program is for participants ages 5 - 6. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of Oct. 1, 2010. Teams are formed by recreation districts. Registration fee is \$50. All participants must be resident of the City of Alexandria. Games will held on Saturday afternoons in September and October. The league is limited to a maximum of 100 registrations. For more information, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the recreation department's Web site at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Girls Volleyball Program

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the girls volleyball league for ages 9 - 14. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of Dec. 31, 2010.

The league is designed to develop the basic fundamentals and further the development of the skilled players. Teams will be formed based on the number of participants registered and by experience.

Practice begins in late September with practices on Sunday afternoons and games on Thursday and Friday nights. The registration deadline is Sept. 15, and is limited to a maximum of 120 participants. The fee is \$30 and participants must be a resident of the City of Alexandria.

For more information, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or visit alexandriava.gov/recreation. Space is limited.

Youth Coaches Needed

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Episcopal Football To Host Scrimmage

The Episcopal football team will host a scrimmage against The Hill School at 1 p.m. on Sept. 11. The Maroon opens its season at home against Flint Hill at 4 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Episcopal Boys Soccer To Open

The Episcopal boys soccer team, ranked one of the top teams in the country last season, opens its season with the two-day Maroon & Black Cup, starting Sept. 10. Episcopal will face Paul VI at 4 p.m. on Sept. 10, EMHS at 10 a.m. on Sept. 11 and Potomac at 4 p.m. on Sept. 11.

Lil' Titans Youth Flag Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the Lil' Titans Youth flag

SCHOOL NOTES

Drew University has named **Kathryn Margaret Funkhouser** of Alexandria and **Felipe Gomez-Acebo** of Alexandria to its Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester.

Some 19 Alexandria residents have been named to the spring semester Dean's list at Radford University. They are **Carrie Lorah Beltz**, senior music major; **Emily Sohyoung Besse**, sophomore pre-business major; **Lehra**

Nicole Bogino, senior biology major; **Theodore Paul Rynn**, senior psychology major; **Johannah MacKenzie Mosley**, senior dance major; **Cameron John Cash**, senior criminal justice major; **Kimberly Jolyn Crawford**, sophomore psychology major; **Leanne Michelle Medders**, senior interdisciplinary studies major; and **Steven Joseph Tracy**, senior management major.

Also **Deanna Marie Kelson**

Doyle, junior art major; **Joseph Charles Shaul**, senior psychology major; **Amanda Michelle Dillon**, senior interdisciplinary studies major; **Audrey Lynn Lewis**, senior art major; **Nicole Leann Massar** senior interdisciplinary studies major; **Stephen Andrew McFarland**, sophomore media studies major; and **Deborah Lee McKenna** senior fashion merchandising major; and **Bailey Jo Walsh**, senior accounting major.

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