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The Salvation Army Band opens the celebration with a performance in Market Square on Sunday afternoon.

Celebrating 125 Years



The Salvation Army celebrated its 125 anniversary in Alexandria on Sunday, Oct. 24, with a concert and dance performance in Market Square. Mayor Bill Euille also presented Commanding Officer Ken Argot with an official proclamation. The Salvation Army is located 1804 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray.

Women's Auxiliary president Jamie Paul and members Jane Hipp, Anne Mueller and Judy Hicks.

Members of the Youth Auxiliary Wesley Reardon, Wongelwit Tadesse, Surafel and Kirubel Adere and John Anthony offer water and cookies to guests at the celebration.



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Closing Arguments

As Election Day nears, 8th district candidates' contrasts intensify.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Trying to ride the wave of anger against incumbents this year, Republican challenger Patrick Murray has accused his opponent of a number of misdeeds this campaign season. First, there was the charge that he misused taxpayer funds on direct mail that was approved by a bipartisan committee in Congress. Then he castigated the Democratic incumbent for denigrating military service by

criticizing him for not having any neighborhood involvement before seeking a seat on Capitol Hill.

"Career politicians will tell you what they think you want to hear," said Patrick Murray, running as the Republican candidate in the 8th congressional district. "Well, there's no such thing as a free lunch."

Murray just finished a salad at the Mount Vernon Country Club this week, when 10-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran took the

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No Place Like Home

Volunteers help disabled Vietnam vet with upgrades and winterization.

BY BRIAN CAIN
GAZETTE PACKET

John Patterson, a disabled Vietnam War veteran who lost both his legs from the effects of Agent Orange, wanted a safety rail, but received much more.

Patterson grew up and still lives in the Alexandria house his mother bought in 1949. After graduating from George Washington High School in 1965, Patterson served one tour in Vietnam, '67-68, with the 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Phu Loi. Like many veterans who served in Vietnam, Patterson was exposed to Agent Orange, the

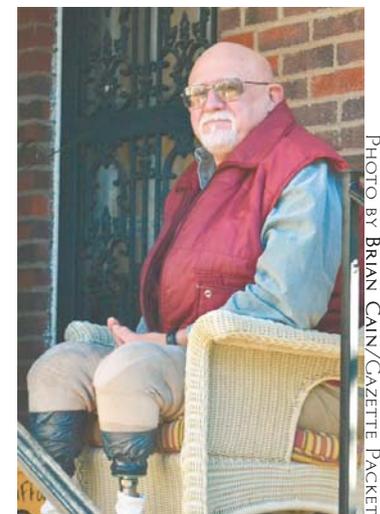


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RTA client and disabled Vietnam War veteran who lost his legs due to Agent Orange, John Patterson.

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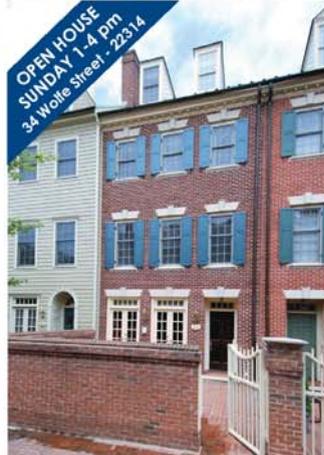
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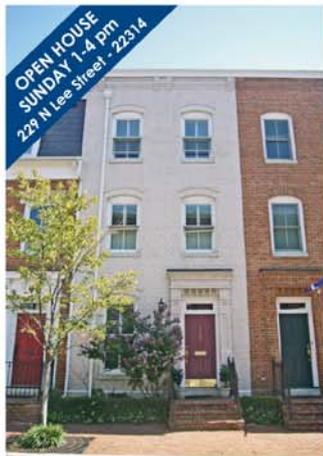
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Dollar Bill

Mayor **Bill Euille** couldn't find support for his proposal to lower parking meter rates to \$1 an hour, decreasing the need for change and pumping renewed life into the city's sluggish retail sales. Old Town merchants began gathering the pitchforks against City Hall this summer after elected officials spiked parking meter fees 75 percent, forcing potential customers to beg for quarters up and down King Street. Euille tried to get his colleagues to follow suit, but nobody took the bait.

"You win some, you lose some," said Euille Tuesday night.

It wasn't a complete loss. City Council members did approve a motion that would undo a mess they created when they adopted the operating budget earlier this year. Retailers, motorists and residents were caught off guard at the need to carry around containers of quarters just to have lunch in Old Town. Tuesday night, they tried to make amends by lowering the parking meter rates from \$1.75 to \$1.25. Transportation Director **Rich Baier** said city workers won't be able to manually change all 1,040 old-fashioned parking meters until Thanksgiving at the earliest.

"Rich is about to faint over there," explained Councilwoman **Del Pepper**. "Because this is coming out of his road maintenance."

Partisan Streetcars

City Council members voted along party lines Tuesday night, approving a \$1 million allocation for a streetcar study on a 5-to-2 vote. The Democratic majority supported entering into an agreement with Arlington County, which will also shell over a cool million for an environmental analysis for a streetcar line between Crystal City and Potomac Yard.

"We're still trying to figure out how to pay for the Metro station," said Republican Councilman **Frank Fannon**. "I'm not sure this is something I want to spend a million dollars on."

Members of the Arlington County Board, all Democrats, have already released a request for proposals to hire a consulting firm to do the job. According to the agreement approved Tuesday night, the consulting firm will be responsible for preliminary engineering and environmental planning. City officials say the study would be a precursor to securing federal funds. No public hearing has been scheduled. "We are going to spend a million dollars and then as people what they think?" asked Republican-leaning independent **Alicia Hughes**.

Art in Charge

Former Del. **Marian Van Landingham** (D-45) has long maintained the position that there is no need to displace the artists from power at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. That's why she opposed the effort to create a new governing board that was dominated by non-artists. She and Councilman **Rob Krupicka** eventually negotiated a compromise that creates a new 13-member governing board with a 7-vote majority of artists.

"This is squarely in the camp of artists," said Krupicka.

Van Landingham declared victory on her way out of the council chambers, although she declined to comment on whether or not the new governing board was an improvement on the rule of the artist association. Sculptor **Mirella Belshe** did have a few things to say, however. She accused City Council members of having a lukewarm appreciation for the arts.

"I'm a Florentine, and I know what it means to support the arts," said the sculptor, who works in studio 27. "Have they ever come to buy art from us?"

Marketing Market Square

Expect Market Square to take on a whole new aroma soon. City Council members approved an \$18,000 pilot project Tuesday night that would open up the square to a handful of food vendors. The approved carts will be purchased by participating Old Town restaurants, and the umbrellas will be forbidden from having any kind of logo. Council members acknowledge the effort was somewhat of a gamble, one they're asking restaurateurs to bear the brunt of the financial burden.

No public hearing has been scheduled.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

Neighbors: Smoke and Porn

Glass Stache joins La Tache in the heart of Old Town.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A line of exotic hookahs line the front window of the Glass Stache, a new retail location at the southwest corner of Queen and Lee streets. A white shade obscures most of glass on the front door, which includes a warning that visitors must be 18 years old to enter. A whimsical mustache adorns a sign on the corner.

"We card," the door cautions.

Welcome to the Glass Stache, Old Town's newest smoke shop. Because the property was already zoned for commercial use, no special-use permit was required for the store and no public hearing was conducted. The owners quietly opened shop last Monday, selling a colorful variety of glass pipes and other paraphernalia the owners insist is for smoking tobacco.

"Everything we are doing is for legal purposes," said co-owner Chip, who declined to give his last name. "It's all for tobacco only."

The smoke shop joins a sex shop known as La Tache, two blocks away, which sells blow-up dolls and XXX pornography. Together, the pair has created a new era in Old Town. Some say it's a regression to an earlier time, when transvestite prostitutes lingered along Route One and cab drivers refused to stop in certain blocks. One critic of the new smoke shop is former Old Town Civic Association President Poul Hertel, who said the Glass Stache will undercut historic ambiance in the city.

"It's in appropriate," Hertel said Monday night at City Hall. "But I suppose it's consistent with the porn shop."

NEARBY SEX SHOP Le Tache caused a stir in Old



Glass Stache recently opened at the southwest corner of Queen and Lee streets.

Town when it opened its doors in 2009. The location of the shop on lower King Street was prompted by a dispute between former Trophy Room owner Michael Zarlenga and city officials. Zarlenga wanted to demolish part of a historic building, and the city said no. So he leased the building to a store selling vibrators. Sex shop workers say they didn't feel the back part of the building was historic enough to save.

"The only people I ever see back there are drunks," said sales associate Catherine Miller in an interview last year. "So I don't really see what the big deal is."

Now a smoke shop has caused a similar controversy, although without the element of revenge. Glass Stache co-owner Quinn, who also declined to give his last name, said he feels a smoke shop is an entirely legitimate venture for a city that was once one of the most thriving tobacco ports on the Eastern Seaboard.

When asked about the new shop Tuesday night, Mayor Bill Euille agreed.

"As long as it's legal," said the mayor, "I don't mind."



Chapel Fire

A 129-year-old chapel on the campus of the Virginia Theological Seminary was severely damaged by a fire late last week. Authorities are still trying to determine the cause of the Immanuel Chapel, which is used for Sunday services by a congregation that also meets across the street at a more modern chapel on Seminary Road.



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ACT Executive Director John Porter welcomes the audience of more than 300 to the forum.



Lori Morris, Jean Case and Lisa Collis at the ACT Non-profit Excellence Forum.

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Case Highlights Non-profit Forum

Discussing technology's role in philanthropy.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
 GAZETTE PACKET

More than 300 people turned out Oct. 13 to participate in the sixth annual ACT Non-profit Excellence Forum, keynoted this year by philanthropist Jean Case, CEO of the Case Foundation.

Held at the First Baptist Church in Alexandria, Case focused on the potential of new technologies to expand giving and promote philanthropy.

"I am passionate about the power of online to transform," Case said. "No matter where you are today, the internet can enable any organization of any size to do great things."

Case, a former AOL executive, formed the Case Foundation in 1997 with her husband and AOL founder Steve Case.

"We asked ourselves, 'How can we leverage the internet for good?'" Case said.

The Case Foundation created America's Giving Challenge, a pilot program for online giving implemented through a partnership with Facebook and Parade Magazine.

"What we saw with America's Giving Challenge was a non-profit sector completely unprepared for social media and the digital age," Case said. "But if you are not engaged in these new technologies, you

will be left behind."

Case talked about the importance of including younger generations in non-profit strategic planning.

"Millennials [those born between 1980 and 2000] represent the future," Case said. "They don't have to be in charge but they have to be at the table. Have that generation inform your work as you take it forward."

The forum included breakout sessions on marketing, fundraising and citizen engagement and served as the launch of ACTion Alexandria, a new community building social media platform that is funded in part by a Knight Foundation grant of \$102,000.

"The Knight Foundation grant was one of only 24 awarded across the nation for community forums," said Lori Morris, a founding member of ACT. "We are also partnering with the city on the project, which is already up in beta testing."

Case, who was introduced by former First Lady of Virginia and founding ACT board member Lisa Collis, stressed the potential of social media to spur non-profit growth. "I am blown away by the power of social media to grow your audience," Case said. "Use it to go to your audience. Don't sit around waiting for them to come to you."

Case answered questions from the audience, each time focusing on the importance of using various technologies to expand the reach of non-profits.

"Don't worry if you are just getting started because it's easy to jump in," Case said in closing. "You are changing the world. Let technology help you get there faster."



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Thank Heaven?

Neighbors on Upper King Street are preparing for a fight against California-based developer Southland, who wants to move a 7-Eleven convenience store into an empty storefront at the corner of King and Harvard streets. Upper King Street Civic Association President Trey Hanbury said his members are ready for a fight, outlining a litany of potential problems with the land use.

"Crime, litter, noise, garbage, dumpsters, rats, lighting, traffic, alcohol sales," the civic association president said. "And that's just for starters."

When asked about the land-use dispute, Mayor Bill Euille said he opposed adding a 7-Eleven on Upper King Street when Southland was in the process of opening another location in Carlyle. But now that that store is operational, Euille said it would be inappropriate to take a position on the new proposal until the process moves forward.



A California-based developer wants to move a 7-Eleven into this Upper King Street location, angering neighbors who say they are preparing for a fight.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

"I have no position on that right now," the mayor said on his way into a meeting at City Hall.

NEWS



Jennifer Griffin, Chandra Fitzgerald, Vola Lawson and Carolyn Griffin. Fitzgerald is a nurse physician and cared for Lawson when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.



Nazreth Leakemariam, left, joins 11-year-old Girl Scouts Jakie Westbrook and Bofta Leakemariam in cheering on the walk participants. The girls were working on a Bronze scouting award.



Hosts Katie Kathman, Eileen Marousek, Debbie MacDougall, Sherry Shultz and Alica Kachejian celebrate at the first Save the Boobies fundraiser Oct. 20 at the Morrison House.



Patsy Ticer, center, walked with daughter Virginia Baechler, a one-year survivor, and 8-year-old grandson Kurt Rand.

PHOTOS BY
JEANNE THEISMANN (ABOVE) AND
LA SHAWN AVERY-SIMONS (BELOW)
GAZETTE PACKET

The Power of Pink

Braving chilly morning temperatures, more than 1,100 people turned out Oct. 23 for the city's 17th annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer.

"I've walked every year since Vola started this," said Pat Troy, who was joined by his wife Bernadette. "God bless her. It shows what one person can do."

Started in 1994 by then-city manager Vola Lawson after her own battle with breast cancer, this year's walk raised \$115,000, with \$20,000 of that donated by Women Mean Business for the new Breast Cancer Surgical Fund.

"We have raised over one million dollars since the start of the Walk and helped over 5,000 women gain

access to mammography," Lawson said as the Walk kicked off in the AMC Hoffman Theaters parking lot.

The Walk culminated a week of events supporting various breast cancer causes, including many Dine Out and Shop promotions and the first Save the Boobies fundraiser Oct. 20 at the Morrison House.

Jennifer Griffin, a Fox News correspondent and daughter of MetroStage artistic director Carolyn Griffin, acted as host of this year's event.

"A year ago I was diagnosed with Stage III triple negative breast cancer," Griffin told the crowd. "We march, we wear pink and we walk because we want to end this."

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Kimberly Brooks, Tiffany Young and Courtney McSwain hand out goodie bags during the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer.



Anita Brower and Bertha Harrod hand out food to walkers at the AMC Hoffman parking lot.

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Call of Duty

Over and over again this campaign season, 10-term incumbent U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) has criticized his opponents as unqualified. Even before the primary, Moran said neither of the primary contenders lacked the kind of experience he had before launching his first congressional campaign in 1990. After retired diplomat **Patrick Murray** narrowly won the primary, Moran continued to attack the party's recruitment efforts.

"What they do is they find candidates, usually stealth candidates. They haven't been in office, haven't served in any kind of public service," Moran told a group of Arlington Democrats earlier this month. "My opponent is typical, frankly."

Republicans have seized on the comment as an attack on the military. Because Murray served 24 years in the Army, they say, Moran's denunciation of Murray as not engaging in public service is denigrating to the military. Hoping to gain traction on the issue, the Murray campaign called a press conference this week showcasing military support for the Republican hopeful.

"When he said military service is not community service, that's highly objectionable," said Murray, who acknowledged that he's not currently a member of any neighborhood civic association. "He should apologize."

A few blocks away at his campaign headquarters, the congressman refused to apologize. Once again, he criticized Murray for not voting in a Virginia election until last year. He also said congressional candidates should have some kind of familiarity with land-use policy, school politics or zoning issues before trying to get a seat in the Capitol.

"Everyone in that room knew what I was saying," Moran said, referring to the Arlington speech Republicans are circulating online. "Military service does not preclude civic involvement."

Madame Senator?

As next year's election nears, a handful of candidates are eagerly eyeing the senate seat currently held by state Sen. **Patsy Ticer** (D-30). The senator said she is leaning against running again, although she added that she would not be making a final decision until the General Assembly session next year. In the absence of a decision, a handful of potential candidates have already emerged as potential rivals in the Democratic primary.

Leading the list of names under discussion are former Del. **Brian Moran** (D-46), who waged an unsuccessful bid during last year's Democratic gubernatorial primary; Alexandria Councilman **Rob Krupicka**, who has already announced he will not be seeking another term on City Council; Del. **Adam Ebbin** (D-49), who has served in the House of Delegates since 2003; and Arlington County School Board Chairwoman **Libby Garvey**, who Ticer said she would be most likely to support in a primary race.

"I would very much like to see a woman replace a woman," said Ticer, who was elected to the Virginia Senate in 1996 after serving as mayor. "There are only seven women in the Senate, so any scenario involving a man being elected to the seat is moving backwards in my opinion."

Complicating the potential primary is the redistricting process. Because the Census Bureau is not expected to release its data until February and the United States Justice Department must approve the new maps created by the Republican-controlled General Assembly, some are concerned that the primaries might be pushed back as late as September. "We are aware of Virginia's time constraints," said Xochitl Hinojosa, a Justice spokeswoman. "We are working with state and local officials."

March of Independents

Speaking of future election cycles, Alexandria is already buzzing about November 2012. That's when the next City Council election will take place, thanks to an act of lame-duck Democrats changing the date of the election after they lost two seats in May 2009. Former Vice Mayor **Andrew Macdonald** says he is considering an independent bid for mayor, potentially against incumbent Democrat **Bill Euille**. Former Police Chief **David Baker** is considering an independent bid for City Council. And independent Councilman **Alicia Hughes** may seek a second term. Presumably, Baker and Hughes would face Republican **Frank Fannon** plus a full slate of six Democratic candidates.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Jim Moran



Patrick Murray

Candidates' Contrasts Intensify

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microphone to make the closing argument in his bid for starting a second decade in Washington. He defended his history of earmarking money for the region, pointing out money he helped secure for a Metrorail extension and research into traumatic brain injuries.

"If everything was perfect," explained Moran, "I wouldn't be running."

WHEN ASKED about his top three priorities by the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce this week, Murray said his top priority was balancing the federal budget, extending the Bush tax cuts and implementing term limits for members of Congress. Although the Republican candidate identified as implementing term limits as one of his top three priorities, Murray said he didn't know what kind of term limits would be appropriate. He also acknowledged he did not currently have a position on what kind of term limits he would support.

"I'm going to talk to some smart people about that," Murray said after the debate. "Right now, I don't know."

Unlike Moran, Murray is in favor of extending the Bush tax cuts. He is pro-life, and he said he would have voted against the health-care legislation that Moran supported. The Republican challenger for the 8th Congressional District has repeatedly tried to blame Moran for the Department of Defense's decision to move 6,000 employees to a new building on

the West End of Alexandria, a project known as the Washington Headquarters Service that is widely despised in Alexandria because of the traffic problems it will create on Seminary Road and Beauregard Street.

"The fact is that this is his district," said Murray. "Nothing happens in this district without his approval."

WHEN ATTACKED by Murray on the Washington Headquarters Service, Moran has repeatedly explained that he voted against the project. In forum after forum, he has recounted the bipartisan effort he led with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) and former U.S. Sen. John Warner (R-Va.). Moran has also gone on the attack at times, accusing the Republican challenger of being disingenuous by supporting a tax cut while advocating balancing the budget.

"You can't have it both ways," Moran said to Murray during a televised debate in Reston. "We've got to stop cutting taxes and balance our budget like we did during the Clinton years."

When asked about his top priorities this week, Moran said his first agenda item after Election Day will be securing \$300,000 for infrastructure improvements to deal with traffic concerns created by a military realignment in Mount Vernon. Moran also said he wants to protect defense contracting positions threatened by proposed budget reductions in the Department of Defense and act on the recommendations of a fiscal advisory commission tasked with addressing the deficit.

City's 'Leaders in the Law' Honored

Who sets the standards for attorneys in the Commonwealth? Three of Alexandria's key legal minds have been honored for their leadership.

The three Alexandrians were among 31 from around Virginia in the 2010 class of honorees, selected and nominated by their peers on behalf of "Virginia Lawyers Weekly" as "Leaders in the Law."

They were honored Thursday, Oct. 21, in Richmond.

Chief Judge Becky J. Moore of the Alexandria General District Court was chosen for her promotion of competence among Substitute Judges.

Chief Public Defender Melinda Douglas, long known for her advocacy for indigent justice and as a mentor to young lawyers, was chosen for her creation and development of the Office of the Public Defender in Alexandria.

City Attorney James L. Banks Jr. was noted for his



**Chief Judge
Becky J.
Moore**



**Chief Public
Defender
Melinda
Douglas**



**City Attorney
James L.
Banks Jr.**

variety of professional and community service.

Judge Moore created and directed the Substitute Judges Institute in 2009 and 2010 in northern Vir

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A Taste for History

PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET



Meshelle Armstrong is excited at the discovery of the original Olsson's sign left behind when the store closed its doors in 2008.

Former Olsson's building to become restaurant.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Long before there was Starbucks, there was Olsson's, a books and record store that for years served as the local gathering spot on Union Street. But the once-vibrant retailer shuttered its doors in 2008, leaving the historic building to sit idle and empty for nearly two years.

"I bought my first album here as a teenager," recalled Meshelle Armstrong as she walked through the dusty construction of the future Virtual Feed and Grain restaurant. "It was Bruce Springsteen's 'Born in the USA.' This place holds some great memories for me."

Armstrong and her husband, celebrity chef Cathal Armstrong, are partners in the venture, adding to their successful turns with the Majestic Restaurant, Eamon's, PX and their flagship Restaurant Eve.

"All of our buildings have been historical renovations," Armstrong said. "But this is my favorite project."

Partnering with Armstrong is Murray Bonitt, a builder specializing in historic renovations, including the transformation of the Majestic Restaurant 10 years ago.

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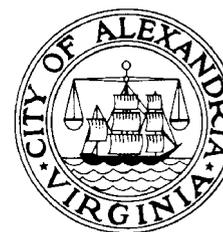
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The Finance Department is open, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A drop box located on the Royal Street side of City Hall is available 24 hours a day. (Payments must be in the drop box by midnight on November 15, 2010 to be considered on time.)

Volunteers Help Disabled Vet with Upgrades, Winterization

FROM PAGE 1

most common blend of herbicide used by the military in Vietnam.

The military used nearly 20 million gallons of herbicides during the war, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has recognized a dozen diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure. After Vietnam, Patterson was stationed in Germany and eventually returned home – without any knowledge of how his exposure to Agent Orange would someday drastically change his life.

Twenty years ago, Patterson returned to his boyhood home to take care of his mother. Patterson said he developed diabetes, which led to peripheral neuropathy, a disease that damages the peripheral nervous system, which led to Charcot's joint, a degenerative joint disease. All this eventually led to the amputation of his right leg in December 2000 – all stemming from Agent Orange exposure.

After the leg amputation, Patterson was upstairs taking a shower in an old claw foot tub. "I thought I could stand up there and balance on one leg," said Patterson. "But I didn't make it through the whole shower." He fell and ripped down the shower curtain and all the piping. Patterson said the shower remained in that ruined condition.

In June 2004, Patterson had to have his



Don McNeill finished washing the ceiling of the front porch.

left leg amputated. Then, in 2008, Patterson suffered two strokes in one month's time. The last stroke left him requiring the use of a walker and a wheelchair.

In early 2009, his mother, who died last year, had received a call from Rebuilding Together Alexandria in regards to a request for a safety rail. RTA (formerly Christmas in April), a local affiliate of Rebuilding Together, Inc., is a nonprofit group whose mission is "to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners so that they may continue to live independently with warmth and safety." Volunteers from RTA installed the safety rail. There were other things that needed to be done around the house, but Patterson was not able to do them.



Karen Parker puts a fresh coat of paint on the porch trim.

place." Volunteers installed grab bars in the restrooms, did some cleaning and painting, and yes, they even repaired that old claw foot tub.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, RTA volunteers were at it again. They joined with Red's House, founded by Red Cavaney, to help make Patterson's home more energy efficient.

"We find that one of the biggest expenses, particularly in areas like this where the cold season lasts for a long time, are heating bills," said Cavaney. "By doing this, it's not only about efficiency, you end up saving them a lot of money. It's sort of like a double payback."

A home energy efficiency assessment

"I've always done everything myself and to have someone come in there – it's like I don't want to ask," Patterson said. He didn't need to ask. "Next thing you know – boom! They went through the whole

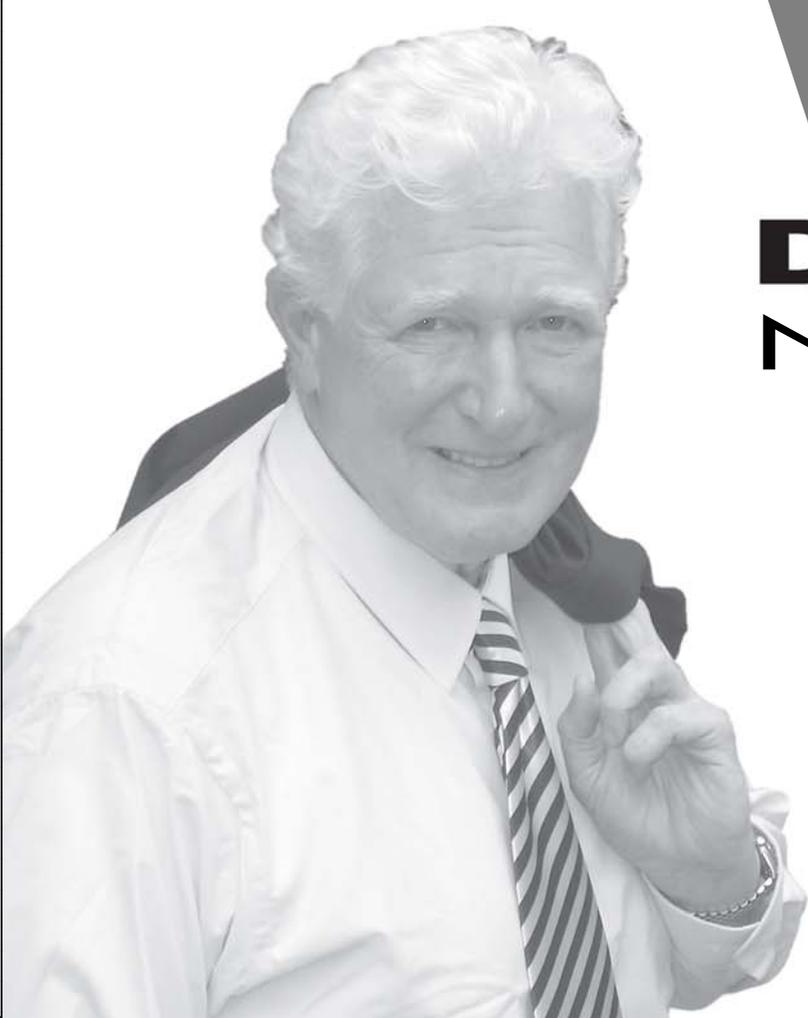
showed Patterson's home was losing half its efficiency in the attic and basement. So, 40 volunteers worked to insulate and caulk in both areas, and Patterson will receive a new energy efficient furnace and a tank-less hot water heating system later this week.

All of the giving leaves Patterson feeling, "overwhelmed." "I have heard of Christmas in April, but I had no idea it expanded into this category," said Patterson. He said he once looked for another place to live, but after considering all his options and all the upgrades by volunteers, he concluded, "I couldn't find another place like this."

Cavaney views helping upgrade Patterson's home as an honor. "We volunteers get to help people who need a helping hand, like John, and it's just such an honor to be here, for all the sacrifices he's made for his country," said Cavaney. "Doing something like this to help him means a lot to all of us." Cavaney, also a Vietnam War veteran, added, "It's especially meaningful for me to have this kind of connection with John."

RTA made many connections on Saturday. They mustered 100 volunteers to winterize 30 homes for low-income residents during their "Energize Alexandria" event.

To volunteer or to give the name of someone in need of RTA's assistance, call 703-836-1021, or visit <http://rebuildingtogetheralex.org>.



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OBITUARY

John H. Kelso

On Oct. 9, 2010, John H. Kelso, a former federal government employee died of cardiac arrest at Goodwin House in Alexandria. Mr. Kelso was born in Iowa City, Iowa on June 16, 1925. Most of his formative years were spent in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He entered the U.S. Army in October 1943 and served in Texas and the Allied Military Government in Korea, returning to civilian life in March 1946.

Mr. Kelso received a B.A. (1949) and M.A. (1950) from the State University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

In 1948 he married the former Marian Louise Towers of Central City, Iowa. They have one child, John T. Kelso who now works for



NIST and resides in Blacksburg, Va., with his wife Andrea Kelso.

Mr. Kelso joined the Navy Department in Washington D.C. in 1951 and subsequently transferred to the Department of Agriculture and then to the U.S. Public Health Service in 1957, where he served for 37 years in various managerial positions. He was the executive officer to the U.S. Surgeon General and finally as deputy administrator of Health Resources and Services Administration until his retirement in 1994. After retirement he was a consultant to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

During his federal service he was a charter member of the Senior Executive Service and received the Public Health Service Superior Service Award, the HEW Distinguished Service Award, the Presidential Meritorious Executive Award, the Surgeon General's Medallion and the Presidential Distinguished Executive Award from President Bush.

He is survived by his wife Marian, his son John and daughter-in-law, Andrea, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St., Alexandria, on Oct. 16, 2010.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, any expressions of sympathy be made through donations to the church in John's memory.

'Leaders In Law'

FROM PAGE 6

ginia for lawyers who serve as Substitute General Court judges and those who plan to follow career paths to judgeships.

As the chief judge, Judge Moore also streamlined the Alexandria General District Court Clerk's Office and made computer technology an effective tool. She also was instrumental in developing modern-day Internet access for the court.

The best advice she ever received, she said, is "to follow the Golden Rule and remember that everyone is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect."

Chief Public Defender Douglas created her Office 23 years ago, part of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. She has the task of defending indigent citizens and others who cannot pay to defend themselves. Her efforts have been praised in Alexandria and throughout the state.

Douglas has hired and developed new attorneys in the Public Defender's Office. Because of her leadership, many of these young lawyers have learned how to work in the courtroom and give their poor clients first-class defense.

"I have worked with fantastic young lawyers and law students over the past 23 years who are making magnificent contributions to the law, their communities and more particularly the clients they serve. This has been a privilege to train and watch them achieve their potential," Douglas said.

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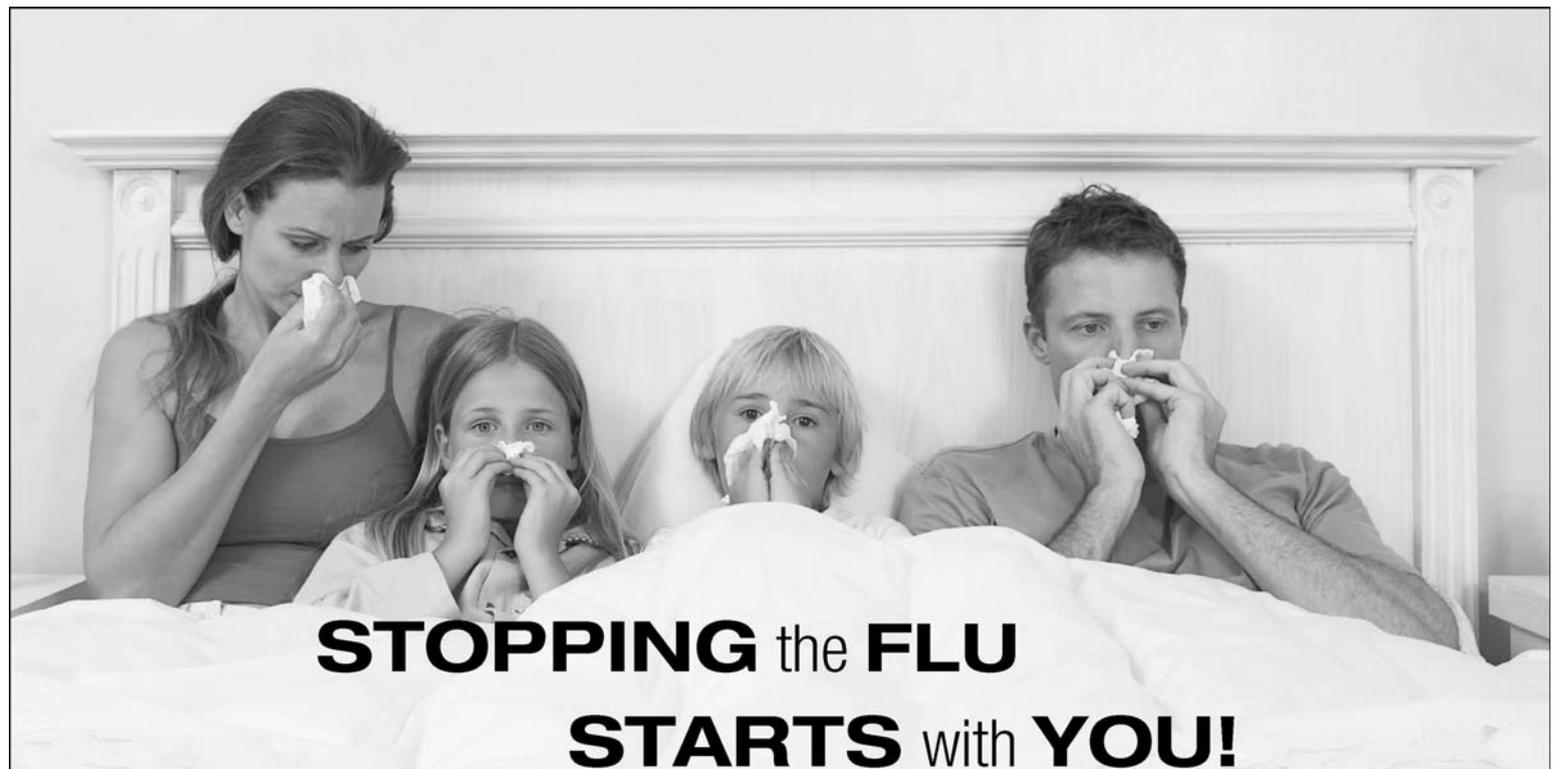
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OPINION

Vote Nov. 2 (or Before)

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Turnout could make a big difference in one or more of the three congressional races in Northern Virginia this year.

Every year is an election year in Virginia. This combined with a bevy of special elections in some areas can result in voter fatigue.

This year, every voter in Virginia will vote for a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives plus vote on three statewide constitutional questions.

You can still vote early. Voters are allowed to vote absentee if they might be unavailable to vote on Election Day, including people who might be at work or commuting to work for 11 hours on that day. That's eight hours at work, a possible one-hour commute each way plus a lunch hour.

VOTERS' RIGHTS, excerpts from the State

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Growth in Parking Revenue?

To the Editor:

It would be in everyone's best interest to make the city account for parking revenue since the doubling of the parking rate this past summer, especially in comparison to sales tax revenues which appear to have dropped.

Alexandria is not D.C. and perhaps people don't think 7.5 minutes for a quarter is reasonable. Perhaps if parking costs the same, they're going to D.C. instead.

In any case, publicizing the numbers would help taxpayers build an informed opinion. If the doubled rate isn't helping parking revenue

Board of Elections, www.sbe.virginia.gov:

As a Virginia voter, you have the following rights:

- ❖ To be treated with courtesy and respect by the election officials
- ❖ To seek help from the election officials if you are unsure about anything relating to the voting process.
- ❖ To be given a demonstration of how the voting equipment works.
- ❖ To enter the full name of a write-in candidate.
- ❖ To have a ballot brought to your vehicle instead of entering the polling place if you are 65 years of age or older, or if you are disabled.
- ❖ To vote even if you have no identification with you at the polling place. You must sign the "Affirmation of Identity" statement before voting if you have no ID (unless you are voting for the first time and did not mail in a copy of your id). Even so, bring your identification with you.
- ❖ To vote by provisional ballot if your status as a qualified voter is in question, and to be present when the Electoral Board meets to determine if your ballot will be counted.
- ❖ To bring your child age 15 or younger into the voting booth with you to observe you vote.

IF YOU FEEL your voting rights have been violated or that you may have witnessed an election law being

that much and may be hurting businesses, then it needs to be reconsidered.

I urge your editorial page to call for a full disclosure and analysis of the impact of the rate increase.

Jim Jones
Alexandria

Avery's Honor Long Overdue

To the Editor:

[Re: Living Legends, "Chet Avery: Dedicated to People with Disabilities," Oct. 21-27, 2010.] The selection of Chet Avery as one of Alexandria's Living Legends is a well deserved

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To find your polling place, see a sample ballot, check your registration, go to www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on "Voter Information." Registered voters can vote in person absentee for many reasons before Election Day, see details below.

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broken, it is important to report the incident immediately, before the polls close on ElectionDay, and preferably while you are still at your polling place. Contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-552-9745, or via email at info@sbe.virginia.gov. If you still believe your voting rights may have been violated, you have 10 days to file a formal complaint with the State Board of Elections.

and long overdue honor for a man who has given more to this city than can be described in a one page article. In spite of the limited space, it was surprising and disappointing that there was no mention of Chet's involvement with the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Chet was a charter member of the ACPD which began as The Mayor's Committee on the Handicapped in 1974. He served on that commission for 36 years, served several terms as Chair of the Commission, and was largely responsible for making the City's public facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. His membership on the Human Rights Commission was in fact as the ACPD's designated liaison to the Human Rights Commission.

Tom O. Sachs
Alexandria Commission on
Persons with Disabilities

Laptop's Value

To the Editor:

I wanted to let you know that we had a very strong experience with TC Williams online courses this summer. My son, Chris, is very well suited to this kind of learning experience — when he sits down with his laptop and focuses on specific tasks he is able to be very productive without the distractions often present in the classroom. The school issued him a laptop and provided regular support and feedback to him throughout the summer. We

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More Letters

Due to the volume of letters received before Election Day, timely political letters that could not be published in this week's print edition of the Gazette Packet will be posted on its website: www.connectionnewspapers.com, click on Alexandria.

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Snapshot

Music Together, an early childhood music and movement program at Del Ray United Methodist Church.

LETTERS

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were very impressed with the work of Mary Fluharty and her team in executing this task which could have been complicated or remote but was, instead, very manageable and supportive. Please understand that we were very pleased with our experience and thought this was a fantastic program option that will allow children like our son to accomplish their school work in an individualized and supportive environment that furthers their education and moves them closer to their goals.

Linda Bauer Darr
Alexandria

Researching ABC Privatization

To the Editor:

With regards to the article in the Oct. 14-20 issue of the Gazette about Virginia ABC Privatization, the Alexandria Chamber would like to clarify that we have only been alerting our members to this issue. To date, we have not yet taken a position as to whether we support the Governor's plan or not. We are, however, working on a position in conjunction with our 2011 Legislative Agenda which will be available by year-end.

We encourage your readers to periodically check our website for a full listing of our position statements that we have published on federal, state and local matters at www.alexchamber.com.

Tina Leone
President/CEO
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Supporting Students' Technology Needs

To the Editor:

In response to the letter to the editor titled, "Focus on Learning" (Oct. 21), I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight the many ways that ACPS uses technology to promote 21st century teaching and learning and to clarify the role of student laptop computers in this effort.

I agree that the distribution of hardware or software alone will never be an effective strategy to accomplish goals around educational excellence. The effective integration of technology into the instructional process transforms the manner in which students access information, coursework, resources and support for learning. Effective educational technology will always have greater emphasis on student thinking and learning, rather than the technology itself.

ACPS provides and configures laptops to T.C. Williams' students as a tool to increase the following: access to the curriculum and assessment; communication and collaboration with teachers, students and parents; opportunities and methods for more individualized instruction; transparency into the classroom for the students, teachers, parents and administrators.

Since the initial roll-out of the student laptops in 2003, ACPS has incorporated constructive feedback from parents, teachers, students and the community. As a result, our program has evolved and improved through the years.

In October, T.C. Williams' students and parents

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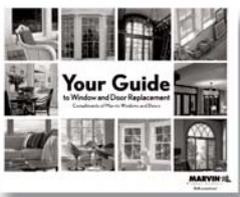

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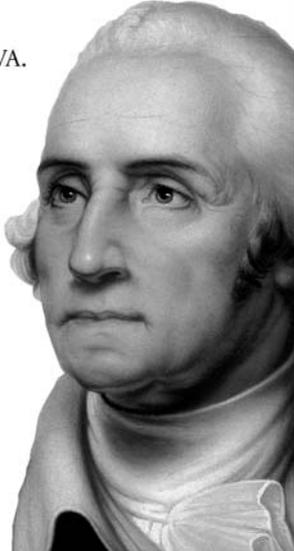
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Helping Students To Achieve Their Goals

By MORTON SHERMAN, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Goals are not achieved by random acts of improvement. Achievement comes from focused effort based on a clear plan of action. We in ACPS must commit to do whatever it takes to help every student to formulate and realize a worthy goal. This effort starts with core beliefs:

- ❖ We know all children can learn.
- ❖ We know all children are individuals, with unique strengths, learning styles, interests and challenges.
- ❖ We know "it takes a village," that teachers, parents, mentors, family members and friends significantly impact a child's chance of success.

In Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), our commitment to success for every student is through a clear and collaborative plan of action. We are creating a personalized Individual Achievement Plan (IAP) for each and every student. The IAP will be a



roadmap for our students that will put all students on a pathway to college readiness — if they choose the college path. It is based on a "whole child" philosophy and a team concept, a team composed of the student, the parent, the teacher, the counselor, and others.

Janice Howard and her grandson Michael Crockett, a sophomore at TCW this year, participated in a summer IAP conference as part of a training exercise. "Watching Michael with the teacher, watching her answer his questions and seeing them interact gave me a comfort level [that he can handle the AP courses he wants]," said Ms. Howard.

Michael Crockett added, "Talking to the teachers and counselors in the IAP process

gives me confidence ... [the IAP] will help me become a better student ... now I'll go to teachers and talk to them rather than hold back."

COMMENTARY

We will work with parents and students, the student's teachers and counselor, and others to formulate an individual plan for that student's success. In the IAP meeting, the participants will identify goals that target college and career readiness. The teams, with significant input from the student, will identify unique interests and strengths. Challenges and impediments to learning will be noted and specific strategies will be agreed upon to overcome those challenges.

Ultimately, our goal is to have an IAP for every student in ACPS. For this year, our focus will be on secondary students, particularly in math and English. This is our promise: Every student in grades 6 through 12 will have an IAP in place by the end of the 2010-2011 school year. The IAP will focus on mathematics and English/lan-

guage arts as well as social, emotional, and behavioral issues. To support this important work, we have committed the following resources:

- ❖ More English and math teachers, so that each of these teachers will carry a load of only four classes, with the additional time for personalization of instruction.
- ❖ Additional counselors, who will serve as case managers for the students' IAPs. TC Williams counselors now work with about 180 students and counselors are expected to reach out to individual students and small groups of students to get to know them personally.
- ❖ Specific professional development to learn and practice skills related to team facilitation, coaching, and student-led conferences.

Most of us have goals for our children: that they develop into happy, responsible adults who are fulfilled by their life pursuits. We share those goals in public education as we seek to develop literate, participatory, productive citizens in our democracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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were provided logins and passwords to access student information such as Blackboard courses, assignments, quarterly and interim grades and attendance. Within the first week, over 1,300 students and 500 parents accessed their accounts. This same access will be extended to middle school students and families in December.

In January 2009, ACPS surveyed its 9th through 12th grade students to collect data about how students access the Internet when they are away from school. Key findings include the following:

- ❖ 24 percent of high school students do not have access to a home computer
- ❖ Of the students with home computers, 48 percent reported only one computer in the home and 43 percent of these students

share that computer with four or more people

- ❖ 21 percent of students do not have landlines

In order to begin to address these issues ACPS installed wireless access points around the city. Currently students can access the Internet without any additional wireless configuration at these sites:

- ❖ Durant Center- 1605 Cameron St.
- ❖ Mount Vernon Recreation Center- 2017 Belle View Blvd.
- ❖ Ramsay Recreation Center- 5650 Sanger Ave.
- ❖ Charles Barrett Recreation Center- 1115 Martha Custis Dr.
- ❖ Patrick Henry Recreation Center- 4643 Taney Ave.
- ❖ Community Lodgings- 607 Notabene Dr, #1
- ❖ Cora Kelly Recreation Center

– 3600 Commonwealth Ave.

- ❖ Future sites include Charles Houston Recreation Center and Tenants and Workers United

Students can also gain access to any wireless network by using the connection software, "Wireless Wizard", installed on each machine. With this software, a student can access the Internet at any Wi-Fi accessible site, including Starbucks, Panera, public libraries and other popular free Wi-Fi locations. In addition, to meet federal requirements, ACPS implemented safeguards that filter traffic through the school's firewall while the students are outside of school. This allows ACPS to provide safe and secure access both on and off campus. In collaboration with the City's Information Technology Commission, ACPS will issue a new survey this winter that will

include additional feedback from students and parents.

ACPS continues to grow its online learning opportunities for students during the regular school year and during summer programs. This summer 32 students earned high school credits through online coursework, and used student issued laptops to connect to their home or other networks, including those outside of the United States. Seventy-five students are currently enrolled in courses earning AP credit, elective credit and credit recovery. Instructional and technical supports are essential components for student success in online courses and are therefore provided by the division.

T.C. Williams is staffed with four Technology Integration Specialists who work closely with teachers to provide professional development

and classroom support for teachers in their use of instructional technology. During the month of September, 9th grade students received laptop orientation through their Teacher Advisory class. In order to provide technical support for approximately 3,000 students, each campus has at least one full time staff member dedicated to student and laptop technology support. Each campus's student helpdesk is available for questions, troubleshooting and any customization necessary to support student learning. Laptop repairs are made within 24 hours.

As part of the TC Williams "Go Green" initiative, student printing has been configured as a "pull" printing system. Students print their documents and retrieve them at a central printing station on each campus. This process has significantly reduced the amount of wasted paper. Each student is provided an allotment of 125 pages a semester. However, all student requests for additional printing services are granted.

There are many electronic ways for the students and teachers to share and store work, turn in assignments and communicate with each other. Choices include shared folders on the school network, Blackboard and email. Every high school student is provided an ACPS email account.

ACPS strives to use technology to enhance learning and improve access to 21st century curriculum and instructional practices. In an ever-changing world, the technol
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Sold yet? Well, then, how ‘bout another party offering the same two days later at the same glorious location. Now you’re really tempted, I can tell from here. Best yet, it’s all for a good cause — so I’m going to tell you more. I can do that, because this is my column.

What else could this be but the annual Historic Alexandria Foundation antiques show, set to hit the boards on Nov. 4 for a fun-filled four-day frolic that has raised tens of thousands of dollars for historic preservation and restoration projects of all sorts in Alexandria.

For the first time ever, the show will be in residence at the Masonic Temple at the top of Shuter’s Hill after years at an Old Town hotel. Twenty-some vetted and quality dealers will be on hand to help the HAF “Celebrate National Treasures,” the theme of the show. As always, the fun starts at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4 with an elegant Preview Party to give show goers a chance to sample the offerings — not just their antiques and the like, but a floating buffet to satisfy all tastes, and an open bar that al-

ways rocks — and all in the dramatic setting of the Grand Masonic Hall.

Is this a good deal for \$150 a person for an event that helps greatly to protect, preserve and restore our city? I’d say so, but don’t forget that there is also a second party this year two nights later at the same place. What used to be “Young Collectors’ Night” now has morphed into “Toasting Our National Treasures,” also aimed at younger collectors but open to all. For \$75 per person, you can enjoy the same ambiance of the Grand Masonic Hall while sipping wine and beer and All-American hors d’oeuvres. This affair runs from 7 to 9 p.m.

Somewhere in all of this is a three-day antiques show that I almost forgot to mention. But this, really, is what the weekend is all about. Sophisticated dealers will be on hand to share with you and hopefully sell you their wares. The show runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 7. Almost forgot to tell you that admission for the show is \$15. Good deal, huh?

The Masonic grounds offer plenty of free parking. The campus is at 101 Callahan Drive, just off King St. across from the Metro Station. See you at the show, or better yet stop at the ticket table and say hello to you hard-working correspondent.

— BOB FELDKAMP

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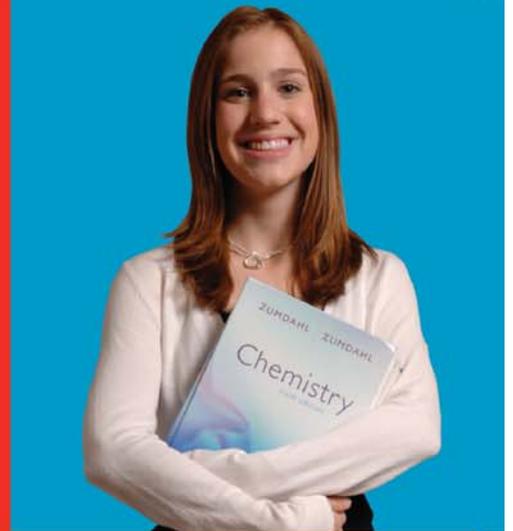
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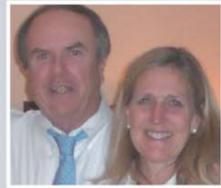
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7106
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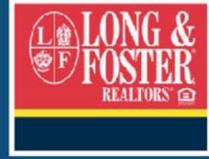
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NOV. 2-28

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NOV. 4 THROUGH DEC. 6

“The C&O Canal: Places and Stories.” Free. In capturing the 184.5 mile expanse of the C&O Canal, from Georgetown in Washington, D.C., to Cumberland, Md., photographer Robert Keating presents the waterway as a series of striking panoramas. Reception: Second Thursday Art Night, Nov. 11, 6-8 p.m. in Target Gallery and Talk by Kathleen Ewing at 7 p.m.

NOV. 6-13

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NOV. 6-21

“5x5 Exposed: Small Works in Photography.” Free. Target Gallery hosts a small works photography exhibition that includes work by 46 photographers from around the country and the world. Reception: Nov. 11, 6-8 p.m. in Target Gallery and Talk by Kathleen Ewing at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY/NOV. 7

“A Life in Photography.” 6:30 p.m. Free. Lecture by Joyce Tenneson; will show images from her retrospective book titled “A Life in Photography” as well as give insight to her multi-faceted career as one of the top photographers working today. At the First Floor, Torpedo Factory Art Center.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Cyanotype Workshop. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$75. This one-day workshop with photographer Allison Nance will cover the basic history and introduction to the cyanotype process, toning your final prints, as well as exploring alternative surfaces on which to print cyanotypes. At Target Gallery.

TUESDAY/NOV. 16

Exhibition Prints Using Ink Jet Printers with Color Management. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Join photographer and Art League member John Burgess as he discusses creating successful prints using ink jet printers based on his experiences and training in color management. To register, call 703-683-1780, or e-mail roseo@theartleague.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 18

The Current State of Digital Imaging. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. These will include the rise of digital media, printing processes such as giclée and alternative methods of photo imaging. Room 21. With James Steele and David Applegate. Call 703-683-1780 or e-mail roseo@theartleague.org.

Ofrenda – Art for the Dead

Parade, art, and masquerade with multiple performances

Come party Day-of-the-Dead-style with Art Outlet and the Torpedo Factory Art Center during “Ofrenda: Art for the Dead,” an artists’ and enthusiasts’ celebration, on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 3 to 11 p.m.

Art Outlet’s fourth Ofrenda will begin at the Torpedo Factory Art Center with a Mariachi band, sugar skull painting activity for children and adults, and a display of 36 Day of the Dead altars and ofrendas by local artists, then transform into a raucous drumming, belly dancing, costume parade led by Day of the Dead puppets in Old Town Alexandria, and end up at the Torpedo Factory Art Center as an art show and masquerade filled with bands and performers. There will also be a public altar where members of the public are invited to leave personal mementos honoring their own departed loved ones.

About Dia de los Muertos

During this traditional Mexican and Latin American celebration of life and death, the “veil” between life and death becomes thin and the beloved dead can come to us as we honor them and celebrate the continuity of life. The lure of the scent of marigolds and tempting offerings of favorite food and drink help them find their way. Personal and family day of the dead altars are festooned with ofrendas (offerings) such as figures, ornaments, original poems, sugar candies and breads, flowers, candles, incense, photos of the dead, and other personal mementos — all part of elaborate displays honoring the visiting souls. Death’s morbid side is crushed under these ofrendas as skeleton representations of the dead laugh, dance, and sing — on this holiday returning souls are full of life — and the living celebrate this complex belief.

EXHIBITING ARTISTS: Michael Auger, Jennifer Beinhacker, Cheryl Edwards, Jackie Ehle, Emily Greene Liddle, Jeannette Herrera, Kevin Irvin, Jessica Jastrzebski, Paul Jutton, Lori Katz, Fareeha Khawaja, Matthew Malone, Carolina Mayorga, Peggy Meckling, Heather Miller, Mara Odette, Chris Peloso, Shannon Peshkopia, Caren Quinn, Lisa Rosenstein, Skeeter Scheid, Heather Schmaedeke, Constance Springer Zabowski, Kimberly Keyes Stark, Henrik Sundqvist, and Roy Utlej.

EVENTS: OCT. 30, 2-5 p.m.

An art exhibition, DJ Gringo, an artist-led sugar skull activity, and Mariachi music will kick off the celebration

ART EXHIBITION AND PUBLIC ALTAR Oct. 28 to Nov. 9

Art Outlet has curated 1,152 square feet of Torpedo Factory Art Center wall space and space for area artists’ personal Day of the Dead-themed artwork in a variety of media. Traditional Dia de los Muertos altars and ofrendas (offerings) are designed



The Ofrenda Parade through Old Town Alexandria.



Heather Miller, “2009 Installation”

to draw the beloved dead who will feast on their favorite food and drink and listen to music as they visit with their loved ones. The exhibit will include a public altar by local artists where anyone can leave an ofrenda throughout the event. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria.

PARADE

Saturday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at Historic Market Square near City Hall at 301 King Street, Old Town.

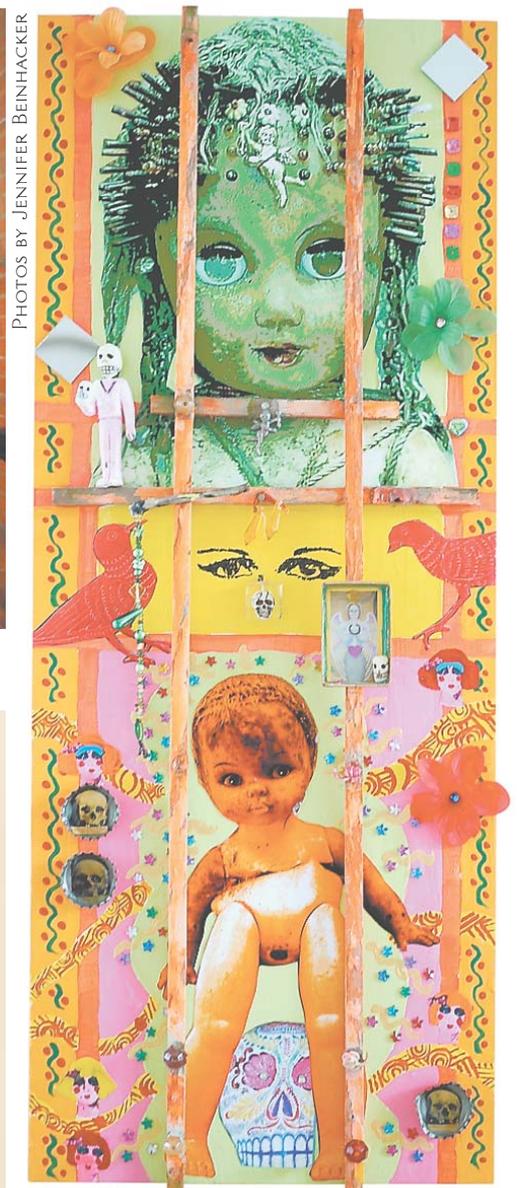
The Ofrenda parade will be led by Day of the Dead puppets, and will include Dragon Fire Drummers, tribal belly dancers, musicians, artists in costumes, and the general public. It will begin at the historic Market Square near City Hall at 301 King Street and end at the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 7:45 p.m. with a masquerade ball.

Members of the public wishing to march in the parade can come in their costumes and bring puppets, shrines, and noise makers to add to the festivities. Visit ofrendaparade@artoutlet.org.

THE MASQUERADE

Saturday, Oct. 30, from 8 to 11 p.m. No cover; cash bar.

Gallery goes and holiday revelers are invited to come to the Ofrenda reception and parade dressed Day of the Dead style or decked out in Halloween finery. Live



Jennifer Beinhacker, “Shrine 12”

Oct. 30 Schedule

Altars, shrines, art and multiple performances throughout the night. Artist build public altar. Anyone can place ofrendas (offerings) throughout the event.

2 to 4 p.m. — DJ Gringo;

4 to 5 p.m. — Free Day of the Dead sugar skull activity (for young and old) and Live Mariachi Music;

5 - 5:45 p.m. — Hootenanny Orchestra;

6 - 6:45 p.m. — Stripmall Ballads

7 - 7:45 p.m. — Ofrenda Parade & Masquerade (Free and open to anyone) at the historic Market Square near City Hall at 301 King Street, Alexandria. The Ofrenda parade will be led by Day of the Dead puppets, and will include Dragon Fire Drummers, tribal belly dancers, musicians, artists in costumes, and the general public. It will begin at the historic Market Square near City Hall at 301 King Street and end at the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 7:45 p.m. with a masquerade ball.

7:45 - 8 p.m. — Open Drum Circle with Dragon Fire Drummers at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

8 - 8:20 p.m. — Tribal Belly Dancing with Rhythm & Cues

8:20 - 9 p.m. — American Sinner

9:15 - 10 p.m. — The Torches

10:15 - 11 p.m. — Grand Day of the Dead Finale

music by Hootenanny Orchestra, Stripmall Ballads, American Sinner, and The Torches will be interspersed with drumming, and tribal belly dancing performances by Rhythm & Cues throughout the event. Guests can participate in the exhibition by bringing personal remembrances — ofrendas — and leaving them on the artist-made public altar to honor their favorite departed. Torpedo Factory Art Center: www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565

THEATER

'Visit' Is a Mixed Bag

Strengths can't cover weakness in this tragi-comedy.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

Margaret Bush's rock-solid performance as the wealthiest woman in the world who is bent on buying revenge dominates the Little Theatre of Alexandria's sadly uneven attempt to breath life into a very difficult script, Friedrich Durrenmatt's "The Visit."

Director William D. Parker puts his finger on the nature of the piece in his brief program notes, referring to it as a "combination of dark comedy and tragic drama." Drama is frequently easier to stage and it is unfortunately obvious from this production that the team Parker assembled was more capable of handling the tragedy than the comedy.

Bush plays a billionaireess who returns to the small town of her youth for the express purpose of exacting "justice" for the wrongs done to her as a girl. She offers the town a fortune in return for the death of her childhood sweetheart who scorned her when she became pregnant by him when just a teenager. Bush gives the role a sense of panache and surface charm that accents rather than hides the monster underneath her fabulous wardrobe and unique entourage.

The play requires a similarly strong performance in the role of the former boyfriend, the man who as a youth did, in fact, do her wrong. It is a role that requires a great deal more than does the comparatively straightforward one that Bush handles so well. The billionaireess is the same monstrous person from her first entrance to her final exit, and thus, the actress isn't required to portray the subtlety of a character learning a lesson or changing over time. Instead, she has to be a commandingly dominating presence each moment she's on stage and Bush is up to the challenge.

In the part of the object of her obsession for revenge, Steve Lada, on the other hand, has a character who goes through multiple transformations. At first he's blissfully anticipating his old flame's visit and the celebrity status he'll have as her former boyfriend because apparently he's managed to forget the terrible things he did to her. When the purpose of her visit is revealed he has to go in rapid succession through the mental processes of shocked denial, recall of suppressed memories, pride and gratitude over the support of the townspeople who reject the offer of "blood money," fear that his neighbors might be changing their minds and, finally, acceptance of responsibility and of the ultimate consequences.

These sequential mental and emotional states place a great demand on an actor but Lada doesn't get



PHOTO BY DOUG OLUMSTED

(From left): Lloyd Bittinger (Conductor, background), Erik Harrison (Husband), Margaret Bush (Claire), Bernard Engel (Mayor, behind Margaret), James Ginther (Priest), and Robert King (Teacher).

many of the nuances of the script into his performance. Instead, he seems to shift between light charm and robust anger depending on the nature of each individual line of dialogue. There's no hint of the progression his character is going through. This causes difficulties for many of the supporting players because the success of their scenes depends on his reactions to their shifting positions.

THERE ARE SOME VERY STRONG supporting performances, however. Most notable is Bernard Engel as the town's mayor. Much of the humor of the piece is entrusted to his character and he handles the duties well. Smaller but similarly solid performances come from Teddy Gron as the former judge the billionaireess has bought off with a position as her butler and C. Evans Kirk as another example of her passion for revenge, a man she had castrated because he falsely accused her of promiscuity.

There are, however, some lamentably lackluster performances among the towns people and one very strange case of an actor giving a fine performance in one role and a stiff one in another. Erik Harrison is appropriately quite funny as the billionaireess' husbands, each of whom he imbues with a comic persona, but he's nearly flavorless as Lada's son. Its no fault of his, however, that in the climactic scene of the last act when he, Megan Murphy and Kristi Faye share a balcony to comment on the events on the stage floor, they are practically inaudible through a sound system that had been satisfyingly reliable through the rest of the evening.

Those who saw the marvelous musical version of this play by John Kander, Fred Ebb and Terrence McNally at Signature Theatre a few years back will want to catch this production if only to see the source of the strange plot points and song cues (including the origin of the concept for the energetic dance number "Yellow Shoes"). The complexities in this script which were so challenging to this team make the accomplishment of Kander and Ebb and their collaborators all the more impressive.

Where & When

"The Visit" plays through Nov. 13 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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Talk of the Town



GHOSTS OF ALEXANDRIA

THE WANDERER wonders why he feels so creeped out walking the streets of Old Town in October. He decided to consult his friend, **MICHAEL LEE POPE**, author of "GHOSTS IN ALEXANDRIA". Here are the highlights of what Mike said. Happy hauntings...



H CITY HALL

301 King Street

Look out, City Council. A devil-bat is haunting City Hall. It lives in the belfry designed by Washington architect **Benjamin Henry Latrobe**. Lurking over all the city's official business, the devil-bat is a wily creature and one that is fiercely protective of its turf.



B LEGEND OF THE FEMALE STRANGER

134 North Royal Street

Who is the **Female Stranger**? Generations have struggled with answering that question, posed by a famous tombstone in St. Paul's Cemetery. City Historian **Michael Miller** says the identity of the man who paid for the famous tombstone was known simply as **Clermont**, an English widow with a penchant for bailing on the tab. Some say she was a Napoleonic princess forced into exile by war. Others say they were an incestuous couple expelled from their hometown under fierce social ostracism.



Photos courtesy of Louise Krafft, Alexandria Library Special Collections, Library of Congress.

C TRAGEDY OF LAURA SCHAFER

107 North Fairfax Street
Walk into Candi's Candies today and you are met by the effervescent **Candida Krebs**, proprietress of a candy store overlooking Market Square. She's not alone. The ghost of **Laura Schafer** has haunted the building ever since that fateful evening when her kerosene oil lamp burst into flames. In adjacent Ramsay Alley, despondent fiancé **Charles Tenneson** made his way into a liquor store and shot himself in the head after toasting "Here's to me and you. God save us." Krebs and others have witnessed some strange things at this house on North Fairfax Street.



E YATES GARDENS

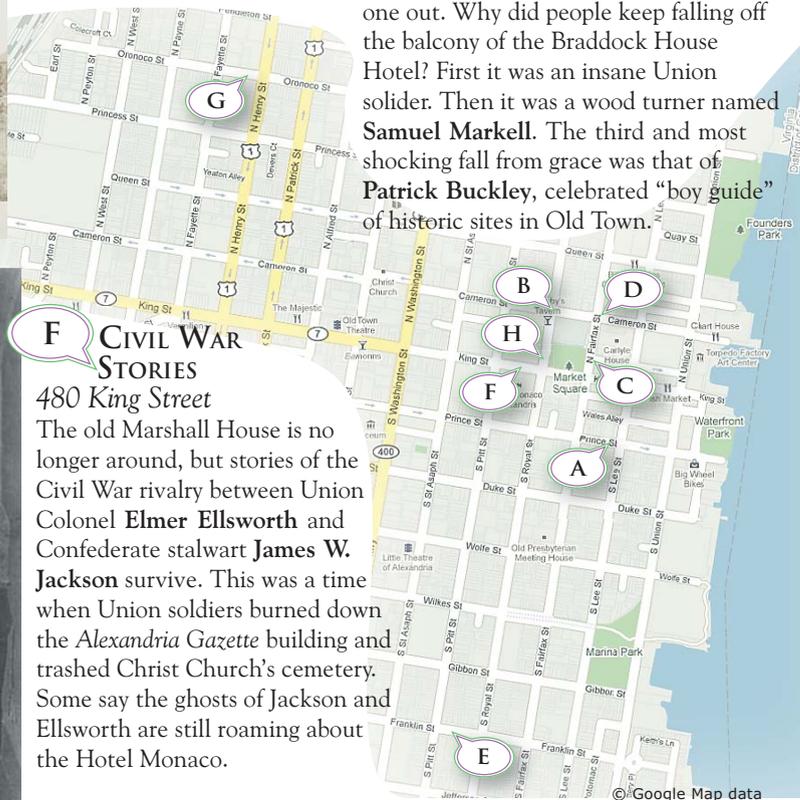
414 Franklin Street

Here's a ghost with an identify problem. Was this Revolutionary War soldier leading the Yates sisters to hidden clues about the history buried in the back yard? Ghost historian **Ruth Lincoln Kaye** thinks so. She disagrees with those who say the Spring Gardens tavern was located several blocks away near the cemetery.

D THREE FALLING GHOSTS

121 North Fairfax Street

Two turtle doves couldn't even figure this one out. Why did people keep falling off the balcony of the Braddock House Hotel? First it was an insane Union soldier. Then it was a wood turner named **Samuel Markell**. The third and most shocking fall from grace was that of **Patrick Buckley**, celebrated "boy guide" of historic sites in Old Town.



F CIVIL WAR STORIES

480 King Street

The old Marshall House is no longer around, but stories of the Civil War rivalry between Union Colonel **Elmer Ellsworth** and Confederate stalwart **James W. Jackson** survive. This was a time when Union soldiers burned down the *Alexandria Gazette* building and trashed Christ Church's cemetery. Some say the ghosts of Jackson and Ellsworth are still roaming about the Hotel Monaco.



G VAULT AT COLROSS

1111 Oronoco Street

The old plantation house on Oronoco Street is long-lost, but its sad tale perseveres. This is the home of **Thomson Mason**, a former mayor of Alexandria and the grandson of **George Mason**. It's also the location of the tragic deaths of two children who are said to haunt the block. People who lived in the old house say they the vault refused to be locked for more than three days.



A GHOST OF A SPOOK

210 Prince Street

The identity of this Prince Street specter is a mystery wrapped in an enigma wrapped in a ... well, let's just say it remains unsolved. Some say the ghost is **Michael Swope**, a Revolutionary War hero from Pennsylvania. Others say the ghost **John Dixon**, a wealthy Alexandria merchant who was executed as a spy.

Alexandria Film Festival Opens Nov. 4

Free opening night reception at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Old Town.

The fourth annual Alexandria Film Festival — a tribute to cinematic art, featuring emerging and established filmmakers from all over the world, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 7 in and around Alexandria.

More than 100 high-quality, independent, short and feature length films, documentaries, animation and narrative entries were submitted this year — some from as far away as Spain and India.

“That tells us that the Alexandria Film Festival is earning a reputation on the world stage of cinematic competition,” said Pat Miller, chair of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Opening at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 Union St., on Thursday, Nov. 4, the 2010 Film Festival exhibits both curated and juried films ranging in length from 5 minutes to 2 hours, covering a wide range of subject matter. This year, the Alexandria Film Festival’s Program and Executive Committees selected over 35 films to be shown.

Opening night features the Washington, D.C., premiere of “Griefwalker” and “Ride the Divide.” Fol-

lowing each screening, the filmmakers and Stephen Jenkinson, who will talk about his revolutionary approach to grief and our understanding of death, will be in attendance to discuss their films.

“Griefwalker,” is a feature-length documentary by the award-winning filmmaker Tim Wilson, who set his lens on his friend Stephen Jenkinson, a Harvard educated theologian and one of Canada’s leading palliative care educators. Jenkinson, who travels throughout Canada providing grief counseling, believes that in order to love life, we need to love death.

“Ride the Divide,” directed by cinematographer Hunter Weeks, is a visually stunning film about a 2,700-mile mountain bike race through the entire Rocky Mountain range weaving three characters’ experiences with immense mountain beauty and small town culture as they all attempt to pedal from Banff, Canada, to the Mexican border.

“Leading Ladies” will make its premiere with the exuberant story of a family of ballroom dancers who ‘let love lead’ to what they are each meant to be. The film offers extraordinary dancing by three stars that will be on hand after the screening on Friday, Nov. 5, to give a live demonstration of an art form at the pinnacle of its popularity.

Top films will be honored with cash awards in the following categories: The Jury Prize, The Audience Award and the Best of Fest Award.

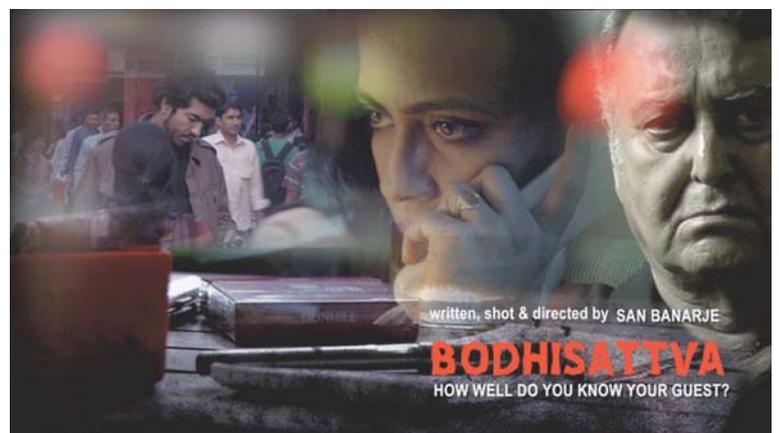
For a complete schedule of Film Festival activities, including opening night reception, special events, screenings and tickets, visit www.AlexandriaFilm.org.



“Ride the Divide”



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Jeff Hamilton Trio. 7:30 p.m. Free concert. At Episcopal High School, Pendleton Hall, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.episcopalhighschool.org or call 703-933-4135.

FRIDAY/OCT. 29

An Evening of Music for Low Brass. 8 p.m. Free. The U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players performs. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Annual Harvest Festival. 5 to 8 p.m. Featuring the much- anticipated Bates' Haunted House and center staff performance of Michael Jackson's “Thriller.” The Haunted House is \$1 per visit. At the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. Sponsored by the City of Alexandria.

“The Spirit Realms of Woodlawn.” Cost is \$45/person. Three speakers will demonstrate their craft for each session: Barb Mallon, psychic medium; Geraldine Amaral, Tarot; and Peggy Arvidson, Certified Hand Analyst. First session is: 7-8:30 p.m. Second session 8:30-10 p.m. Woodlawn is located at 9000 Richmond Highway, three miles west of Mount Vernon. For reservations, call 703-780-4000 or visit www.woodlawn1805.org.

Fashion Show Luncheon. 10:30 a.m. reception and silent auction; 12 noon luncheon, fashion show and door prizes. Tickets are \$43/general; \$53/patron; \$65/benefactor. Sponsored by the Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital. At the Alexandria Hilton Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria. For reservations and tickets, call Lynda West at 703-836-8853.

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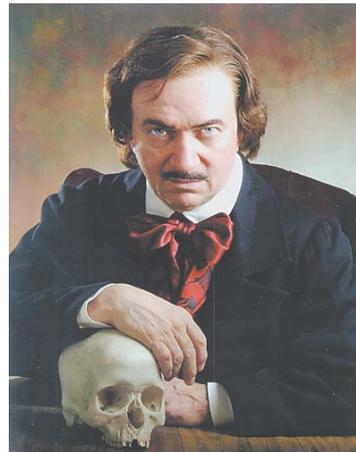
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OCT. 29 TO 31

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SATURDAY/OCT. 30

MEOW-loween Festival. 3 to 9 p.m. Free. Featuring the cats and kittens from Tails High, a local Alexandria cat rescue group. Enter the kitty playpen and have fun with more than two dozen kittens. Halloween treats, apple cider, and face-painting. Costumes encouraged but not required. At



OCT. 30-31

Edgar Allan Poe Performance. 8 p.m. Cost is \$15. Actor David Keltz performs a chilling story or two, such as “The Black Cat,” “The Cask of Amontillado,” or “The Tell-Tale Heart,” along with well-known poems such as “The Raven” and “El Dorado.” At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Mindful Hands, 211 King Street, Alexandria.

A Grinch Visit. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Story reading from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Join the Christmas Attic and the Gaylord National Hotel for a special Halloween appearance featuring Dr. Seuss' the Grinch as he stops by Old Town to promote the upcoming holiday show ICE! featuring “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” At the Christmas Attic, 125 S. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.christmasattic.com.

Hopkins House Venetian Masquerade Ball. 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Live entertainment, jugglers, jesters, a magician, and classical music. Tickets are individual-\$199, portrait sponsor-\$500, Venetian performers-\$1,000, flower sponsor-\$1500, masks sponsor-\$2,500, live entertainment sponsor-\$5,000, food and drink sponsor-\$7,500 and masquerade sponsor-\$10,000. At the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. contact J. D. Walker at 571-480-4086 or JDWalker@HopkinsHouse.org.

Apple-Dipping Demo. 3 p.m. BRABO Pastry Chef Kate Baltren will lead a red wine/caramel apple-dipping demo in The Butcher's Block. Apples are \$6. At 1600 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-894-5253 or visit www.braborestaurant.com.

Halloween Story Time Tea. 2 p.m. Sponsored by The Grille at Morrison House and Chef Dennis Marron, who will create an adult and children's tea. \$38/adults; \$28/children. Features a reading of “Corduroy's Best Halloween Ever.” For reservations, call 703-838-8000 or email storytime@morrisonhouse.com. The Grille at Morrison House is at 116 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.thegrillealexandria.com.

Safe Night Out Haunted House. 6 to 9 p.m. Ghoulish games, freaky fun, frightening food. All ages welcome. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-6088 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec.

Book Signing. 5 to 7 p.m. After sharing highlights of the darker side of historic Alexandria, Michael Lee Pope will sign copies of his book, Ghosts of Alexandria. The evening will be capped off with a ghost tour of local haunted sites conducted by Alexandria's Footsteps to the Past and a re-enactment of Colonel John Carlyle's 1780 funeral. Call 703- 549-2997. Pope will be signing books at these other locations this Saturday:



Virginia Coffield and Matty Heller as Doc Gibbs and Mrs. Gibbs.

OCT. 29, 30 AND NOV. 6

“Our Town.” 7:30 p.m. The drama department of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School is performing “Our Town.” Tickets are \$5. At St Stephen's & St Agnes Upper School Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Visit www.sssas.org.

❖ Ghost Stories at Barnes & Noble, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway, 703-299-9124.

❖ Death at Carlyle House, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 121 North Fairfax Street, 703-549-2997.

Death at the Carlyle House. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. At John Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., to the Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Sponsored by Alexandria's Footsteps to the Past. Call Jim Bartlinski at 703-549-2997.

Re-enactment of John Carlyle's Funeral. 9 p.m. Join the funeral procession as the pallbearers carry the coffin from Carlyle House to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House Cemetery. Admission is \$15/advance; \$20/day. For reservations, call 703-683-3451 or visit www.carlylehouse.org.

Historical Haunt Tour. Offered every 15 minutes beginning at 6:15 p.m., with the last tour at 8:15 p.m. Tours will start at Market Square at the corner of King and North Fairfax streets. Admission is \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the event. For reservations, call 703-683-3451 or visit www.carlylehouse.org.

DC Metro Church Block Party. Noon to 4 p.m. Live bands, free food and drinks, a moonbounce, raffles and inflatables. At 1100 North Fayette Street, Alexandria. Katie Wilson at blockparty@dcmetrochurch.org

Trick or Treat at Boutiques. Children and adults are invited to visit 28 boutiques in Old Town to receive special tricks or treats. To identify participating OTBD stores, a “Trick or Treat with the Boutiques” poster will be displayed in all participating stores.

L.B. Taylor Lecture and Book Signing. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. With author of Ghosts of Virginia, Volume I and Civil War Ghosts, L.B. Taylor. At Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, three miles west of Mount Vernon. Call 703-780-4000 or visit www.woodlawn1805.org.

Forgotten Cemeteries Heritage Trail Bike Ride. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Free. Cycle back in time on this 14-mile guided loop of Alexandria's forgotten burial sites. Meet at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, in the parking lot, Alexandria. Reservations and a signed waiver required at 703-746-4399.

Story Time Tea. 2 p.m. "Corduroy's Best Halloween Ever!" by Don Freeman, Lisa McCue. Personalized readings, arts and crafts activities and house-made treats. Reservations are required. Cost is \$38/adults; \$28/children. Call 703-838-8000 or email storytime@morrisonhouse.com. At the Grille at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.thegrillealexandria.com.

Bird Walk. 8 a.m. Free. With the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia. Join Bill Brown to explore the wetland and woods at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-438-6008.

Rummage Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. High-quality used infants', children's and maternity gear, including clothing, toys, games, books and furniture. At Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com or call 703-768-7584.

Used Book Sale. Friends of the Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-6700. All ages.

SUNDAY/OCT. 31

"Nosferatu." 7:30 p.m. The first, and some would argue best, vampire film. All others have been modeled on this one, and when you see it, you'll understand why. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. "Cinema 22" is sponsored by the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Contact Andrew Hammer at 703-765-9015 or



WEDNESDAY/NOV. 4

Cello Recital. 7:30 p.m. Cellist Wesley Baldwin will perform works by J.S. Bach, Alfredo Piatti, Alan Schulman and Benjamin Britten. At Pendleton Hall, Ainslie Arts Center, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-933-4135 or visit www.episcopalhighschool.org.

andrew@hammerhouse.net.

Heroes Unmasked. 3 to 5 p.m. Heroes Unmasked is an all-fun, no-fear Bible adventure. Children and their families will encounter costumed Bible Hero Actors, play a variety of games, decorate cookies to take home, do crafts, and collect Bible Hero Cards to trade and treasure. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Road (corner of Ft. Hunt and Plymouth Roads). Visit www.plymouthhaven.org or call 703-360-4370.

Recycling Electronics Event. 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. All electronics from old computers, hard drives, monitors, modems, fax machines, and printers to old TVs and microwaves are welcome. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road (corner of Seminary Road and Quaker Lane), Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 3

Kiwanis Club Speaker. 6 to 8 p.m. Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club Charter Member Lee Palmer will relate his final installment of his WWII experiences. Lee was a member of the 45th Division, the Thunderbirds, and fought from Anzio through France and into Germany in 1944-45. Contact Bruce Malkin at brucemalkin1@gmail.com or call 703-360-7725 to reserve a place with or without dinner, which is \$27. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., Lee's presentation is at 7:20 p.m. At the Mount Vernon Country Club.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. DJ Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

NOV. 4-7

Historic Alexandria Foundation Antiques Show. At the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7. The Grand Masonic Hall, on the ground floor of the building, will house 25 top antiques dealers and their wares. A gala Preview Party will be Thursday evening. A more casual celebration is Saturday evening. Organized by Armacost Antiques. www.historicalexandriafoundation.org.

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NEWS

Meshelle Armstrong and Murray Bonitt inspect construction progress in the old Olsson's building on Union Street.



By JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

'A Gastro Tavern'

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"For a guy that does what I do, this is amazing," Bonitt said. "I love the old bones of this building."

Together, Armstrong and Bonitt have a vision for the 8,000-square-foot space that also served as a warehouse and clothing store over its more than 100-year history.

"This is going to be what I call a 'gastro tavern,'" Armstrong said. "The others are fine dining and upscale dining. This one will be fun for families, kids — for everybody."

Armstrong's love for all things related to the restaurant industry is evident in her attention to detail, from choosing the lighting to planning the menu.

"Just don't ask me to cook," she laughed. "My kids even say, 'Daddy's the cooker and Mommy's the eater.'"

Virtual Feed and Grain — a name taken from the still-faintly visible sign painted on the side of the building — will focus on comfort food, and plans show a main dining area on the first floor with the upper level serving as a more casual gathering space.

"Upstairs will be more like a lounge, with pool tables, darts and a back game room with old-style games like Galaga," Armstrong said.

The project first began when Bonitt and a group of investors purchased the building for \$2.1 million, a sum that, according to Bonitt, could potentially be matched in the build out.

"But if it wasn't this building or these partners, none of us would be doing this in this economic climate," he said.

Bonitt has salvaged as much of the original structure as possible

and plans to incorporate it into the new restaurant's design.

"We were able to salvage a significant amount from the old building," Bonitt said. "Everything we took out will go back in. Any significant fabric from the building will be reused."

Still, the project has not been without its detractors and plans to build a deck along the length of the building in Wales Alley has sparked litigation involving the city and the Old Dominion Boat Club. ODBC is challenging the easement that was granted for the construction.

"We have our SUP [special use permit] and our exterior alterations permit has been approved," Bonitt said. "We are proceeding under the licenses we've been granted by the city."

According to Bonitt, surrounding local retailers have been supportive of the plans, which includes brick-

ing the entire block of Wales Alley.

"We haven't had any negative feedback from our neighbors," Bonitt said. "Bike and Roll, the Virginia Shop — they've all been supportive."

Maximum capacity has been approved at 350 seats, including 50 on the outdoor deck, although the design from architect Paul Beckmann allows for 302. A grand opening is scheduled for May 1, 2011.

But today, the interior remains barren, marked only by a sight familiar to many in town.

"I was surprised to find that left behind," Bonitt said of the original Olsson's Books and Records sign. "That's a significant tie to the past we will preserve. In the midst of everything, I hope the city sees this as the start of the revitalization of the waterfront."

**"I hope the city sees this as the start of the revitalization of the waterfront."
— Murray Bonitt**

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ABC LICENSE
Moukalled Enterprises, Inc trading as Pita House, 719 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer, Wine and mixed Beverage license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Tarek Moukalled, President.

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Premier Cru, LLC trading as Le Tastevin, 1309 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Seung Yon Choi, sole member of Premier Cru, LLC

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Meriwether Godsey, Inc trading as Meriwether Godsey at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Mixed Beverage, Beer, Wine on Premise plus catering license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Donald C. Beck CFO

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND
Anthony T. Winbush,
Plaintiff,
v.
Michele L. Winbush,
Defendant.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT
FOR THE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Docket No. 2010-DR-40-1101
SUMMONS

TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer the Complaint in this matter, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his offices located at 2000 Park Street, Suite 100, Post Office Box 8596, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-8596, within thirty (30) days from the service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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February 24, 2010

NOTICE: The Summons in this action, of which the above is a copy, together with the Complaint therein was filed with the Clerk of Court of Richland County on March 5, 2010.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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2826 Preston Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Carlos A. Sorto and Jesus Sorto, dated September 14, 2005, and recorded September 19, 2005, in Deed Book 17757 at page 554 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 093-1-18G-0232, 093-1-18G-0233 & 093-1-18G-0234

Commonly known as 2826 Preston Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$35,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.0 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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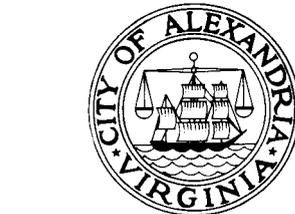
The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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BZA CASE #2010-0017
2302 RANDOLPH AVENUE
R-2-5, RESIDENTIAL
Lauren Mizerek and Karen Steer, owners, by Richard Flather, architect: Variance to construct a detached one car garage 1.00 feet from the north side property line and 1.00 feet from the front property line facing La Grande Avenue and a storage shed 16.00 feet from the front property line facing La Grande Avenue and abutting the new garage.

BZA CASE #2010-0025
148 N. EARLY STREET
R-8, RESIDENTIAL
Denise Lindgren, owner: Variance to construct an open porch and a screened porch 3.10 feet from the east side property line.

BZA CASE #2010-0026
212 E. MONROE STREET
R-2-5, RESIDENTIAL
Keith or Mary Burner, owners, by Stephen Kulinski, architect: Variance to reconstruct and enlarge an existing one car garage to a two car garage 1.00 foot from the north side property line and 1.00 foot from the west side property line. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

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735 UNION ST S	3	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,500,000	Townhouse	0.03			BACKYARD BOATS
3704 TAFT AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,143,022	Detached	0.27			COPPERS GROVE
417 ROYAL ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Townhouse	0.07			OLD TOWN
800 PARKWAY TER	5	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,040,000	Detached	0.32			BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
200 FAIRFAX ST S #16	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$993,500	Garden 1-4 Floors				GREENS STEAM
8 FRANKLIN ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$910,000	Townhouse	0.02			FORDS LANDING
709 BRADDOCK RD W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$877,000	Detached	0.35			LOT 601 LAND OF THOMAS E SEBRELL III
1657 HUNTING CREEK DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$857,500	Townhouse	0.04			OLD TOWN GREENS
122 QUAY ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.03			BRANDT TOWNHOUSE
2109 MARLBORO DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Detached	0.30			MARLBORO ESTATES
819 PRINCE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Townhouse	0.04			OLD TOWN
803 FAIRFAX ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$824,000	Townhouse	0.06			YATES GARDENS
1840 CARPENTER RD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$803,210	Semi-Detached	0.03			POTOMAC GREENS
412 PITT MEWS	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Townhouse	0.03			PITT MEWS
717 CARPENTER RD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Townhouse	0.02			POTOMAC GREENS
908 BEVERLEY DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$748,000	Detached	0.17			BEVERLEY HILLS
1314 DOGWOOD DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.21			DYES OAKCREST
3541 GODDARD WAY	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Townhouse	0.05			QUAKER RIDGE
6 MUIRS CT	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Townhouse	0.02			OLD TOWN
3543 GODDARD WAY	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Townhouse	0.04			QUAKER RIDGE
402 ROYAL ST S	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$683,000	Townhouse	0.02			OLD TOWN
603 RUSSELL RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.11			ROSEMONT
395 CAMERON STATION BLVD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$674,000	Townhouse	0.05			CAMERON STATION
14 SUNSET DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$673,000	Detached	0.24			ROSEMONT
5908 COLFAX AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$662,500	Detached	0.24			THE PALISADES
910 SLATERS LN #12	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Townhouse				TOWN COURT
410 LEE ST S	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.02			OLD TOWN
509 TOBACCO QUAY	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$629,000	Townhouse	0.04			TOBACCO KEY
518 ROYAL ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$621,000	Townhouse	0.02			CHATHAM SQUARE
2131/2 S. FAYETTE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$619,000	Townhouse	0.02			OLD TOWN
309 HOLLAND LN #321	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$614,900	Garden 1-4 Floors				ROYALTON
326 PAYNE ST N	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Townhouse	0.04			OLD TOWN
403 WOODLAND TER	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.18			JEFFERSON PARK
710 ABINGDON CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.02			NETHERGATE
121 CLIFFORD AVE E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Detached	0.08			EMMA P HUME
615 NORTH COLUMBUS ST	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Detached	0.04			OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA
4646 KIRKPATRICK LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$568,500	Townhouse	0.04			STONEGATE
5000 GARDNER DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Townhouse	0.04			CAMERON STATION
1213 MADISON ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$542,000	Townhouse	0.02			BRADDOCK PLACE
408 SECOND ST #408	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$536,000	Townhouse				WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA
4632 KEMP CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Townhouse	0.03			STONEGATE
601 WILKES ST #304	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Garden 1-4 Floors				TANNERY HOUSE
1318 PRINCE ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$517,500	Townhouse	0.04			OLD TOWN

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The Department of Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities' arts initiative within recreation is known as ACCT (Alexandria City Community Theatre) and for a year now the program has gained support from the community at large and the enthusiasm for the productions has spread in the hearts of its participants, staff and administration.

On Oct. 15, ACCT made its first birthday and the department, youth, parents and community members celebrated with the production of "Spanglish: Life Lessons in Spanish and English." True to form, ACCT participants and staff showed off their linguistic, acting and singing abilities to showcase the hard work that has gone into developing the program. Color Esperanza, The Color of Hope was green and we have embraced it also to symbolize the continued growth of the arts in the hearts of the Alexandria community.

Green is the color of growth of the program in the recreation centers and that message has a tangible symbol with the green bracelets that now serve as our tickets for the rest of ACCT's productions. Yes, at first glance, the bracelets are lonely looking pieces

of green yarn, but when you inject all of the meaning and symbolism into it, they have transformed into something to wear proudly (much like how caterpillars turn into butterflies).

The staff and volunteers that helped to make the performance a success deserve more than a few words of gratitude and they are: William Chesley, Leslie Clark,

Jacqueline McNair, Orelia Calderon, Bonnie Ross, James Franklin, Rodney Bates, Lorrussia Brockett, Josh Middleburg, Frank Johnson, Jaime Aylor, Shenika Farmer, Bertha Coleman, Jackie Person, director of Therapeutic Recreation, Ms. Markeeta, Elsie Akinbobola, Mt. Vernon Center director, Candice Goines Mitchell, Sheila Whiting, Charles Houston Center director, Harold Little, Ramsay Regional Center director, Larry Brown, Regional Center director of Cora Kelly, Sergio Ocumarez, Cisco Fabian, Cora Kelly Staff members, Iesha Resurreccion, Carol Willis (NJ Lee staff) and especially Margaret Orlando, program supervisor.

There were naysayers when the program began a year ago and funny enough the main criticism was that our goals were too ambitious. A year and hundreds of participants served later, I think that ambition worked in our favor!

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TC To Host First Night Game in School History

Titans need two wins for chance to make playoffs.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

As the T.C. Williams football team gathered for its post-game huddle at West Potomac High School, the Titans displayed different emotions. Some players acted angry, tossing their helmets on the ground. Some players looked disappointed, struggling to come to terms with a heartbreaking end to a missed opportunity. But through the subtle differences in appearance there was a common theme among the players and coaches dressed in red, white and blue: pain.

TC lost to West Potomac 38-31 on Oct. 22. The Titans had battled injuries, fought through frustrations with the officiating crew and rebounded from self-inflicted setbacks. When it came down to the game's final minutes, TC recovered an onside kick and drove inside the Wolverines' 20-yard line with a chance to tie. But after coming so close, the Titans' night ended with tipped interception in the end zone.

The post-game huddle was more than just a time to reflect: it was a possible turning point. The loss dropped TC to 4-4, meaning the Titans would need to win their final two games to have a shot at ending a playoff drought of nearly two decades. The team had just lost a close game to rival. It would be easy for frustration to take over a group of teenagers. But after briefly addressing his team, TC head coach Dennis Randolph turned his players' attention to a historic



T.C. Williams defensive lineman Jay Whitmire (98) battles in the trenches with West Potomac left guard Dan Carriker.

event that was just around the corner. While it hurt at the moment, there was still football to be played — and a unique experience to be part of.

T.C. Williams for the first time in the school's 46-year history will play a home game at night when the Titans host South County at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 29. While TC has a decorated past, including state championships in 1971, 1984 and 1987, no Titans player has ever been part of what is considered a standard element of the high school football experience: home games under "Friday Night Lights." That distinction ends this week, when stadium lights costing around \$24,000 are driven to Alexandria from out of state, assembled at T.C. Williams High School and placed in Parker-

Gray Stadium.

The Titans say they're excited for the opportunity. Senior linebacker Damien Benton said it's been tough only getting to experience night games on the road. Senior lineman Eric Berger talked about the hype that is likely to surround Friday's crowd and the suspected increase in attendance. But Randolph said his players aren't the ones who are most looking forward to Friday.

"I don't know if they really understand the implications of it," the coach said. "Some of these kids have been here two, three years and they've never played [a home night game] for two or three years. But the people that are excited about it are the people that played here in the past. On the '71 team, the '84 team, the '87 team, they

all won state championships [but] they never played a night game at home. They're talking about it. People in the school that have been here for years, they're talking about it."

Focusing on Friday's event will help TC get past the loss to West Potomac. But with so many off-field distractions accompanying Friday's game, it won't be easy for the Titans to stay focused on the most important part of the contest as far as the team is concerned: on-field performance.

"The chorus is involved, the band from South County is going to be here, our band [will be here], we're inducting people into the hall of fame ... it's senior night ... the superintendent, the school board [and] the City Council are all going to be here," Randolph said. "We've invited all the neighbors and given them special seating. There's a lot of hoopla and besides that, there's a football game — and a very important one, I might add, for us."

Like last season, TC is 4-4 after eight games. This season, the Titans' final two opponents sport losing records. South County is 3-5 with one win coming via forfeit by Annandale. Lee, which TC faces in the regular season finale, is 1-7. South County has been strong defensively, allowing just 16.5 points per game. But the Stallions have struggled to score points, averaging 19 per contest. Three times South County has been held to six points or fewer.

Despite South County's sturdy defense, TC figures to put points on the board. Since sophomore Alec Grosser took over as the team's starting quarterback, the Titans are averaging 33.4 points in five games, and nearly 39 points in the last four. Against West Potomac, Grosser completed 22 of 46

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Episcopal Football Wins

The Episcopal football team overcame a 15-0 deficit to defeat St. Christopher's 19-15 on Oct. 23. Episcopal's Adam Lynne rushed 15 times for 83 yards and scored the game-winning touchdown in the third quarter, and Johnny Bond rushed 10 times for 74 yards, according to the school's Web site.

The Maroon will host rival St. Stephen's & St. Agnes at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30.

Ireton Football Loses to PJP

The Bishop Ireton football team lost to Pope John Paul the Great 26-22 on Oct. 23, dropping the Cardinals' record to 1-7. Ireton led 22-20 entering the fourth quarter but PJP added a touchdown to win.

Ireton quarterback P.J. Zingler completed 17 of 28 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns. He was intercepted twice.

Moses Webb, Brandon Williams-Price and Tom Gallinaro each caught one touchdown pass.

The Cardinals will host Flint Hill at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30.

SSSAS Football Loses in Shut Out

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes football team lost to Landon 22-0. The Saints will travel to face rival Episcopal at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30.

Lil' Titans Youth Flag Football Begins Season

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Sports Office began its inaugural Lil' Titans flag football season on Oct. 17 at the George

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5Qs

T.C. Williams sophomore quarterback Alec Grosser

Q: What is it like being a starting varsity quarterback as a sophomore?

A: I try to stay as a humble as I can. Of course, it's very exciting.

Q: You're a pitcher in the spring. Which feels better: striking out batters or completing passes?

A: They're actually kind of alike.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Kid Cudi. He's a deep, deep artist. Many people don't understand his lyrics.

Q: What's your favorite movie?

A: "Men in Black." I like Will Smith, he's a good actor.

Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington, D.C. metro area that you have traveled?

A: North Carolina. I haven't left the East Coast.

— JON ROETMAN

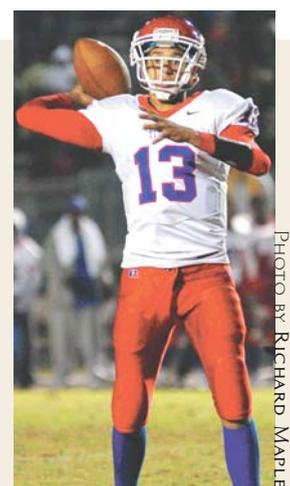


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TC's Night Home Game This Friday

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passes for 267 yards and three touchdowns but was intercepted four times.

"It was pretty tough," Grosser said of the loss. "It took the weekend [to get over]. I'm good now. You've got to have a short memory in the game of football."

Randolph said he's pleased with No. 13's play at the quarterback position.

"With him quarterbacking, we've averaged over 35 points [during the last four games]," Randolph said. "That's a tribute to Alec, that he's been able to get us down the field. He's made mistakes, but every time he makes a mistake he doesn't repeat the mistake."

Randolph said he expects running back Zaquan Summers to play against South County. The junior had rushed for more than 100 yards in three straight games before sitting out the West Potomac game with an injury. Mohamed Sesay filled in against the Wolverines, rushing for 137 yards and a touchdown.

Will Rossi, Tyrell Sitton and Isreal Richardson each caught a touchdown pass from Grosser.

TC will break a 45-year home night-game drought on Friday. If the Titans stay focused, the atmosphere could help propel them to a win and the potential to break a 19-year playoff drought.

"We feel like we're [missing out on] the normal, 'Friday Night Lights,' atmosphere," Rossi said, "so we're definitely really excited for this."

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Washington Middle School athletic fields.

The Lil' Titans program has 72 girls and boys, between the ages of 5 and 6 years old participating in this developmental program. Each of the six teams (Titans - Gold, Yellow, Black, Red, White and Blue), will play a five-game season on Saturdays through Nov. 13 at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

For a schedule of the games, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation or call the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402.

Late Night Basketball League Concludes Season

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Late Night Basketball League concluded its fall season on Oct. 14 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. A crowd of more than 125 people attended the closely contested championship game in which the Terps defeated the Hoyas 46 - 43.

The young adult league is co-sponsored by the Recreation Department, EYA of Alexandria and the Alexandria Urban League.

Registration for the winter league has started. The Late Night League runs every Thursday night beginning at 9 p.m. four times each year. Contact Bertha Coleman, Program Supervisor at Charles Houston at 703-746-5552 or the Sports Office at 703-746-5402.

Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth Basketball, Cheerleading, Baseball and Softball. Criminal history background checks are required.

Interested persons should call the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or e-mail mac.slover@alexandriava.gov or tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov.

Youth Basketball Registration

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently accepting registrations for the Winter Youth Basketball League for boys and girls ages 7 - 17.

Registration fee is \$30 per child and is available to city residents only. Registration deadline is Nov. 15. Registration forms are available at all neighborhood recreation centers, public libraries and the Department of Recreation

Administrative office.

For more information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation or call the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402.

Lil' Slammers Basketball Camp

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is now accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Fundamentals School for boys and girls ages 5-6. The school will run Saturdays, Nov. 6-Dec. 4 at the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center. The session will not be held on Nov. 27.

Participants will learn the fundamentals of ball handling, shooting, passing and dribbling. Registration cost is \$50 per child. The registration space is limited and will be open until the session is filled. Registration forms are available at all neighborhood recreation centers, public libraries and the Department of Recreation Administrative office.

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—Henry David Thoreau

LETTERS

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ogy and its implementation will continue to evolve and so must our thinking about education and how we use technology to support it.

Elizabeth Hoover, Ph.D.

Executive Director
of Technology Services
Alexandria City Public Schools

More Signs Disappearing

To the Editor:

Clark Mercer, a longtime Democratic operative and chair of the Alexandria Democratic Committee, wrote a letter to the editor ["Disappearing Campaign Signs"] last week calling on the Patrick Murray campaign to cease with taking down Jim Moran campaign signs. Personally, I know a few Democratic friends who have mentioned they have taken down Moran signs themselves out in public spaces near their house as they have grown tired with Jim Moran's antics.

Myself, I have put up several dozen Patrick Murray signs around the district, many of which have been removed and replaced with Jim Moran signs. What is Mr. Mercer doing to prevent that? I have also seen Patrick Murray signs defaced around the district as well. So to write, "I want the Murray for Congress campaign to be one with which all involved were proud to be associated," is being disingenuous to say the least without first controlling your own people.

Lee Hernly
Alexandria

Alexandria's 'Leaders In Law'

FROM PAGE 9

Banks enjoyed a distinguished Army career before moving into the legal profession. He entered the University of Virginia law school "right from active duty ... I liked the Army and I liked the notion of a career of service to my country," he said.

His education includes graduation from the Richmond Christian Center School of Ministry.

Chief Judge Moore, a George Mason University graduate, earned her law degree at the University of Richmond.

Chief Public Defender Douglas, a graduate of Emmanuel College, earned her juris doctor at Antioch School of Law.

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