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TC Telethon Hundreds of volunteers arrived at TC Williams High School on Sunday, Nov. 7, to set up, run and participate in the annual Alexandria public high school scholarship telethon. The phone banks were well staffed and busy taking pledges throughout the evening.



TC Williams graduate and Comedy Central star Donnell Rawlings performs at the Titanfest.



ACPS staff member Dianna May accepts a TC Williams alumni challenge check from Mark and Tracy Funn and Mike Porterfield.

Cash Clink

Fewer local inmates means more federal money and perhaps a fight in state legislature.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

It seems counterintuitive, but Alexandria's crime rate has been dropping since the economy tanked. That's good news for the city, and it's great news for the Alexandria jail. The additional space created by the reduced number of local inmates means there's more room for federal inmates. That means more than \$100 a day of new revenue for each federal inmate. That's unless the Virginia General Assembly tries to cut into profits, which is a yearly struggle in Richmond.

"It's a dance that's performed every year," said state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who spent years fighting for federal jail dollars as mayor. "The governor's office and the finance committees will be looking for every penny this year, so I'm sure they'll go after it again."

But the stakes will be higher than ever this year because of the increased amount of money associated with the increase in federal inmates. Back in 2006, the jail had an all-time high of about 500 local inmates. Since then, it dipped below 400 and opened up space for defendants awaiting trial at the

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'Abuse of Discretion'

Police agencies and elected officials in Northern Virginia fail to exercise judgment on transparency.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

When 19-year-old Kossi Djossou was murdered at the bakery where he worked, the Djossou family didn't know where to turn for answers. Members of the extended family learned the news from a cousin who worked in the Del Ray bakery where the murder took place — a manager came into the bakery where Kossi

Djossou worked as a packer and shot him with a revolver. The snowstorm that blew into town following the murder preceded an information blackout from the Alexandria Police Department.

"How can something happen to your son, and you're never going to know the facts?" asked Geoffrey Josseau several months after the murder. "I can't explain to the people back home what happened."

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Nonprofit To Operate Health Clinic

City health officials to take a reduced role in operation of Casey Clinic.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Patients at the Casey Clinic may be about to receive some bitter medicine. Because city health officials have struck an agreement with a nonprofit group to expand services at the West End clinic, many of the patients may end up with new doctors. The looming transition is creating a sense of uneasiness among many of the patients who receive care at the clinic next to INOVA Alexandria

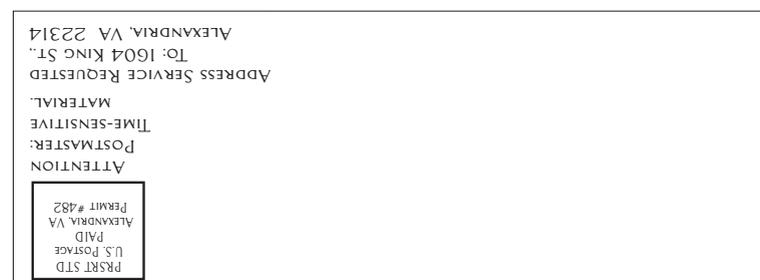
Hospital servicing indigent patients.

"Some people are up in arms about this," said patient Bruce Jordan after a recent visit to the clinic. "I'm a little concerned about who my doctor is going to be."

Back in March 2009, the Alexandria Health Department struck a deal with a nonprofit known as Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. The nonprofit, known by the acronym ANHSI, was originally created in 1996 to manage the Arlandria Health Center. Now it's expanding its role in Alexandria, offering additional programs and taking over some of the services previously offered by the city.

"This is not a budget cut," said Budget Director Bruce Johnson. "It's a reorganization."

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Up in Smoke

It's going to be a green year in Richmond. No, it's not some new environmental initiative. State Sen. **Patsy Ticer** (D-30) will be introducing a bill to legalize medical marijuana. She announced the measure during a planning session with City Council members this week in advance of the upcoming General Assembly session. After the smoke cleared from the heady work session, Ticer acknowledged that the bill stood little chance of passing.

"I don't think Virginia is quite ready for it," said Ticer. "We trust doctors for other things. Why not this?"

Fifteen states have legalized medical marijuana. But things work differently in the Old Dominion. First Ticer would have to get the bill out of Senate committee and onto the Senate floor. Then she would hear a wide range of arguments against the measure, accusing the effort of everything from contributing to traffic fatalities to tearing apart the fabric of society. Then it would be debated in the House of Delegates. It's a shame, Ticer said, because allowing medical marijuana would be beneficial to people undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer.

"I've never tried it," admitted the senator. "I've barely tried Bufferin."

Big Blue

Don't look now, but your recycling bin may be watching you. Those new blue bins that appeared in neighborhoods across the city last week have radio-frequency identification chips that allows the government to monitor use. City officials say the information will be gathered by the block, not by the individual bin. So you don't have to worry about **Big Brother**.

"The purpose is to have the tag associated with the container, so we can track it," said **Yon Lambert**, a deputy director for maintenance operations. "It also helps us track recycling rates for each block, which helps us get a picture of the city's recycling rates."

The dirty secret is that Alexandria lags behind other local jurisdictions when it comes to recycling. Fairfax County and even the District of Columbia have better numbers. And Alexandria is way behind neighboring Arlington County. The containers come in three different sizes, allowing those who have the space to have much larger bins that close rather than allowing trash to blow out of the top. About 8,000 of the 15,000 bins have been delivered. "Ultimately, we are going to have higher recycling rates because of this," said Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. "And we are going to have less trash blowing around the streets."

Popular Councilmen

Democratic Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** and Republican Councilman **Frank Fannon** are two of the most popular guys in town, at least according to voters. They put both at the top of the pack during last year's election, creating a sense of friendly rivalry between the two. The duo took their traveling act on the road last week, working the telephones to raise money for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's 16th annual telethon.

"He was burning the phones up," Donley said of Fannon. "I don't think he's got a friend left in town."

"Seventy-five hundred of them in the last election," Fannon responded.

One Healthy Alexandria

Mayor **Bill Euille** is adding a few words to his famous campaign slogan and streamlining his annual Thanksgiving tradition. The tag line of this year's pre-Thanksgiving Unity Breakfast is "One *Healthy* Alexandria." Euille said the keynote speaker would be someone from the medical field or the world of nutrition, promoting the importance of regular exercise and a balanced diet.

But all work and no play makes the mayor a very dull host. So the event will also include a jazz combo ripping through some standards and Motown tunes. Table decorations will be constructed by Alexandria schoolchildren. Euille began hosting a Unity Breakfast the day before Thanksgiving after he was elected Mayor in 2003. "It's really a time to kick off the Thanksgiving spirit and be inspired," Euille said, adding that the inspirational speeches will be streamlined. "The program won't be as long this year."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Cost of TC's Transformation

Competitive bidding on consultants avoided through add-on compensation and "sole source" exemption.

This is the second in a three-part series about decisions made by Alexandria Public Schools Superintendent Morton Sherman during his first two years as superintendent. Two months, dozens of interviews and 774 pages of documents acquired via Freedom of Information requests revealed details about upheaval in the central office and Sherman's long-time use of outside consultants.

BY PAIGE WINFIELD CUNNINGHAM
GAZETTE VIA OLD DOMINION WATCHDOG

A long-time friend of Alexandria school Superintendent Morton Sherman has been paid thousands of dollars and shared meals with the Alexandria superintendent on the district's dime before ever signing a formal contract.

One in a wave of new consultants hired since Sherman came to Alexandria, Bena Kallick was the second highest-paid individual contractors paid during last two years and has recently signed more contracts to hold teacher training this year.

Adding all the payments together, she's on track to earn \$124,000 from the Alexandria City Public Schools.

Kallick's ties to the superintendent began four decades ago and have extended through every school district in which he's worked since. She has stayed at the Old Town home he shares with his wife, Debbie, at least once. And she was paid \$21,000 by the district before ever coming under contract.

"The state has approved our proposal not to hire a company to run Alexandria, but to create a core of consultants."

— **Morton Sherman,**
superintendent of schools

"I think what he's always done is use me for the expertise I've built over the years on curriculum development, instructional development and organizational systems," Kallick said.

Kallick stayed at his home to save the district from paying for a hotel, Sherman said. While Kallick has visited Alexandria at least 17 times, she's only charged the district for a hotel once. Sherman says perhaps she stayed with "other friends" on her other visits.

"We are professional colleagues, and have been, and she is well-received here in the community and that is that extent," Sherman said.

FOR \$3,000 A DAY, the Westport consultant offers training that's largely based on her trademark book, "Habits of Mind" — a study of what she describes as 16 "dispositions" used by intelligent people.

Kallick began charging ACPS for "consulting" trips a few months after Sherman came on board in August 2008. Between November and May, she made six separate trips to ACPS before a formal contract was signed, charging the district \$21,196 for "consulting," according to invoices obtained from ACPS.

Those trips were to "train teachers on unit design and facilitate leadership training sessions," according to an internal memo written by Sherman in June 2009. In that memo,

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Vacationing Deputy Saves Lives

King pulls two women from fiery crash.

Sheriff's deputies off duty are still on duty. An Alexandria deputy sheriff was vacationing in Virginia Beach when a car traveling ahead of her crashed and smoke began swirling above the car.

Deputy Teneka King didn't hesitate at the post-midnight crash to leap from her personal vehicle and run to the scene to rescue the driver and passenger.

King, who couldn't initially extricate the driver because of the seat belt, ran to the passenger side and, after finally managing to release the seat belts, hurriedly dragged both driver and passenger from the car.

As King dragged the occupants to safety — one was unresponsive — the car exploded into flames.

On Nov. 4, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne recognized King's heroic efforts "for the courage" she displayed in the life-saving effort.

"The decision to approach this smoking car while off duty and extricate both women ... speaks volumes about your character and selflessness. The valor and courage you displayed that night undoubtedly saved the life of one, if not both occupants, as



Deputy Sheriff Teneka King is honored for heroism by Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.

evidenced by the car exploding into flames about a minute after you removed them," Lawhorne said.

"Her actions," Lawhorne continued, "reflect the finest traditions of law enforcement and the Sheriff's Office. We all salute and honor you."

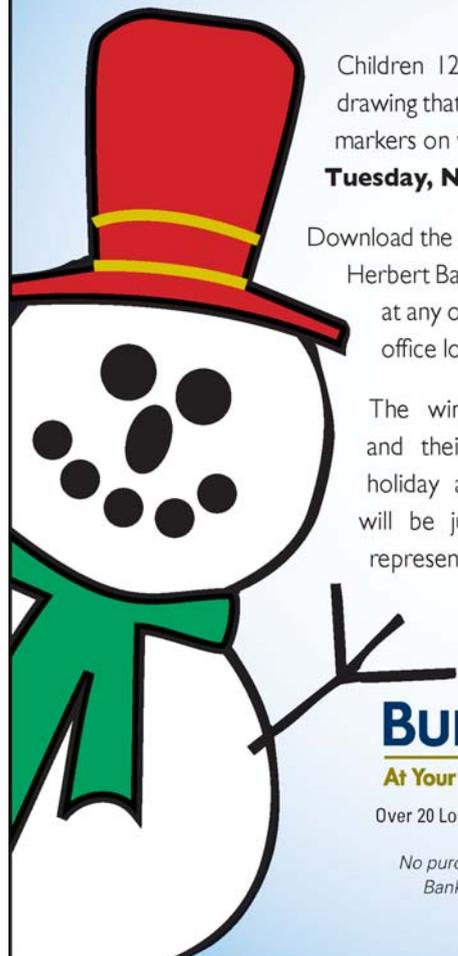
King, however, did not report the incident to her colleagues for several days.

"I didn't think I needed to do that," King said. "I was glad to help."

King, 26, has been a member of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office since Feb. 21, 2009 and resides in Woodbridge.

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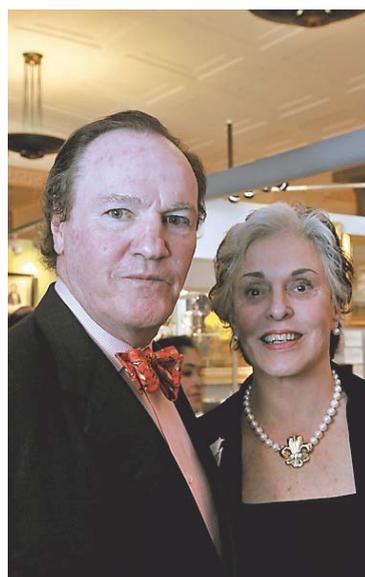
John Hynan talks with antique dealer Bob Haneberg at the preview party.



Historian William Seale and Hannah Cox



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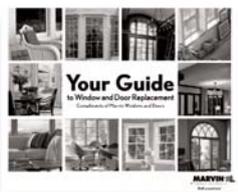
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Project Lifesaver's Peace of Mind

Radio-tracking system helps locate people who wander away.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The police alert went out within hours — Lauren Taylor, an intellectually challenged 20-year-old, had gone missing from Alexandria's North Ridge neighborhood after going for a bike ride Sept. 27.

"My wife got home from work and didn't know what happened," said Robert Taylor, Lauren's father. "Nothing was missing except her bicycle. We immediately contacted the police and began getting the word out."

Two days later, Lauren was located in Arlandria and returned safely to her family.

"She just went down to Arlandria and the first person she saw she went home with," Taylor said. "The decision that she made was not an informed decision. She didn't understand what she was doing or why she was doing it."

In the wake of that incident, police suggested to Taylor that he contact the Alexandria Sheriff's department about enrolling Lauren in Project Lifesaver, a nationwide program that uses a radio tracking system to locate people who wander off and can't find their way home.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Lauren Taylor and her father Robert check out Lauren's Project Lifesaver transmitter.

"Our biggest concern is that Lauren could get into these situations without really realizing that they could be potentially dangerous to her," Taylor said. "We want to try to minimize the risk of that happening."

On Oct. 18, Lauren was fitted with a personal transmitter made by LoJack, the same company whose technology tracks stolen vehicles, and officially enrolled in the program.

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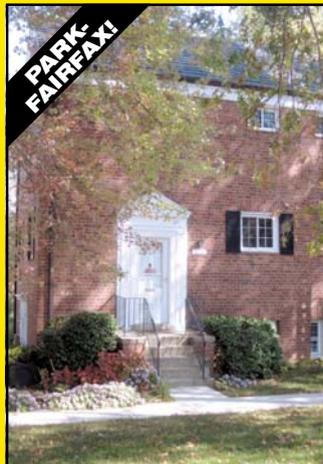
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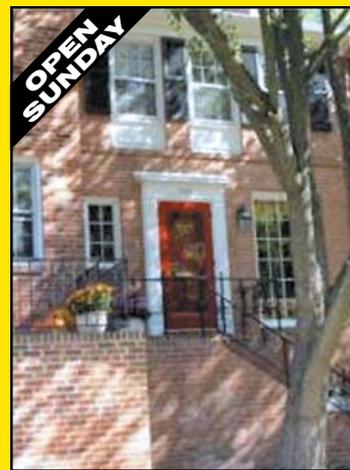
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Lt. Col. John F. 'Jack' McDonnell (USAF-RET)

John F. Jack' McDonnell, father of Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and a long-time Alexandria resident, died Nov. 2 at Burke Health and Rehabilitation Center following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 94.



Jack was born in Peabody, Mass., on April 15, 1916, the oldest of four children and the son of Irish immigrants. A member of "The Greatest Generation," he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps shortly

before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"His military service influenced us all greatly," said the governor at the Nov. 7 memorial service at Demaine Funeral Home in Alexandria. "He raised us to always honor and respect our country and those who serve."

During World War II, Jack served in Thurleigh, England with the 306th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force. He would serve 23 years on active duty in the Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1964. He went on to a second career with the U.S. Naval Investigative Service.



Lt. Col. John F. 'Jack' McDonnell (USAF-RET) with his son, Gov. Bob McDonnell.

Jack married Emma Meiller of Bryan, Texas on April 8, 1951 at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. Together they had five children, the governor being the eldest. In 1955, the McDonnell family moved to the Mount Vernon section of Alexandria. Four years later, Jack was assigned to Wiesbaden Air Force Base in West Germany. After a three-year tour overseas, the McDonnell family returned to Alexandria, where they would remain. The family lived in a house on Wagon Wheel Road, where the governor grew up. The elder McDonnell still owned the home at the time of his death.

A strong believer in education, he completed his master's degree in education from the University of Maryland after leaving the military. He stressed to his children the importance of obtaining a good education and all his children graduated from college.

Jack McDonnell participated in many activities throughout his life, including teach-

ing Sunday school at Good Shepard Catholic Church, coaching Little League baseball, and serving as a member of the Governor's Board of Visitors of Mount Vernon.

Jack McDonnell was a lifelong Notre Dame and Boston Red Sox fan. His wife preceded him in death in 1994. Survivors include his five children: Gov. Bob McDonnell, Eileen Reinaman of Stafford, Nancy Naisawald of Lynchburg, Maureen Uncapher of Chesapeake, Air Force Col. Kenneth McDonnell, a physician stationed in Lakenheath, England, and 15 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Demaine Funeral Home Nov. 7. McDonnell will be buried alongside his wife and son at Arlington National Cemetery at 9 a.m. Jan. 27, 2011.

"He was an inspiration to so many people," said Col. McDonnell. "He was an incredible father and is deeply missed."

In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the Emma and Jack McDonnell Memorial Scholarship Fund at Mount Vernon, P.O. Box 110, Mount Vernon, VA 22121.

Rose Ellen Larrabee

Rose Ellen Elliott Larrabee died Nov. 2, 2010 at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Orly Reiner Larrabee and her parents, William Harrison Elliott and Anna Laura Dyke Elliott. She was one of 12 children all of

whom have preceded her in death.

Rose was born in Rockwood, Tenn. She had one child, Edith Louise Phillippi of Alexandria, married to LCDR Frederick Eugene Phillippi, Jr. USN, Retired and three grandchildren: Linda Louise Lindsay, Laura Lynn Main married to Major John Avril Main, and Lt. Col. David Michael Phillippi, USMC who is married to Kathryn Ann Sayre Phillippi. She had seven great grandchildren: Tiffany Rose Robinson Lindsay, Ashleigh Lynn Main, Kelly Elizabeth Main, Sarah Nicole Main, Savanna Lynn Lindsay, Autumn Elizabeth Phillippi, and Dylan Wyatt Phillippi.

Rose was an operator for Western Union during World War II and later a bookkeeper for them. She and her daughter accompanied her husband to the Island of Rhodes, Greece for his three-year tour of duty in the Coast Guard. Failing Health had her living in Manor Care Nursing Center in Alexandria.

Her viewing and memorial service will be Saturday, Nov. 13 starting at 2 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington Street, Alexandria followed by a reception at her daughter's home.

Her burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery Thursday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m.



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VETERANS DAY

Heroes Among Us

Veterans share their stories.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

One by one they left for battle fields half a world away never knowing if they would see home again.

All too well, they understood the meaning of sacrifice for a cause greater than their own.

They are America's veterans and over the years they have been an example of courage and valor, a nation's hope in the dark days following Pearl Harbor and continuing in the aftermath of 9/11.

In Alexandria, generations of young men and women have answered the call to serve their country and our community is forever changed because of them — the heroes who walk among us.



Orson Swindle, standing at right, as a young Marine in Vietnam.

Lt. Col. Orson Swindle, USMC (Ret.)

It was Veterans Day 1966. Orson Swindle was flying his last scheduled combat mission — his 205th — when he was shot down over North Vietnam. He was held as a POW in various camps, including the infamous “Hanoi Hilton,” for six years and four months.

“That’s 2,305 days,” said Swindle, who went on to serve over 20 years in the Marine Corps before retiring in 1979.

Swindle, along with prison roommate and close friend John McCain, was released in March of 1973. He was awarded more than 20 military decorations for valor in combat including two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, two Legions of Merit, 13 Air Medals and two Purple Hearts.

He went on to serve in the Reagan administration as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development and as an appointee to the Federal Trade Commission.

“I’m a lucky guy,” Swindle said. “I am 73 and there was a time when I didn’t think I’d live to see 30. I made a point as a result of that experience to never forget and to inspire young people to appreciate the things that make this country great.”

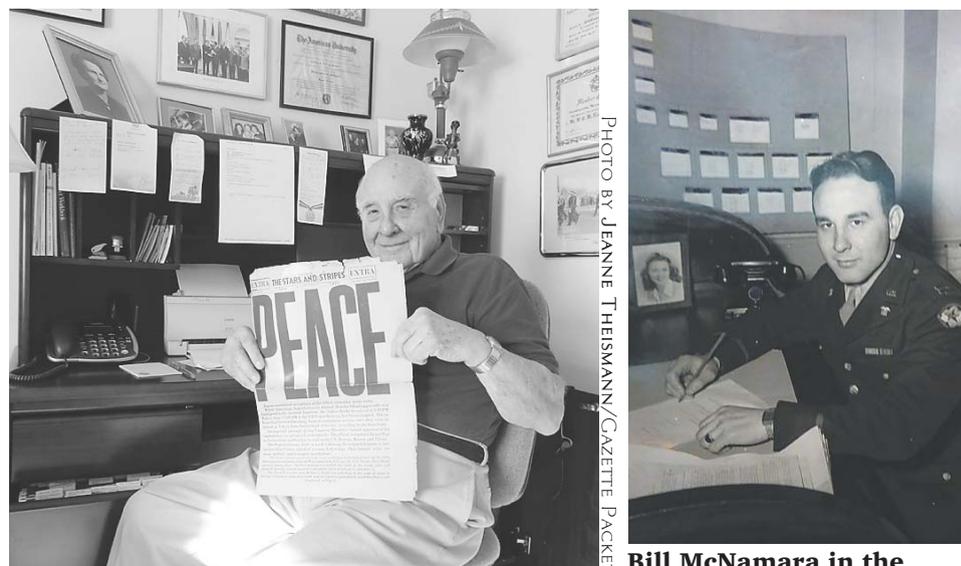
Swindle and his wife, Angela Williams, are proud grandparents to 1-year-old triplets Ariana, Leila and Marina.



Orson Swindle today with his first grandchildren, triplets Ariana, Leila and Marina.



Bill McNamara, standing second from left, and his Stars and Stripes team on Omaha Beach three days after the D-Day invasion.



Bill McNamara holds a copy of the Stars and Stripes newspaper dated August 14, 1945.

Bill McNamara in the Stars and Stripes newsroom in Paris.

Lt. Col. Bill McNamara, USAF (Ret.)

Bill McNamara was only 15 years old when he joined the National Guard in 1936. By the time he was 23, he was the youngest major in Europe, working for the Stars and Stripes newspaper and leading a six-man detachment across Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944.

“What I saw that day was unbelievable,” McNamara said. “It was scary going into the unknown. We weren’t expected to come out alive.”

McNamara and his men survived and it took another week to file their first reports.

“We had arranged ahead of time for London to print a special edition for us,” McNamara said. “Gen. [Omar] Bradley let me use his phone to make one call a day to London to get the news out on what was

happening.”

As acting publisher, McNamara helped establish six later editions of Stars and Stripes and by VE-Day was publishing over 500,000 copies daily.

“Most people have no understanding of what it’s really like in combat,” said McNamara, who retired from active duty in 1958.

“But it’s important to recognize what those who serve have gone through.”

McNamara, who has been a widower for 19 years, will spend Veterans Day at American Legion Post 24, where he has been a member for 50 years.

“But first I’ll visit Arlington National Cemetery,” McNamara said. “My wife is buried there.”

VETERANS DAY

Major David Romley, USMC (Ret.)

David Romley, recently retired after serving more than 20 years in the Marine Corps, was at sea on the USS Pelelieu on 9/11 and was one of the first conventional forces on the ground in Afghanistan.

"We were removed from the emotional element going on in the country," Romley said. "Instead, we were fixed on our own intense desire to immediately deliver a blow to our foe, as ill defined as it was at the time. We knew we were the ones representing the U.S. response to such a horrific action and felt incredibly committed to do what was needed to allow the American people to strike back."

Romley has received 47 decorations and commendations including the Bronze Star medal for operations in Iraq and the Defense Superior Service medal while serving as press attache to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

His father Richard is a Vietnam veteran who lost both legs in combat and his brother served in Somalia.

"I was named after my father's best friend who was killed in Vietnam," Romley said. "On Veterans Day, I reflect on them and everybody who has allowed us to enjoy the freedoms that we have."

Romley currently works for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation as the vice president of development and communications. He and his wife Meredith are the parents of 18-month-old twins, Evelyn and Sylvia.



David Romley in Afghanistan.



David Romley with his wife Meredith and twin daughters, Evelyn and Sylvia.

Capt. Kimberly Johnson, USA

Only 10 years removed from her high school graduation, Army Capt. Kim Johnson has served her country for more than six years and recently returned from her second deployment to Iraq.

"I'll never forget being with my soldiers during our convoys," Johnson said. "It's difficult to describe the camaraderie we gained during those times, how we got to know each other and put our trust in each other during our missions."

Johnson spent four and a half years with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division and currently serves in the Army Reserves with the Defense Logistics Agency in Richmond.

She has earned numerous awards, including the Combat Action Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and two Iraq Campaign Medals.

Johnson is the office manager of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and is earning a masters degree in health care administration. She hopes one day to work in Veterans affairs health administration.

"Veterans Day is a day that I hope we all remember the sacrifices the military men and women make for us," Johnson said. "Not only those killed or MIA, but those presently serving or who have served in the past."

Kim Johnson in her office at St. Paul's Church in Old Town.



Kim Johnson in Iraq in 2008.



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Neutralizing the Add-On

The stage has been set for an epic budget battle this winter, pitting transportation advocates against business owners. On one side of the struggle are those who want commercial property taxpayers to fork over more money than residential property taxpayers. The new revenue would pay for additional trolleys through Del Ray and plan for a high-capacity transit corridors along Duke Street. During a Chamber of Commerce breakfast this week, Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** and Councilman **Rob Krupicka** indicated they would strongly support adopting the add-on tax.

"Governments around us are making those investments," said Donley, referring to the other Northern Virginia jurisdictions that have opted to send the bill for transportation projects to commercial property owners. "We need to look at projects that are going to make a big difference."

"It's the tool we are given," said Krupicka, adding that things might be different if he were in the General Assembly. "I think we have to."

Not everyone agrees. According to Alexandria Chamber of Commerce President **Tina Leone**, most members she's heard from are strongly opposed to the add-on tax. An effort to create the different tax rates failed last year, a loss some attribute to a failure to sell the plan with bold projects. Now, Leone says, business leaders who have participated in a survey seem to have overwhelmingly rejected the idea.

"Businesses should not be responsible for the burden of paying for transportation," said Leone. "Right now, it looks like we are headed for opposing this." The chamber president added that the survey will remain open for about a week.

Reimagining the Waterfront

Mark your calendars. Early next month, city officials will release the much-anticipated draft of a small area plan that will determine the future of the waterfront. The community meeting is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 6 p.m., although planning officials have yet to nail down a location. Anticipation is swirling as to what other arrangements they have been able to make.

Consider the parking lot owned by the Old Dominion Boat Club at the foot of King Street. Planning officials have already announced their intention to put a grand new pier there. To sweeten the deal, they offered club members parking at a new structure that would be constructed in the Waterfront Park. But no agreement has been announced with the Old Dominion Boat Club. That means the plan released next month could be working on an assumption that a deal may eventually be struck.

Many more questions swirl around this hotly debated small-area draft plan: Will it suggest that the two Robinson Terminal sites flanking north and south Old Town be replaced by boutique hotels? Will the old Beachcomber Restaurant building be preserved or demolished? Will the parking lot on Strand Street be transformed into open space? If so, where will that parking be moved? And then there's the matter of moving the fleet of ships associated with the Potomac Riverboat Company, which could be moved from their present location to the new King Street pier. "I know this sounds trivial, but does the new location have adequate bathrooms?" mused Potomac Riverboat Company vice president **Charlotte Hall**. "Does it have a waiting area that's large enough? There are still so many questions about what the plan will say about these details."

Mango No Gala

Things will be different when "**Mango**" **Mike Anderson** takes the chairman's helm of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce next year. For starters, he wants to ditch the word "gala." During a chamber breakfast this week, Anderson wanted everybody to know that the February event installing him as the incoming chairman will not be a "gala." And the tone will be a bit less restrained than the buttoned-down world of Mark Hilton manager **Charlie Banta**, who chose a Wild West theme for his gala. "This is not your father's chamber," Anderson announced this week. "No offense, **Frank Fannon**, to your father."

Anderson is expected to be installed during some kind of ceremony in February. Just don't call it a "gala." He will be followed in 2012 by attorney **Andrew Palmieri**, who is currently the legislative director for the chamber.

BUSINESS

Introducing BeautyFull Boutique

Consignment shop for women size 14 and up.

BY NICOLE MACON
GAZETTE PACKET

As customers walk into bright and spacious BeautyFull Boutique, a consignment store at 118 N Fayette Street in Old Town, they're greeted by owner Camille Leverett with a welcoming smile, either behind the counter sorting through the latest items, or examining the racks of clothing, stacks of shoes, or display of jewelry, ensuring every item is in top shape.

The idea for a consignment shop for plus size women came to Leverett as she struggled to find work clothes for her frequent traveling and public speaking engagements in her former job at the Graduate Management Admissions Council.

"My job [at GMAC] was to tell potential MBA students 'the sky's the limit.' I told others to pursue their dreams, to start their own business, but I was not pursuing my own" dream to start a business, Leverett said.

Laura Chase, of Annandale, who has known Leverett for five years, helped Leverett with the newly consigned merchandise in the store for a week. Chase enjoys the store because not only does she now have a place where she can "give nice clothes away" but she can also receive money for those clothes.

Leverett was not looking for the large former sales office that she ended up with, but when the smaller locations she viewed required renovations, she "walked in faith," changed her business plan slightly and leased out the smaller office space to make the larger space work.

"I am also not limited in the amount of clothing I can bring in," Leverett said.



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Camille Leverett, owner of BeautyFull Boutique in Old Town.

The large, open floor plan, with high ceilings and track lighting throughout reminded Leverett of an art gallery. She plays on this concept by displaying artwork from several local artists throughout the store, available for purchase.

Sonia Bellfield, Arlington resident and friend of Leverett's, came to the store on her day off from her job in Georgetown with specific shopping needs. "I'm looking for a dress for a holiday party, something lavender for a friend, and something nice and different for myself."

Bellfield was "very impressed" with the merchandise and warm and inviting atmosphere of the store. "This feels like a place where you need to shop," Bellfield said.

Leverett's business experience achieved through her former job and as an MBA graduate from Marymount University helped, but she has still faced challenges in starting a new business. As a perfectionist, she has had to learn to be "flexible and open to change."

Her specific niche in plus-size clothing also presents a challenge, as there is "no place where women openly discuss their size."

Her circle of friends, whom she calls her "group of

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Fuller: Housing Key to City's Future

BY BRIAN CAIN
GAZETTE PACKET

If Alexandria wants to grow economically, it needs to build more middle and upper-middle income housing.

That's what Dr. Stephen Fuller, director of George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis, said, after his lecture on the local economies Wednesday, Oct. 27. More than 60 local business leaders and City Councilman Frank Fannon attended the lecture, sponsored by ACT for Alexandria, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership.

Fuller said the housing issue was the biggest obstacle Alexandria will face in the future. He said the winners of the recent recession will be those localities, municipalities and regions that can house new workers locally.

According to Fuller, the northern Virginia jobs that have been eliminated during the recession will not be replaced. Instead, new jobs will be created. Those new jobs will be "higher value added" jobs, or jobs

that require more "education or higher skills." The people who will fill those jobs are those who live in middle and upper-middle housing. "Those people have good jobs and spend their money locally," Fuller said.

According to Fuller, building the residential base is important to Alexandria for two reasons. First, an increase in the local residential base would strengthen the retail and housing markets. Second, it would build a local labor force that would attract businesses to the local area. "The city has the potential to do that," Fuller said. He named Potomac Yard as an example.

Transportation, which is always a hot topic in northern Virginia, is a key factor in connecting the housing markets to the business sector, and Alexandria has the capabilities to make that connection.

"Alexandria has terrific transportation," Fuller said. It has Metro, rail service and water access. According to Fuller, this makes Alexandria a unique place, but it needs more. What Alexandria needs, said Fuller, is to "have an aggressive housing strategy as part of its economic development strategy."

BUSINESS

Shop Focuses on Plus Size Women

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angels,” and family, have been very supportive of her store. “I always heard ‘Nothing is impossible’ from my family and friends,” Leverett said. Leverett plans to give back to the community as well. If an item is in the store for more than 90 days, Leverett will donate it to a local women’s shelter. She is currently seeking requests from local shelters.

Sonia Bellfield of Arlington examines some shirts at BeautyFull Boutique in Old Town.



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Betty Green of Arlington looks at suits on the rack at BeautyFull Boutique in Old Town

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OPINION

Honoring on Veterans Day

Saluting military service, remembering those who died in Iraq, Afghanistan.

On Veterans Day, we remember all of those who have served in the military; there are 24 million veterans in the United States. More than 1 million members of the U.S. military have now served in the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. While Memorial Day is set aside to remember those who died in military service, and Veterans Day is honoring all of those who have served in the military, we use both occasions each year to remember some of the names of those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway.

MORE THAN 4,400 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,300 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 170 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including more than a dozen in 2009 and 2010.

Here are the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness. If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

A local loss, Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25 of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries caused by an attack on his unit with an improvised explosive device. Park had joined the army less than a year earlier in August 2009. He is survived by his mother, In Sook Park, father, Do Hyun Park, and sister Irene Park, all of Fairfax Station.

In Afghanistan, Pfc. Tramaine J. Billingsley, 20, of Portsmouth died Oct. 14, 2010; Staff Sgt. Jaime C. Newman, 27, of Richmond died Sept. 17, 2010; 1st Lt. Todd W. Weaver, 26, of Hampton, died Sept. 9, 2010; Lance Cpl. Cody S. Childers, 19, of Chesapeake died Aug. 20, 2010; Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5; 1st Sgt. Eddie Turner, 41, of Fort Belvoir, died June 22, 2010. Pfc. Alvaro R. Regalado Sessarego, 37, of Virginia Beach, died May 30 at Brooke Army Medical Center in Houston, after being injured in Iraq on April 18. On May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18,

2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan. Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption. Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat in Iraq in October 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting artwork of his brother to the Burke Children's Connection. Last December, Hunter wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org). Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities. Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle. Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received

during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb. Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006. United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School. Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria. U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006. Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas, on Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq a few days earlier. Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq. 1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan. Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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OPINION

Paying Homage on Veterans Day

BY MICHAEL A. CONNER,
SR., COMMANDER
ALEXANDRIA AMERICAN LEGION
POST 24



History teaches us that Veterans Day was first called Armistice Day, originally set aside as a day to commemorate the end of World War I. Many still confuse this day with Memorial Day, which is the day we memorialize those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

Growing up in Alexandria, following the end of World War II and before the beginning of the Korean War, I never imagined an attack on our nation's native soil. That feeling of security was attributable to

the veterans of the day and the comfort they provided at a time when it was believed that no one would ever attack America's homeland.

Then came Vietnam and once again the young men and women at home, including myself this time, were called upon to serve their country. It was done with pride and honor. I can still remember receiving my draft card before graduating from George Washington High School in 1966.

Am I bitter about my exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam, or contracting diabetes as a result of that exposure which

necessitated a kidney transplant earlier this year? Never. What I am proud and thankful to still be alive and living in America, and today, as Commander of one of Alexandria's American Legion Posts, I have the same pride as I did in those days in uniform.

Founded in 1919 shortly after the end of World War I, the American Legion's primary purpose was to serve as an advocacy group for our veterans as they returned home. Today, American Legion members are still tirelessly serving our nation's veterans, many of who are wounded, disabled, jobless and homeless.

Today's veterans include many more than the days following World War I. Think back to the days of 9-11. How many did you

see serving America on the days that followed that attack? Whether a soldier, a sailor, an airman, a police officer, a firefighter, a nurse or a security guard, if they are in uniform, they're serving America.

I will never forget responding to the attack on the Pentagon as an Alexandria fire officer. Seeing that carnage first hand took me back to my days in Vietnam. But from the moment I saw those first responders draping the Garrison flag from atop the Pentagon, I knew I was once again witnessing pride in action.

On this day and every day, please pay homage and give thanks to all our veterans. As Americans, we should never turn our backs on these brave heroes. God bless them and God bless America.

LETTER

Remarkable Night

To the Editor:

I truly enjoyed the first ever night game at TC Williams. The crowd was marvelous and in high spirits it was wonderful to see the Seniors walk across the field with their families, and the athletes on the field represented themselves well.

I would be remiss however, if I didn't mention the performance of some other TCW student representatives. The ROTC color guard was precise as usual in their presentation of the U.S. and Virginia flags, and the TCW women's choir was truly outstanding. The choir's rendition of the Star Spangled Banner was one of the most inspiring

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LETTER

Helping Visually Impaired

To the Editor:

Matt Gent's letter to the editor, "Dangerous Improvement," published Nov. 4, cited his concerns about the changes made to pedestrian curb ramps in Old Town as part of the King Street Paving Project. We would like to clarify the origins of the curb improvements and their purpose. The curb improvements were not a City planning decision, but rather, a required change to improve access and mobility for pedestrians with visual impairments.

Under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, all jurisdictions, including the City of Alexandria, are required to install detectable warning surfaces — the "camel hump back" design Mr. Gent cited in his letter — on curb ramps. These required tactile surfaces assist pedestrians with visual impairments in determining where the safety of the sidewalk ends and where the street begins. Because of the Federal mandate, installation of these warning devices is being implemented nationwide for both the construction of new transportation infrastructure, as well as major rehabilitation of existing facilities. The City worked closely with representatives of the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities to develop the design plans for the King Street Paving Project given the given the many physicals obstacle within the street itself.

Richard J. Baier
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Because Money Matters

BY KAREN PALLANSCH
ENGINEER-DIRECTOR
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A recent survey released by Public Opinion Strategies found that 90 percent of people polled around the Commonwealth believe that the Chesapeake Bay is “a national treasure.” There is a general consensus that the Chesapeake Bay is one of our most valuable resources, contributing to tourism, business and industry, and quality of life. As such, we must do what is financially and ethically sound to protect such a treasure.

Here at the Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA), we receive and clean over 12 billion gallons of dirty water every year from the City of Alexandria and parts of Fairfax County. We’re an award-winning organization with a state-of-the-art treatment facility, and we are committed to leading our region in tough new standards to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Our facility removes over 90 percent of the nitrogen and close to 100 percent of the phosphorus from the dirty water coming into the plant. Those nutrients are what fuel the growth of algae blooms in the waterways. In fact, the water leaving ASA is typically cleaner than the waterway it is entering.

This past Monday, ASA and other wastewater agencies submitted official comments to the EPA and state officials on the draft “pollution diet.” This diet seeks to further reduce harmful nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus, as well as sediment from entering waterways from all sources. These sources are broken into two categories: point sources, like wastewater treatment plants, where you can “point” back to the source of nutrient discharges; and non-point sources, like agricultural and urban runoff, where it is difficult to identify and measure the exact source of pollution. In fact, roughly 80 percent of these nutrient loads in the Bay area come from non-point sources.

One of our primary objections to the draft proposal is EPA’s threatened “backstop” actions against wastewater treatment plants throughout the Commonwealth. Essentially, if Virginia as a whole does not meet those reduced nutrient levels to EPA’s satisfaction, then EPA will leverage their ability to sanction point sources by lowering wasteload allocations even further.

The EPA is considering these potential cuts based on their initial view that Virginia has not given adequate assurance that the non-point sources will be able to reduce their nutrient loads according to the plan. Given Virginia’s track record of achieving non-point reductions until now, we disagree with EPA’s initial view. Yes, it’s true that more needs to be done to protect and improve the health of our natural resources — but at what point does the cost outweigh the end benefit?

In order to comply with another set of regulations imposed by Virginia in 2005, treatment plants around the state have spent nearly \$2 billion in capital projects. Here at ASA, plans are well underway for our State-of-the-Art Nitrogen Upgrade Program (SANUP). The program costs for these upgrades are nearly \$180 million over the next 5-7 years, including land purchases, design and construction. For us to achieve an upgrade project of this magnitude, our Board has already authorized a rate revenue increase with additional increases annually for the next three years.

If the EPA overrides Virginia’s current and future plans, it could create a ripple effect costing citizens and businesses an additional \$2 billion on top of the costly upgrades already in place. This is precisely why initiatives like NACWA’s Money Matters campaign have evolved. It is imperative that we all work together for smarter investments in clean water — because money matters.

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that I have witnessed at any event — high school, college, or professional. Their director should be commended as well as the students themselves, and other community groups should take notice. They were truly remarkable.

Darryl Francois

Losing Doctor At Casey Clinic

To the Editor:

The Flora Krause Casey Health Center in Alexandria, more commonly known as the Casey Clinic, is about to undergo a major change. It is in the process of being taken over by another health center called the Arlandria Health Center. They will be bringing in some of their own doctors, which means that unless you are a patient of Dr. Truong, you will be forced to have a new doctor.

I am a patient of Dr. Robert Wolverton. If, up until now, you have also been fortunate enough to have him as your doctor, you know what an incredibly wonderful and caring person he is. He is very much beloved by the people at the Casey Clinic. And, as I said, that is for a reason — the reason being that in addition to the fact that he is just a genuinely nice person, he cares very much about his patients, giving them the time that they need with him, and the care that they receive.

I am launching a campaign to save Dr. Wolverton from having to leave the Casey Clinic and I need your help. If you also do want to see Dr. Wolverton leave the Casey Clinic, please let your voice be heard! Contact Dr. Stephen Haering and let him know how you feel — that we want Dr. Wolverton to remain at the Casey Clinic. You can leave a message for Dr. Haering with his secretary, Dean Bryant, at 703-746-4956. Or you can email Dr. Haering at stephen.haering@vdh.virginia.gov to let him know how you feel. But you must act

quickly because all of this is supposed to happen by the end of this month.

Please join with me in trying to keep Dr. Wolverton from having to leave the Casey Clinic. If you have any other ideas that you think may be helpful in achieving this, please contact me at 703-370-5311. Believe me, if he has to go, I know that he will miss his patients every bit as much as much as they will miss him.

Let’s all work together in trying to keep Dr. Wolverton at Casey.

Patty Winters
Alexandria

Rolling Back Parking Rate

To the Editor:

Few people in our city probably noticed the working meeting of the Alexandria City Council last week, but had they been there, they would have been proud. After a reasonable and civil debate, and some sincere listening on the part of Mayor Euille and the Council, our city’s leaders took the first step toward rolling back parking meter rates.

Over the summer, the city had increased meter rates to \$1.75 per hour. That rate would not be problematic for many users were it not for the fact that Alexandria is currently using old-style, coin-only parking meters. Few drivers have seven quarters handy at a given time and many of us in the merchant community have been fielding a raft of complaints from hurried customers. Digital “smart meters” are coming next year to Alexandria, offering the convenience of credit card payment — but until they are here, the \$1.75 per hour rate puts a pinch on shopping in our wonderfully-walk-able Old Town district.

A group of us merchants banded together to take this concern to City Council. We found an immediate ally in Councilmen Frank Fannon and Rob Krupicka and were joined by over 500 residents who signed a petition to the same effect. After one-on-one meetings with multiple members of the Council and discussion at the Council’s meeting, a consensus was reached to roll back the rates to \$1.25 per hour for the time being.

This decision by the Council was both prudent and shrewd — our vibrant downtown retail district is rare for a city our size and we need to take great care to avoid policies that discourage shoppers from coming, lingering, and spending money in our locally-owned businesses. Old Town’s commercial competition is suburban shopping malls where parking is as plentiful as charm is scarce.

Our location is more convenient, our character is unmatched, our collection of businesses is both comprehensive and unique. We have a retail treasure that we must protect and this wise decision to make our parking policies more customer-friendly should make every Alexandrian proud of our Mayor and Council and their willingness to listen

Appreciates School System



To the Editor:

I am thankful for Principal Seth Kennard and all the faculty, staff and personnel at Charles Barrett Elementary School (CBES) where my fourth-grade daughter thrives both academically and socially. After spending her early years in local private schools, my husband and I moved our daughter to CBES in 3rd grade.

We discovered while socially she was quick to adapt to her new surroundings, academically the course work was much more challenging at ACPS than in the private schools.

The dedication of all at CBES really made for a great transition while she played catch up. We continue to be amazed and thankful for a great public school system in Alexandria where every child is counted and nurtured.

Maureen Higgins Williams
Alexandria

LETTERS

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and keep supporting local businesses.

On behalf of Old Town's independent businesses, thank you Mayor Euille, Councilman Frank Fannon, Councilman Rob Krupicka and the rest of the Alexandria City Council.

Elizabeth Todd

Owner, The Shoe Hive and co-founder The Old Town Boutique District

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PEOPLE

Choosing the Farmer's Market

Residents praise the produce and vendors.

BY NICOLE MACON
GAZETTE PACKET

From 8 a.m. until noon, the vacant lot on the corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and East Oxford Street becomes a place where neighbors and family meet around a selection of local produce, meats, baked goods and drinks — their leashed dogs tied to nearby posts.

Many customers are attracted to the Del Ray market by the fresh, locally grown produce. Nancy Cox, an Alexandria resident who has been coming to the market since its founding 15 years ago, buys exclusively from vendor Ray, as his produce is “the closest to achieving organic” status. Catherine Vaughan, a Del Ray resident for 30 years, never gets her tomatoes at the supermarket. Instead, she purchases heirloom varieties at the Del Ray Farmer's Market.

Baked goods are also popular and various, from fresh breads and croissants, to cupcakes and cookies. “Every week I buy croissants and rosemary lemon bread,” said Catherine Davis, a Rosemont resident.

Others choose to skip the bread for various reasons. Dave Scavone, a Del Ray resident and market customer for five years, buys “cheap bread for the dogs” at a local supermarket, but “if [the market vendors] had bagels” he would buy them.

Neighbors, family, and friends meet at the market to shop and talk. Davis meets her friends at the market “almost every other week.”

Scavone “usually runs into someone from the neighborhood” while shopping for fresh produce.

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Customers wait in line to purchase tomatoes at Del Ray Farmer's Market.

While many people come to the market as a part of their Saturday morning ritual, others buy from the market for special occasions.

Vaughan was searching for “the good stuff” to cook a dinner for her granddaughter and daughter's visit. The items on the menu are fresh collard greens and yams from the Del Ray market.

The market is convenient not only to neighbors, but to members of a Pilates class nearby. Erica Corley, a Belle View resident, visits the market after her class every Saturday. Toigo is her preferred vendor, and her favorite products include their prepared goods such as tomato and vodka sauce.

Calissa Ubi, a Lincolnia resident, was visiting the market for the first time with her daughter Zoe, 10 months, to find “fresh, local products” for Zoe's peanut and wheat allergies. Ubi appreciated the “large variety of foods and different vendors” at the Del Ray market and its later closing time.

Julia Valentine, a Del Ray resident and market customer since



Fall squash, small pumpkins, and gourds in laundry bins available for purchase.

she moved to Alexandria about three years ago, usually gets basic produce on her visits to the market, she also buys an “interesting-looking” item to take home with her. Today the item is a non-acidic, misshapen heirloom tomato, yellow with green streaks.

The Del Ray Farmer's Market is one of five farmer's markets in Alexandria, and one of two that are open year-round.



Brenda Sanchez, 12, gets her name and rainbows painted on her hands while volunteers Lauren Beal, 8, and Stephanie Banelly, 8 watch.

Joan Lamb, an Alexandria resident, looks over children's books.

Promoting Community

Burke Library's book sale and Halloween party attracts crowd.

BY NICOLE MACON
GAZETTE PACKET

Lauren Beal, 8 years old and two-time volunteer at the Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library on 4701 Seminary Road, shows off her colorful face painting she received as part of the Halloween Festival, held in conjunction with the Fall Book Sale last month and sponsored by Burke Branch Friends.

“I'm a hippie princess” Beal said.

Beal has been coming to the Burke Branch Library since she was 3 years old, often with her best friend and neighbor, who also joined her as a volunteer that day.

The main attraction at the Halloween Festival was face-painting with local entertainer Ivonne Salazar.

Wilmer Chicas, 10, and his sister Brenda Sanchez, 12, had been waiting almost three hours for face-painting. They were walking by the library with their mother, Sandra Chicas, when they saw papers on the door advertising the Halloween Festival.

In another room the final day of the Fall Book Sale was under way.

Joan Lamb, a longtime Alexandria resident who lives a half mile from the library, was searching for books for a child she is tutoring through the Book Buddy Program, designed to help first and second graders improve their reading. The children's books at the sale were not at the level she needed, but Lamb said it was probably because it was the last day of the sale.

Her husband Jim was search-

ing for Spanish textbooks for his wife's Spanish class. Both are taking courses at NOVA Community College's Alexandria campus. Jim Lamb is taking Italian language at the college, but finds Italian language books impossible to find at book sales, and expanded his book search to “anything Italian.” Nonetheless, he was impressed with the vast selection.

“[The selection] is so large. I don't know where they get all the books from,” Jim Lamb said.

The books and tapes sold at all of Burke Branch Library's book sales are donations. Jean Handsberry, an Alexandria resident and Burke Branch Friend for three years, said that due to the large amount of books received this year, the library was able to have three sales instead of the usual two.

It is no coincidence that the Halloween Festival and the final day of the Fall Book Sale took place on the same day. The events are held together to show patrons how the proceeds of the sales fund educational and fun events that encourage children to come to their local library more often.

Eileen Bradley, president of the Burke Branch Friends, created a “Junior Friends” program that allows children to volunteer at the library, giving them the opportunity to give back to their local library. “Junior Friends” like Lauren Beal can contribute their own ideas for events and “get ownership of the library space,” Bradley said.

The book sale supplements the library's budget and allows library staff to purchase new equipment and host events throughout the year.



It's OktoberBeerfest

Jerome Belton serves up barbecue from the Evening Star Café during the OktoberBeerfest celebration on Oct. 9.

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City Health Officials To Reduce Role in Operating Clinic

FROM PAGE 1

The reorganization of services offered to those most in need is part of a larger trend in health care, moving toward public-private partnerships. Part of the change is fueled by a reduced level of state funding, such as recent elimination of funding for a pharmacy in Alexandria. City Council members stepped up to fund part of the program, and health officials struck another public-private partnership with Falls Church-based NOVA SprintsCentral to fill in the gaps. Now ANSI's agreement with the Alexandria Health Department will continue the trend.

"It's sort of uncharted waters," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley. "We probably won't know whether these changes are positive or negative for a number of years."

For now, health officials in Alexandria say they are ready to make the new arrangement work. Health Department Director Stephen Haering says the arrangement with ANSI will allow the clinic to increase the occupancy at the clinic from three exam rooms and one office to six exam rooms and two offices. And ANSI will begin offering services that are currently unavailable at the clinic, including prenatal services and obstetric case management.

"You hear a lot about partnering these days," said Haering, who took over the department this year after his predecessor

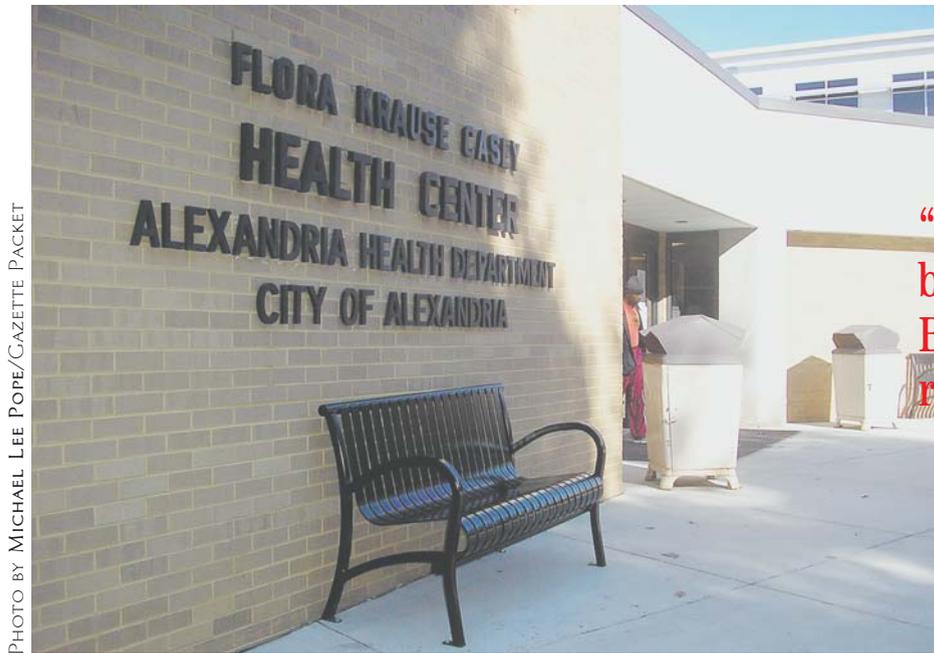


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Bruce Jordan walks out of the Flora Casey clinic after an appointment this week.

joined the Obama administration. "That's what this is all about."

The history of the clinic dates back to 1937, when the Alexandria Community Health Center opened its doors on South Fairfax Street. It was later named for Flora Casey, a part-time director, and moved to

its current location on Howard Street next to the hospital. The clinic offers a limited range of services for indigent patients who are determined eligible.

"I started coming here because I didn't have health insurance," said Jordan, an Alexandria resident who has been coming to

the clinic since 2004. "Over that time I've developed a rapport with my doctor, who is familiar with my medical history."

Many of the patients at the clinic will be saying goodbye to their Alex-

"Fewer people will be served by the Health Department. But there will be no reduction in services."

— Health Director Stephen Haering

andria Health Department doctors and saying hello to their new ANSI doctors in January. Others will retain the same doctor and notice little change, depending on what kind of services they receive. Ultimately, Haering said, patients will benefit from having access to a whole new range of services previously unavailable — especially for women who are pregnant.

"Fewer people will be served by the Health Department," said Haering. "But there will be no reduction in services."

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Cashing in on Federal Inmates

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Albert Bryan United States Courthouse — an ever-changing cast of characters including the likes of former New York Times reporter Judith Miller and convicted terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui. Jail officials say they have added about 20 new federal prisoners.

“Some federal inmates are here a significant amount of time while others are here a short time,” said Ron Wise, inmate records director at the jail. “It’s in the feds’ best interest to fill those beds, but if they’re not filled we still get the amount that has been agreed to.”

JAIL OFFICIALS hope to keep the local inmate population below 450, allowing space for the lucrative federal inmates to generate revenues. Meanwhile, budget officials hope to use that money to offset other cutbacks prompted by the loss of revenue associated with the sluggish residential real-estate market. And elected leaders in Alexandria are already bracing for a fight in Richmond.

“The bottom line is that we invested the money in building the jail and we should reap the benefits,” said Councilman Rob Krupicka. “This issue will be alive as long as the General Assembly keeps looking for shortcuts to solve their own budget problems.”

For now, crime is low and federal money is high. And because Alexandria has been able to successfully defend its right to the federal jail money in re-



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The Alexandria jail receives \$113 each day for each federal inmate.

cent years, members of the local delegation say they are relatively sure they will be successful again this year — even though they are certain it won’t be without a fight. Meanwhile, nobody’s really sure why the number of local inmates has been declining over the last four years.

“Most people believe that when the economy goes south that crime increases, but it seems that just the opposite has been the case,” said Wise. “I don’t know whether that’s because of the greater police presence or maybe there’s more social programs that are helping people out there when times are hard.”

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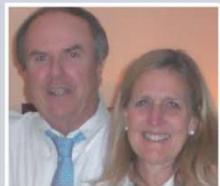
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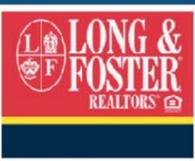
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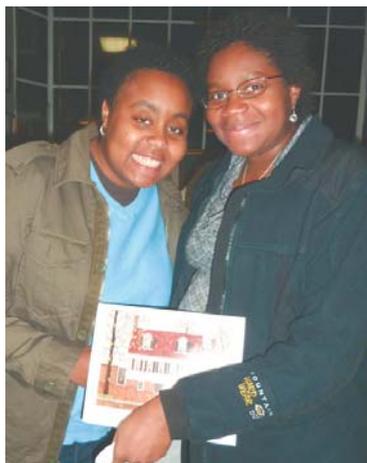
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Healy Calendar Turns 30

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Old Town artist Todd Healy celebrated the launch of his 30th annual calendar Nov. 6 with a reception at his studio and retail store Gallery Lafayette.

"I started the calendar before I even opened my shop 25 years ago," Healy said. "I was still the director of safety and claims for Colonial Parking when I first decided to do this."

More than 75 people were on hand to congratulate Healy and get a look at the newest images featured in the 2011 calendar.

"I did eight new images for this calendar," Healy said. "Each year I see something different in the buildings around me — perhaps a new color or space — and say 'I can do that.'"

In addition to the calendar, Healy's distinctive work is available as prints, which are all hand water colored, as well as Christmas cards, gift tags and a variety of other gift and collectible items.



Artist Todd Healy, left, visits with long-time customer Dick Simmons at the Nov. 6 reception.

"I still love what I do," Healy said. "And it's a wonderful way to celebrate Old Town."

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Discussing Music

George Washington Middle School students Laura Wilcox, Layne Berry and Amada Wilcox visit with Sara Sherman after Sherman's performance following "Virtuoso: The Olga Samaroff Story" Nov. 6 at the Lyceum. The three 12-year-olds are pianists and the Wilcox sisters study under Chris Hagan, a grandstudent of the legendary Samaroff. Sherman's performance of Beethoven's Opus 100 earned a standing ovation from the crowd.



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'Rashomon' Christens Venue

Three-performer play fits its new intimate space.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

The match is back! The match, that is, between venue and production for the local community theater company Port City Playhouse, which opened its first production in its new digs last weekend with the second show of its 33rd season, "Rashomon."

"Rashomon" is just the kind of play that fits Port City's aesthetic. It is intimate, small in scale but intriguing in content. It would have been lost on the large stage in the cavernous hall at the Nanny J. Lee Center where Port City has been performing ever since it lost its earlier small and intimate space at T.C. Williams High School.

In the new venue, it feels at home, nestled in a welcoming environment where the strengths of the quiet little play can be appreciated. It is a multi-purpose room called The Lab at Convergence Creative Community, a space provided by the community support arm of The Church at Convergence at the intersection of Crestwood Drive and North Quaker Lane,

The play, "Rashomon" by Kay and Michael Kanin, ran on Broadway in the late 1950s. It is an adaptation for the stage of two short stories by Japanese author Ryunosuke Akutagawa. They are the same two stories that were adapted for the screen in the famous film by Akira Kurosawa.

As in the stories and the movie, the stage version is an examination of one event through the eyes of the various people involved. The event? The rape of a woman and the murder of her husband. The tellers? The rapist/murderer, the woman, the murdered husband speaking through a medium and others whose lives are affected.

Diane Linton Sams plays most of the female parts: the wife, a wigmaker and a Shaman. Like her male counterparts, James McDaniel and David James, she makes no effort to seem particularly Japanese or even particularly Asian. Instead, a touch of



PHOTO BY ARI MCSHERRY

David James, Diane Linton Sams, and James McDaniel star in "Rashomon."

Brooklyn flippantry seeps into her performance, giving the proceedings a universality that works well.

McDaniel is the husband as well as a priest, a government functionary of some sort and even, briefly, a mother, while James is the rapist/murderer and others. James shows more emotion as his characters are more active and open while McDaniel is more restrained as his are more controlled and reserved. The contrast works nicely and the differences between the various versions of events makes clear the point both Akutagawa and Kurosawa were making, that there is no single truth and that we all bend our view to accommodate our interests.

Director and set designer Howard Vincent Kurtz is making his Port City Playhouse debut with the production. He seems to have understood the unique potential of the company for the smaller scale production of plays that offer a close look at human reactions. His design features nine stalks of bamboo at the back of an otherwise bare stage. Two musicians, Randy Sena and Jung Weil, sit on the sides to punctuate events with the often delicate sound of traditional Japa-

Where & When

The Port City Playhouse production of "Rashomon" plays at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, through Nov. 21. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$16 - \$18. Call 703-838-2880 or log on to www.telgo.com/pcp/.

nese instruments. Weil's drumming with her fingers provides a sonic environment for key scenes that is particularly effective.

Kurtz brought in Maxie Morales to choreograph the struggle and it pays dividends as the actors move through the combat with a sure sense of confidence.

"Rashomon" continues through Nov. 21 and will be followed by two more plays this season in the new space. In March Frank Pasqualino directs the provocatively titled "No Niggers, No Jews, No Dogs" and in May Bruce Follmer tackles Anthony Horowitz's mind-bending drama "Mindgame."



NOV. 18 THROUGH DEC. 19

A Broadway Christmas Carol. Created by Kathy Feininger, the story of the classic Dickens' tale with uproarious parodies of favorite Broadway show tunes. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$45-50 (students \$25). TKTS 800-494-8497// www.metrostage.org. Groups/Info 703-548-9044. At MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. Alexandria.



NOW THROUGH NOV. 14

"A Fox on the Fairway." Single tickets are \$50 to \$76 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting www.signature-theatre.org. Show times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. At Signature Theater in Arlington. Visit www.signature-theatre.org.



NOW THROUGH NOV. 27

"One Night With Fanny Brice." Show times are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at www.americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555. At the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington.

THEATER

NOW THROUGH NOV. 21

"Rashomon." Adapted by Fay and Michael Kanin, Rashomon is a classical Japanese story of a crime as seen from the differing perspectives of the people who were there. Presented by Port City Playhouse. Tickets are \$18/general; \$16/seniors and students; \$14/groups of 10-plus. Performances on Friday, Nov. 5; Saturday, Nov. 6; Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20; Tuesday, Nov. 16; and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 21. The Friday, Saturday and Tuesday shows begin at 8 p.m., and the Sunday matinees begin at 3 p.m. At the Lab at Convergence, 1819 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria (corner of Crestwood Drive and Quaker Lane). For tickets, call 703-838-2880 or visit www.PortCityPlayhouse.com.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 13

"The Visit." Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$17 to \$20. Directed by William D. Parker; produced by Heather Franklin and Mary Ayala-Bush. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-683-0496 or www.thelittletheatre.com.

NOV. 12 THROUGH 21

"Roald Dahls Willy Wonka." Presented by the Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre. Show times are Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 14 and 21 at 3 p.m. Forty-eight teens and children have been rehearsing with a seasoned team of directors, led by Elena Velasco and Catherine Manley. Scout Night is Saturday, Nov. 13. At Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$10/adults; \$8/students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased online at www.MVCT.org. Call 703-360-0686 to make a reservation.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 26

"Walter Cronkite Is Dead." Written and Directed by Joe Calarco. Tickets are \$50 to \$76 and are

available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting www.signature-theatre.org. Show times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. There are no performances on Thursday, Nov. 25. There is an added performance Friday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. At Signature Theater.

DEC. 7 THROUGH FEB. 13, 2011

"Sunset Boulevard." Show times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. Tickets range in price from \$59 - \$85 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting www.signature-theatre.org. At Signature Theater in Arlington.

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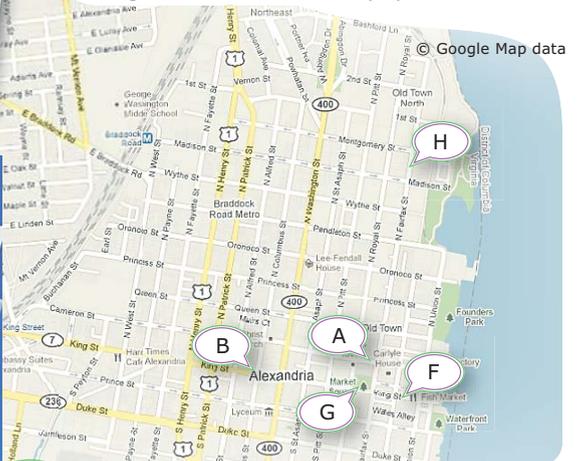
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NOW THROUGH DEC. 5

La Lumiere DuBois Photography. DuBois is the staff photographer for the Theater Alliance and has been "playing around" with cameras for over 35 years. Reception is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. in Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525.

NOW THROUGH JAN. 2, 2011

Molded from Complicated Mixtures. Drawing inspiration from the quirky characters and funky forms produced in plastic toys, Megan Marlatt renders in a classic style paintings that depict the many meanings behind toys. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 12

Faculty Exhibition. Marymount University's Barry Gallery will showcase the work of 11 Marymount faculty artists in the upcoming Fine Art and Graphic Design Faculty Exhibition. Marymount's Barry Gallery is located in the Reinsch Library on the University's Main Campus, 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington. The Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Judy Bass, the Barry Gallery curator, at 703-284-1561.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 23

Artist Jan. E. Moffatt. Featuring the 2010 Blue Door Collection and more. At Art in the Garden at the Historic Manor House, Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12 noon-4:30 p.m. Call 703-941-7987, 703-642-5173, www.GreenSpring.org.

NOV. 26 TO NOV. 28

Celebrating Movement. Del Ray Artisans hosts an art-filled Thanksgiving weekend with three events. Jazzy Art view (Friday night, 7-9 p.m.) – featuring NVCC Alexandria Jazz



NOW THROUGH NOV. 28

"The Power of Color." A juried show of 2- and 3-dimensional fine art celebrating the qualities of hue and color in affordable, original artwork created by regional artists. Reception on Nov. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-6006 or visit www.gallery-west.com.

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NOW THROUGH DEC. 6

Photographs by Robert Keating. Free. Photographic Journey Along the C&O Canal. 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 local and visually striking panoramas. At The Art League, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 21

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NOW THROUGH JAN. 8

Eat, Pray, Sea. Photographer Pamela Viola's Solo Show in conjunction with FotoWeek. Offers a unique perspective on the landscapes and cultures of Turkey and Greece. At Buzz, 901 Slaters Lane, Alexandria. Opening reception, Friday, Nov. 12 from 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. Call 703-466-0179 or visit www.pamelaviola.com.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 14

"Carnival of Animals." Free. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery artists are inspired by wild, domestic and imaginary animals. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces will be exhibited. At Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street in Old Town Alexandria. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except on Thursdays when it is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 14

From Earth to Sky. Artist Janet Gohres displays her stoneware ceramic sculpture. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. The gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances.

SUNDAY/NOV. 14

Art of Bookmaking. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Registration is \$45 for DRA members and \$55 for non-members. All materials will be provided to make several book styles. Contact Stacy Rausch at srausch@catholicherald.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 20

Little Masterpieces. Small Works Group Exhibition. Featuring paintings smaller than 16" x 20" in a variety of media this is a great way to start - or wrap up - your holiday shopping! Opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 20, 6-9 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Vander Zee Foundation. The Vander Zee



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THURSDAY/NOV. 18

Holiday Party Open House. 6 to 9 p.m. Paul McGehee's Old Town Gallery is celebrating its 32nd anniversary and the release of "Glen Echo Amusement Park — 1954." Meet the artist in person. At 109 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-7729 or paulmcgeheeart.com.

Gallery is at 105 South Lee Street in Alexandria, VA; gallery hours are 10-4 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and by appointment on Friday and Saturday. Call 703-683-1814.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 20

"On My Vacation — Places Traveled To." 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Springfield Art Guild Art Show. All paintings are for sale. At Goodwin House, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Alexandria. Contact Donnalynne Lefever at 703-644-6677.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 28

"A Sense of Place." Pastel artist Richard Levine exhibits 25 of his major works. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. At the Oerth Gallery, 420 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Call 703-836-3784.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 11

Bringing Native Plants and Wildlife into the Managed Landscape. 7:30 p.m. Cliff Fairweather, a naturalist for the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, will give a presentation on creating wildlife habitats at home. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

Veterans Day Program. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Celebrate the African American men and women who fought for our country. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Hear Veterans' War Stories. 2 to 3 p.m. The Fountains at Washington House welcomes the public to meet resident veterans at its retirement community and hear their stories. At 5100 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-845-5000.

Veterans Day Open House. 2 to 6 p.m. Features complimentary food, discounted select beverages, and access both to the historic Gadsby's Court Yard and to Post 24's historic building. At American Legion Post 24, at 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Visit www.valegionpost24.org or call (after 4 p.m. weekdays); call 703-683-5564

"Chicken Soup for the Caregivers Soul." 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$25 includes breakfast, lunch, materials, and a certificate of attendance. Features LeAnn Thieman, co-author of 10 Chicken Soup books, including "Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul." At the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria. Register online or call 703-324-7839, TTY 711.

Margot MacDonald Performs. 7 p.m. Part of Second Thursday Music series. Tickets are \$10. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org or www.myspace.com/margotmacdonald.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12

"Rashomon." Port City Playhouse presents an adaptation of the classical Japanese drama about a crime told from the different perspectives of the people involved. Fri.-Sat., Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20; Tues., Nov. 16; Sun., Nov. 14 and 21. Friday, Saturday and Tuesday shows at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows at 3 p.m. The LAB Studio Theatre at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-838-2880 or www.portcityplayhouse.com. \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors & students.

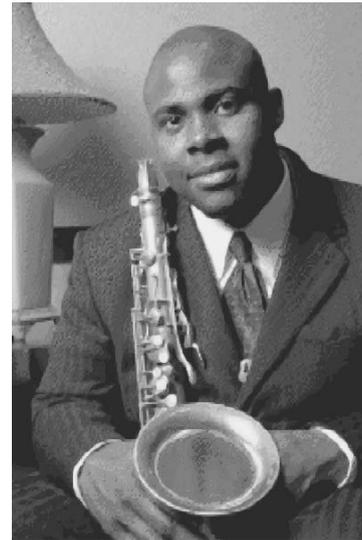
Dough Ornament Making Session. 10 a.m. Bring your lunch and join in an animated artifact processing of a different sort! Duties include mixing, rolling, and cutting out artifact-shaped dough ornaments. The ornaments will be decorated during the Dec. 4 Ornament Decorating Workshop. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, third floor, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio #327. Call Ruth Reeder at 703-746-4399 or email ruth.reeder@alexandriava.gov.

Evening of Music. 8 p.m. Free. Saxophone Quartet and Saxophone Solo presented by the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Player Series. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil

NOV. 12-13

Hermitage Holiday Bazaar. Friday 2:30 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Handcrafted items, homemade jams and jellies, baked goods, jewelry, furniture. Proceeds benefit the residents. Call Jean and Guy Summers, 703-569-4857. At the Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-797-3800.

Jewelry Show. 10:30 a.m.



SUNDAY/NOV. 14

Jazz Musician Vaughn Ambrose. 4 p.m. Donation is \$15. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Parking is available in the church's lot and on the street. Call 703-549-1334.

Samuel Jones is the production's Student Stage manager. Cast members include Elaine Bledsoe as Junie Moon; Zachary Frank, Ben Ribler, Guiliana Mortimer, Alexander Eichner, Roger Yawson, Sarah Paez, Kirby Porterfield, Henry Knotts, Lily Carlisle-Reske, George Alberts, Alexander Eichner, Avi Littky, Lil Wyner, Jackie Tilley, Andrew Dewhurst and Leia Moran round out the cast.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Top of the Town Walk Around. 8 a.m. to noon. Join Mayor William D. Euille's "Get Healthy Alexandria" initiative. Activities after the walk include awards and raffles. The event is free and open to everyone. Visit www.healthieralexandria.org/healthylifestyles. At the Masonic Memorial Temple, 101 Callahan Drive.

Fall Fun Day. 1-4 p.m. Fall photos with pet, temporary fur painting for dogs, WHS adoptable dogs, Yappy hour and more. Suggested donation \$15. At Barkley Square Gourmet Dog Bakery & Boutique, 2006 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

Huge Flea Market. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also includes a Craft Fair and Bake Sale to raise funds for the ANGP. A fundraiser for the All-Night Graduation Party. At Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria.

MVHS Cares 5K Turkey Trot/Wellness Walk. Registration 7:30 a.m.; Race starts at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$35/ general; \$25/student or teacher. At Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria. Call 703-619-3100.

Volunteer Appreciation Party. 6 to 8 p.m. Awards ceremony at 7 p.m. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327, Alexandria. RSVP by Nov. 5 at 703-746-4399 or Archaeology@Alexandriava.gov.

Used Book Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

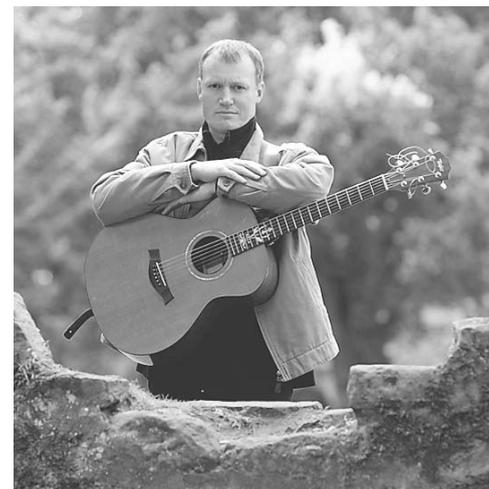
Toast to Hope. 6 to 9 p.m. Fundraiser for SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now), annual celebration of children. Tickets are \$75. Wine tastings, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a Silent

Auction. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-820-9001 or visit www.scanva.org.

"The Principal Story" Film. 4:30 p.m. Tresa Dunbar is a principal at Chicago's Nash Elementary, where 98% of students come from low-income families. In Springfield, Illinois, Kerry Purcell has led Harvard Park Elementary, a school with similar demographics, for six years. This free screening is part of Movies with a Mission, a series of films about the African Diaspora that seek to inform and inspire dialogue. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

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Tea with Martha Washington. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Experience history with the First Lady as she discusses 18th-century tea customs as well as clothing



SUNDAY/NOV. 14

Scottish Singer Jim Malcolm. 8 p.m. Jim Malcolm, formerly the lead singer with the Scottish band Old Blind Dogs, returns for a solo performance. Tickets are \$20/advance, \$24/door. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. For reservations, visit www.sunspotpro.com or by call 800 404-9049.

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and dancing of the period. Party attire is requested and tickets are \$25 per person or \$20 each for groups of 6 or more. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum at 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 14

Chocolate Indulgence. 1 to 4 p.m. Raffle begins between 3-3:30 p.m. Sip and shop for chic jewelry, fashion, beauty and lifestyle products without the hassle of mall crowds and receive personalized attention to your needs. Featuring chocolate fountains, chocolate martini's, and chocolate treats everywhere. At the new Springhill Suites in Alexandria. To register, visit <http://theultimatechocolate.eventbrite.com>

"Magical Tour of Choral Music." 4 p.m. Norman Scribner and the Choral Arts Society chorus guide audiences through a musical and narrative journey of the history of choral music in their 2010-2011 season opener, Choral Music 101: A Guided Tour through Norman's Choral Playlist. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$25-\$55. Call 202-785-9727 or visit www.choralarts.org.

Art of Bookmaking. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. With Stacy Rausch. Cost is \$45/DRA members; \$55/nonmembers. All materials will be provided. At the Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Contact Stacy Rausch at SRausch@catholicherald.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 15

Kathy Harty Gray Dance Performance. 7:30 p.m. Free. Celebrates International Education Week. Features dance interpretations from India, Ireland, South Africa, Argentina, Haiti, France, Italy, USA and more. In the Tyler Building Auditorium of NOVA Alexandria Campus. Visit www.khgdtd.org.

Recycle & Receive Event. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Recycle a gently used ornament and receive a free gift from The Christmas Attic. Donated/recycled ornaments will be given to a charity to help less fortunate families and assisted living centers decorate for the holidays. At The Christmas Attic, 125 S. Union St., Alexandria. Website: <http://www.christmasattic.com/>

Bra Appeal Recycling/Donation Drive. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Full Cup, a European Bra Fitting Salon, will host a "Bra Appeal Recycling/Donation Drive," in recognition of National America Recycles Day, part of the Keep America



SATURDAY/NOV. 13

Tom Cunningham Orchestra CD Release Party. 8 to 11 p.m. \$20 admission includes a CD. Celebrate the release of its 2010 CD recording *Swingin' & Singin'.* At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899 or visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

Beautiful Campaign. http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ard_homepage. At The Full Cup, 218 N Lee St # 206, Alexandria.

TUESDAY/NOV. 16

Notes of a Native Son. 7 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Keith Clark, professor of literature: African American men's literature, 20th-century African American literature at GMU. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-765-3645.

National Memory Screening Day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimers Foundation. At Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Auditorium, Alexandria. Call 703-707-3800.

Master Gardener Open House. 6:30 to 8 p.m. For gardeners in Alexandria interested in the Master Gardener Training Class in January, 2011. Hosted by Virginia Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. Classes will begin Jan. 11, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 15th at the Fairlington Community Center in Arlington. For more information and an enrollment form, contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension office, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington VA 22206, 703-228-6414; e-mail: ex013mg@vt.edu

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 17

History of Woodlawn Plantation. 9:30 a.m. Mt. Vernon Antique Club at Hollin Hall Senior Center will host a presentation on the History of Woodlawn Plantation to include plantation beginnings, family life and the civil war. Ann Herbert, a longtime Woodlawn docent, will be the speaker. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. The group will discuss "Hadji Murad" by Leo Tolstoy. Duncan Book Discussion Group meeting at the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call Ruth Hailu at 703-746-1705, x3.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the band, Scott Ramminger and the Crawstickers. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

Learn About Insects. 7:30 p.m. Free. Hands-on arthropod workshop using preserved specimens from the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Presented by the Friends of Dyke Marsh. At Huntley Meadows Park Visitors' Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525.

FRIDAY/NOV. 19

Evening of Music for Violin. 8 p.m. Free. Presented by the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players Series. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafbnd.af.mil.

Steven Gellman in Concert. 8 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-739-9268.

Swing Dance. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. All are welcome. "Third Friday with the Mount Vernon Swing Band." Cost is \$4/door. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road in the Mount Vernon/Fort Hunt area. Call 703-765-4573

NOV. 19-21

Holiday Open House. Reunions will be decked in holiday attire and complete with gift-giving needs. Enter drawings and receive a Fraser Fir gift with purchase of \$50 or more. Sample delicious refreshments from food items in shop.

Everyone who attends will receive a holiday gift. At 1709 Centre Plaza, Alexandria. Call 703-931-8161.

NOV. 19-20

Jewelry Designer Trunk Show. Noon to 8 p.m. Gold Works will host designer Mia Katrin, creator of Jewel Couture LLC, who will present her pieces. At Gold Works, 1400 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-683-0333 or visit www.goldworksusa.com or email david@goldworksusa.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 20

Antiques Club Fund-raiser. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Timely Treasures" for sale — a benefit for the senior center. Sponsored by the Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Fort Hunt, Alexandria. Call 703-360-4979.

Annual Holiday Shop. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Will be 50 unique artisans selling their wares. Also, a raffle for a handmade quilt, an upscale/retail boutique, a jewelry shop and a warm lunch. The church is south of Alexandria off of Fort Hunt Road. Follow the signs at the intersection of Mason Hill and Fort Hunt. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-765-5950.

MVHS 5K Turkey Trot and Wellness Walk.

7:30 a.m. registration; 8:30 a.m. race starts. \$30/general; \$20/18 years and under. At Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria. To register, visit www.runpacers.com, packet pick-up @ MVHS. Contact Jay Ruelas 703-619-3300 ext. 8212 email: NRRuelas@fcp.edu

Story Time Tea. 2 p.m. "A Plump and Perky Turkey" by Teresa Bateman. 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.

Preparing for a Ball. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$6/person. In the 18th century, balls were a girl's favorite thing to do, so girls and Girl Scouts ages 5 and up will especially enjoy Preparing for a Ball. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum at 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Victorian Christmas Bazaar. 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Books, baked goods, handmades, high class white elephant, toys and games, pressed flower art, candy, jewelry, novelty bird houses and more. At St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Call 703-256-2966.

Church Bazaar. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jewelry, baked goods, crafts, books and a cafe will be open for lunch. At All Saints Episcopal Church, 3421 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Call 703-960-4808.

Christmas Bazaar. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes 60 exhibitors/vendors, Santa's Workshop crafts, gingerbread houses, bake sale and Christmas Café, children's games and prizes, visit with Santa/keepsake photo, Yesterday's Book Sale, and holiday cinema. At St. Mary's School, 400 Green Street, Alexandria.

Gift/Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have a art/craft/music/gifts or any personal invention or service that you would like to sell at the Gift Fair, check out website at www.tjgiftshow.com or contact tjgiftshow@gmail.com. Tables are \$75. At Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road,

Alexandria. **Walking in Unity.** 7 p.m. A night of fashion and inspirational entertainment. Fashions by K&G Fashions (Bailey's Crossroads) and Dress Barn (Springfield), modeled by Modeling Troupe, Kalaj! Tickets: Ages 5 and under free, ages 6-17, \$7 and ages 18 and up \$15. At the Lee Center Kaufman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. Call 703-927-2927.

SUNDAY/NOV. 21

Evening of Jazz. 7 p.m. With Denyse Pearson and The Bill Clark Jazz Ensemble. Tickets are \$20. At The Lyceum Museum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. To purchase tickets go to www.thatsentertainmentproductions.com

Beaucoup Blues. 7 p.m. Blues/Americana roots father-and-son duo David and Adrian Mowry. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.FocusMusic.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 25

Alexandria Turkey Trot. 4,000 runners are expected to run through the Del Ray neighborhoods in Alexandria. The Del Ray Business Association as well as the DC Road Runners Club sponsors the event and proceeds will benefit the A.L.I.V.E foundation. Visit <http://www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 27

Craftermath. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A handmade market hosted by West Potomac Academy's Pro Graphic Studio. Some 25 crafters from Virginia, Maryland, D.C. and New Jersey sell their goods to the public. At West Potomac High School. Visit www.craftermath.moonfruit.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 28

Bach Vespers at Westminster. 6 p.m. These Vesper services incorporate the complete organ works of J. S. Bach in their proper religious content, played by Paul Stetsenko, organist. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Visit www.wpc-alex.org

TUESDAY/NOV. 30

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans. 7 p.m. The service commemorates the Feast of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. At St. Andrew & St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Catholic Church, 402 E. Monroe Avenue in

Alexandria. Visit www.standrewandstmargaret.org or 703-683-3343.

NOV. 30 AND DEC. 1

DRA Holiday Mosaic Art Workshop. 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$35/DRA members; \$45/nonmembers. Pre-registration at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org must be completed by Tuesday, Nov. 23. For a list of supplies or to purchase a 12x12" frame and mirror, email instructor Sally Coler at sallycoler@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 1

Traditional Scottish Music. 7:30 p.m. Free. Sponsored by sister city of Dundee, Scotland and the City of Alexandria Sister Cities Committee. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria.

DEC. 3 TO 5

15th Holiday Market. Free. Reception is Friday, Dec. 3 from 6-9 p.m. Hours Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Unique handmade fine arts and crafts from 20 exhibitors (including pottery/ceramics, photography, jewelry, cloth, paper crafts, and glass), beautiful poinsettias from West Landscapes LLC, and delicious Bake Sale items to benefit the local community. Del Ray Artisans Gallery, at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Check www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.



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Pictured are Leysa Melnychenko, Connor Chilton, Javier Zelaya and Teagan Wilson at the magical woods on the outskirts of Athens.

NOV. 18-20

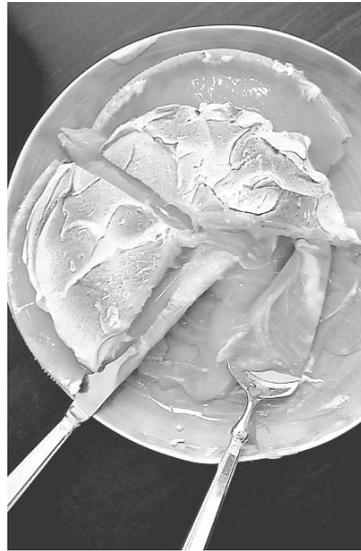
"Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream." Performed by West Potomac High School in The Kogelman Theatre on Nov. 18, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. with an additional show at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 20. Directed by Colin O'Grady; tickets are \$8. Call 703-718-2500. West Potomac High School is at 6500 Quander Rd. Alexandria.

PEOPLE

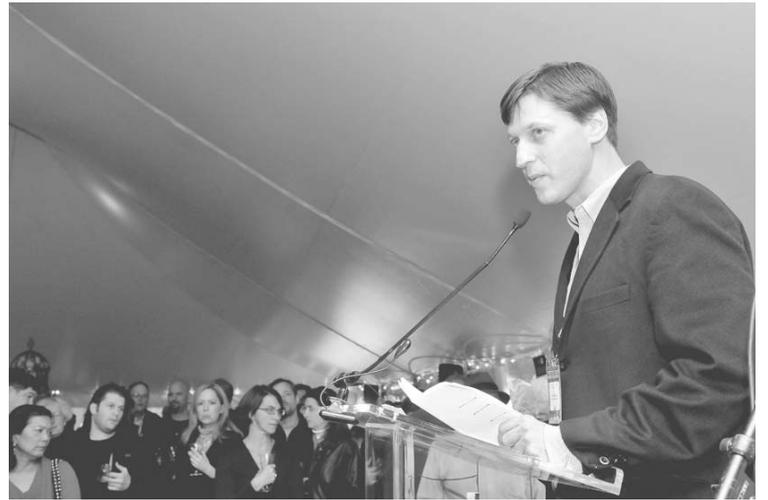
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Kehne Moeller and Kaitlyn Espava take in the vices.



Banana crême pie is just waiting for the next serving to be cut on the dessert table.



Co-owner of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group Michael Babin addresses the gathering with his vision of the sustainable farm on the site of Woodlawn Plantation.

The Vices That Made Virginia

A celebration of bourbon, oysters and cigars.

There are still people in Virginia who enjoy the vices that made Virginia — and Saturday afternoon, Nov. 6, more than 450 of them showed up at Woodlawn Plantation to celebrate and contribute to a new project.

Woodlawn Plantation through the National Trust of Historic Preservation has partnered with the Neighborhood Restaurant Group's Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture Foundation. The foundation is preparing to break ground in the upper four quadrant formal garden that will be a self supported and environmentally friendly farm using best sustainable farming methods. Michael Babin, the Neighbor-

hood Restaurant Group co-owner was in attendance to discuss the farming project.

The feast included local chefs, farmers, winemakers, brewers, distillers and purveyors of the finest regional food and drink. Bob Morris made custom hand-rolled cigars. Chefs included Kyle Bailey of Birch & Barley, Tony Chittum of Vermilion, Nathan Anda of Red Apron Butchery, Barry Koslow of Tallula, Steve Mannino of Rustico, Will Artley of Evening Star Cafe, Andrew Buzolich of Star Catering and Pastry Chef Tiffany MacIsaac.

And the menu included: oysters on the half shell, fried oysters, roasted oysters, deviled oysters, pig roast, beer-braised bison short ribs, cider-glazed duck, pork

jowls, brunswick stew, virginia ham carbonara, bacon and corn spoon bread, oven-roasted roots, regional artisanal cheeses, brûléed pears, and old fashioned pies, crumbles, cobblers & buckles.

George Washington's ward, Eleanor "Nelly" Custis, and her husband Lawrence Lewis received the 2,000 acre Woodlawn plantation from Washington as a wedding gift in 1799. Here they entertained friends, visitors and dignitaries such as the Marquis de Lafayette with freshly harvested food prepared according to Custis and Washington Family recipes and traditional spirits distilled on the farm.

Today Woodlawn is owned and operated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a private, nonprofit membership organization.



Stu Ellis takes out another pot to be refilled with chowder.



Bob Morris, an Iraq War veteran, turned to rolling cigars after his last tour on the advice of his wife to find a hobby.



Del. David Bulova, state Sen. Toddy Puller, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Stephanie Meeks, Director of Woodlawn Plantation and the Pope Leighey House Laurie Ossman, Gadsby's Tavern Museum Director Gretchen Bulova and Deputy Director of Woodlawn and the Pope Leighey House Susan Hellman.



Vermillion chef Tony Chittum prepares another specialty for the event patrons.

Victims' Families Seek Information from Police

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Under Virginia law, victims of crime and their families are at the mercy of police agencies who have discretion to deny documents. As a result, Geoffrey Djossou had to return to Togo for memorial services and explain a difficult truth. Northern Virginia police agencies have made a practice out of exercising their authority to deny information unilaterally. For relatives of Kossi Djossou, that meant not knowing the fate of their departed loved one. One of those family members was an aunt of the slain teenager who works as a nanny for a prestigious law firm in downtown Washington. Hogan Lovells took the case pro bono and submitted a Freedom of Information Act request. As it does in all cases, the Alexandria Police Department denied access to the documents.

To be honest, I thought it was some kind of joke," said Martin Price, an attorney for Hogan Lovells. "It's just hard to believe you can have a victim's family completely left in the dark."

VICTIMS OF CRIME in Virginia suffer from a loophole in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that allows police agencies to routinely deny basic documents that are available in every other state. Although the commonwealth is sometimes ironically listed as being a model of transparency, Virginia has the least transparent system in the country for releasing police documents. For victims and their families, the opaque nature of police power in Virginia creates problems that often linger in the aftermath of brutal crimes.

"There should be a presumption in favor of releasing the documents," said Jeffrey Dion, director of the National Center for Victims of Crime. "Other states release much more information without any detrimental effect on law enforcement or investigation, so we know that it can be done."

Police officials could theoretically begin releasing information they have kept hidden for decades. But that does not appear to be happening anytime soon. Consider how the Fairfax County Police Department has denied requests for information in the shooting of a man with mental illness named David Masters.

A press release issued on Jan. 27, 2010 suggested that Masters disregarded police lights and sirens in the minutes before the fatal shot was fired. But the police department denied a request for public inspection of the actual reports, leaving family members in the dark about what happened that day. With the anniversary of the shooting approaching, the police have yet to share the footage taken from the dashboard camera or even identify the name of the officer who fired the fatal shot.

"He was a Green Beret in Vietnam," said Nicholas Beltrante, a Navy veteran who formed the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability in response to the Masters shooting. "He didn't get killed in Vietnam,



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but he was killed under questionable circumstances here in Fairfax County."

Gale Masters has yet to learn the identity of the Fairfax officer who killed her ex-husband. She still does not have possession of the truck he was driving or the cell phone he was using the day he was killed at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road; the police have retained them. In the year since the shooting took place, she says he has lived in a kind of limbo — not knowing what really happened and questioning why the department has denied multiple Freedom of Information Act requests for documents in the case.

"I just thought they would tell me everything," said Gale Masters, fighting back tears. "What can I say?"

ARLINGTON COUNTY is similarly opaque, but its culture of silence extends to the public sphere. Police officials declined a request to be interviewed about their use of discretion. On the campaign trail this year, incumbent County Board member Chris Zimmerman refused to answer questions about the lack of transparency in an agency he is supposed to oversee. Unlike Alexandria and Fairfax, Arlington leaders won't even answer questions about their lack of transparency. In the courtroom, prosecutors use the shadowy nature of police behavior as a weapon, say defense attorneys and others.

"I call it trial by ambush," said Arlington lawyer Peter Greenspun. "That applies to the simplest crime or the most severe."

Greenspun recalled a recent case when his defendant was facing a capital murder verdict and prosecutors would not share basic details in the case. On the first day of trial, Greenspun said, he had no witness statements and he didn't know who was going to be called to testify. The way Virginia law works, the same law allows police agencies to keep victims and their families in the dark also keeps those who are accused of crimes from seeing documents in their own case. And it's all legal under the power of discretion given to police agencies under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the associated powers of discovery.

"It's an abuse of discretion," said

The Gold Crust Baker in Del Ray was the scene of a shooting that left an immigrant family from Togo wondering why the Alexandria Police Department denied documents requested in a Freedom of Information Act request.

Greenspun. "Anytime there's a blanket rule, that's by definition an abuse of discretion."

VIRGINIA'S FREEDOM of Information Act dates to the late 1960s, a time when most states were crafting some kind of public records law. Unlike other states, Virginia chose to craft a provision that shielded criminal records from public view. But the lack of transparency in Virginia isn't necessarily a good thing for cops and prosecutors. According to law enforcement officials in states that share garden-variety police documents, the release of information is beneficial to public safety.

"I think it's made us better agencies," said Gerald Bailey, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. "We proceed knowing that our work product is going to be reviewed by the press or the public or the people who are actually involved in the cases."

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Bailey said he could not recall one instance in his career when a victim or a witness was reluctant to come forward for fear their information would be part of the public record. Yet this is the reasoning prosecutors and police say is behind their decision to exercise their discretion to keep anyone from seeing documents outlining their day-to-day actions. The way the Virginia Freedom of Information Act is written, police agencies don't need to give a reason why they choose to withhold information. And leaders here in Northern Virginia know they can get away with keeping secrets for any reason or for no reason at all.

"I don't think we have to justify it," said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook. "A lot of things can be said about transparency, that doesn't make it effective."

Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney S. Randolph Sengel is among the most vocal

opponents of increasing transparency. When a Roanoke legislator introduced a bill that could have increased availability of police documents, the city's elected prosecutor traveled to Richmond to speak against the effort. Sengel said that releasing documents could possibly discourage witnesses and victims from coming forward, adding that it would be a staffing burden to have government employees responding to public-information requests.

"It's designed to address a problem that doesn't really exist," said Sengel about the bill, which was later killed by a subcommittee of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. "And it would create a situation that's much worse than we already have today."

THE CASE of Kossi Djossou illustrates the problems with the current system. Because a relative of the Togo clan worked as a nanny for a lawyer at Hogan Lovells, the law firm got involved pro bono. But even the high-power Washington lawyers were stymied by the same law that keeps the public and the press from knowing how police officials are acting on their behalf. Two months after the murder, lawyers filed a Freedom of Information Act request for the incident report. The request was denied. Attorney Wesley Carrington said he couldn't understand how police and prosecutors were defending their lack of transparency by citing a concern for victims and witnesses.

"In our case, that's running directly counter to the policy," he said.

With the resources of Hogan Lovells at their back, the Djossou family pressed on. Lawyers filed an appeal to the denial for information. Within a matter of days, the attorneys were contacted by a deputy city attorney who offered what the police would not. The issue never went before a judge in the Alexandria Circuit Court because the deputy city attorney handed over the entire case file — hundreds of pages of documents, four CDs of data and about 20 reports from responding officers.

"Leaving it to the Police Department wasn't a satisfactory outcome," said Price, the Hogan Lovells lawyer representing the Djossou family pro bono. "We weren't going to let this drop."

Price said the Djossou family predicament illustrated a flaw in the system. The family of a murder victim was denied information when the Alexandria Police Department had discretion to deny it. But when that discretion was challenged outside the public-safety community, city officials allowed the documents to be released. That meant that the city was exercising the discretion police officials have a blanket policy of refusing, but only for those who are lucky to have the resources to launch a legal challenge in Alexandria Circuit Court.

"When the police department fails to exercise any discretion," said Price, "that's an abuse of discretion."

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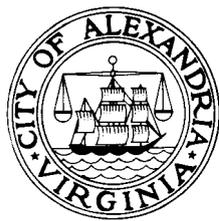
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You are not forgotten loved one, nor will you ever be; As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee

With Love, Marvin and children

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-357 (LEVY AND RATE OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX), of Article T (SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the City Code Section 3-2-357 in accordance with the modifications made to Virginia Code Section 58.13510.6.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 3110 Mount Vernon Avenue from CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) with Proffer to CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Rezoning No. 2009-0003.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2009-0003, to rezone the property at 3110 Mount Vernon Avenue from CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) with Proffer to CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium).

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the 1992 Master Plan (1998 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by City Council to such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2009-0005 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2009-0005 which amends the Potomac West Small Area Plan Chapter of the 1992 Master Plan (1998 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, by removing any reference to the proffer on the property at 3110 Mount Vernon Avenue limiting the use of all but the commercial shopping center facing Mount Vernon Avenue to RC/Residential High.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 9-104 (PROHIBITED SIGNS, MARQUEES, AND AWNINGS AND EXCEPTIONS) to Article IX (SIGNS, MARQUEES AND AWNINGS), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the Text Amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2010-0003.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2010-0003, to amend Section 9-104 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow illuminated signs on buildings taller than 35 feet with certain restrictions and with a special use permit.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Chapter 2 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the City's sidewalk snow removal requirements for property owners to be consistent with the amended snow and bad weather emergency plans.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article H (SNOW AND BAD WEATHER REGULATIONS), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the City's implementation of snow and bad weather emergency plans as requested by City Council.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article A.1 (TAXICABS), Chapter 12 (TAXIS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE), Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the City's taxi snow surcharge implementation methodology to be consistent with the amended snow and bad weather emergency plans.

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Legal Notices

sion 1 (PARKING METER ZONES), Article G (PARKING METERS), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. (Change Parking Meter Rates in the Downtown Area)

The proposed ordinance returns the parking rate to \$1.25 per hour except in those areas covered by multi-space meters as of November 1, 2010 (Carlyle). Thereafter, when multi-space meters are installed elsewhere in the City, the ordinance permits the rates to be raised up to the maximum of \$1.75 per hour by resolution of Council. Finally, the ordinance implements "All May Park - All Must Pay" by applying all such rates to all parkers, including disabled persons

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Public Hearing to receive Citizen Input on the Proposed City Legislative Package for the 2011 General Assembly Session.

Public Hearing and Consideration of the Report of the City Council Naming Committee on the Proposed Naming of City Hall Room 2000 in Honor of Chet and Sabra Avery.

Public Hearing and Consideration of the Report of the City Council Naming Committee on the Proposed Naming of the Alexandria Adult Detention Center in Honor of the Late Deputy Sheriff William Truesdale.

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Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

To gather input for a Project Plan and Environmental Assessment on Equestrian Facility Replacement, Equestrian Activities and Site Improvements at the Meadowood Recreation Area on Mason Neck in Fairfax County

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States Lower Potomac Field Station and the Office of Fairfax County Supervisor Jerry Hyland are holding a public meeting to gather input on:

- Plans to replace the 34 year old 46 stall barn/arena building in the administrative compound at the Meadowood Recreation Area;
- Public use and equestrian activities at the site.

The purpose of the project is to replace this structure with a facility that will provide for better public access to the Meadowood Recreation Area, provide for improved opportunities for the general public to participate in equestrian activities, and have less watershed impact. The project is scheduled for completion by September 30, 2011.

At this meeting, the Bureau of Land Management will provide information on it's proposed action, discuss alternatives, and seek comments from the public on how to best manage and use these federal recreation facilities.

The meeting is open to the public, and will be held on Tuesday November 16, 2010 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the cafeteria of South County High School 8501 Silverbrook Rd. Lorton, VA 22079

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Project Lifesaver

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"Every hour that passes increases the risk to a person who is lost," said Lt. Mike Eller, who manages Project Lifesaver for the Alexandria Sheriff's department. "We have five adults enrolled in the program and are looking to enroll our third child."

FOUNDED IN 1999, Project Lifesaver International is a non-profit committed to quickly locating missing persons who wander because of Alzheimer's, Down syndrome, dementia and autism. Monique Edwards and Brian Grenadier implemented the Alexandria program through the Sheriff's department four years ago.

"Mimi Swanson approached us and provided the seed money to bring the program to the city," said Chief Deputy Tim Gleeson. "She wanted to do something in memory of her daughter Kelly, a T.C. grad who died of a rare blood disease at the age of 18. The program still relies totally on donations — no city funds are used to support it."

Gleeson recently secured a \$5,000 grant from the American Alzheimer's Association and hopes to increase awareness of the program.

"With this grant, we can begin to fill the demand of the program," Gleeson said.

The project uses a wearable tracking device to locate those who have the tendency to wander off due to disabilities.

"Every transmitter has an individual number," Eller said. "Once we enter the code into the receiver, the location procedure begins."

The locator has a range of one mile and can be used on the ground, in a vehicle or from the air.

"Project Lifesaver is better than GPS technology since it works through cinder block buildings and various types of structures," Eller said. "It is also much more cost effective than traditional search and rescue since it uses less manpower."

EACH INITIAL transmitter, receiver and antennae kit costs \$2,415 and additional transmitters are \$270.



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Lauren Taylor, right, gets instructions from Lt. Mike Eller on how to care for her Project Lifesaver transmitter.



Lt. Mike Eller tests the Project Lifesaver equipment.

"There is no cost to participate in the program," Eller said. "But if a family can afford it, a donation of \$25 per month is requested after the first six months to cover the cost of changing the batteries."

Lauren, who graduated from T.C. Williams in 2010 and volunteers with the Little Dippers therapeutic recreational swim program, has no problem wearing her bracelet.

"I was scared," she said of the two days she was missing. "I feel safer now."

Lauren's father is also happy with the program.

"There's no real silver lining in this kind of thing," Taylor said.

"But Project Lifesaver is a good step for us. It certainly helps provide some peace of mind."

For more information on Alexandria's Project Lifesaver, contact Lt. Mike Eller at 703-746-5002.



Unlike GPS-based systems, the Project Lifesaver receiver can pick up signals through walls and buildings.

TC's Transformation Rooted in Consultants

FROM PAGE 3

Sherman announced for the first time a formal contract with Kallick to help plan and lead a conference for ACPS teachers in August of that year.

While Sherman has described his relationship with Kallick as professional, in a district internal memo he also acknowledged long-time friendship with her.

"I wish to disclose that I have had a personal and professional relationship with Dr. Kallick for more than 30 years," Sherman wrote. "No personal gain whatsoever for either Dr. Kallick or myself determined the selection of this remarkable educator for employment with ACPS."

That personal friendship seems to be reflected in how Sherman has used his district-issued credit card. He's used the card to pay for more meals with Kallick than with anyone else. Of the 40 meals he's charged to the card, nearly half have been spent with Kallick and total \$895.

Their most frequented restaurant is Alexandria's historic Morrison House on Alfred Street, where they've breakfasted eight times on the district's dollar. During one of Kallick's visits last year, they began the day with a \$44.06 breakfast at Morrison and ended it with a \$103.16 dinner at the Chart House.

Kallick says she met Sherman in the 1970s while he was serving as assistant principal for curriculum at the Westport school district near Kallick's home. When Sherman became superintendent of the South Orangetown Central School District in New York, he brought Kallick in for some contract work.

AFTER SHERMAN MOVED to the New Jersey school district of Cherry Hill in 1997, he enlisted Kallick again, this time to help map curriculum. From 1999 to 2005, the district paid Kallick \$198,469 without signing any contract, according to district records.

And when Sherman took the superintendent position at Tenafly Public Schools in 2005, Kallick was contracted for \$45,000

to lead staff meetings, review new curriculum and generally advise.

Now, at ACPS, some of Kallick's work for the district is described in contracts and invoices — as when she held a two-day workshop for elementary teachers and coaches in October 2009. But Kallick was also paid on a number of occasions for "consulting," with no accompanying documents showing what she did and no formal contract signed.

In total, Kallick has been paid for 14 days of "consulting" for the district that was neither under contract nor explained in any documentation.

It's not the first time Sherman hired consultants without signing a contract.

While Sherman was superintendent of the South Orangetown Central School District in New York in the 1990s, he signed a \$565,000 contract with Cimple Systems, Inc. to design a district-wide technology plan. The district terminated the contract six months later when Cimple failed to uphold its end of the deal.

The contract had never been reviewed by the district's attorney and apparently received no formal authorization by the school board.

SHERMAN CONVINCED the state to allow ACPS to hire Kallick and a handful of other consultants instead of one of four suggested companies to oversee the "transformation" at T.C. Williams High School — a plan to meet federal requirements when the school was designated a Persistently Low-Achieving (PLA) school in March.

"The state has approved our proposal not to hire a company to run Alexandria, but to create a core of consultants," Sherman said. "That was approved by the state in lieu of hiring one of the four consultants."

Kallick spent three days at T.C. Williams last spring, interviewing teachers and putting together a report on the issues that needed to be addressed in the transformation. She says T.C. Williams' troubles largely stem from two sources: discipline problems and a need for better understanding about how to engage students in the classroom.

This year, Kallick has been contracted to help with a requirement of T.C. Williams' transformation process: developing Individual Achievement Plans (IAPs) that will be created for each student to encourage them to excel in English and math.

Kallick will also help John Brown, a curriculum developer hired last year, put together new curriculum based more on units than sequential steps. The new curriculum will also incorporate the 16 "Habits of Mind," she said.

Fran Prolman was the only individual consultant to make more than Kallick over the last two years, and her working relationship with Sherman also began when the two met at South Orangetown. Sherman paid Prolman, based in Great Falls, Va., \$144,086 at Cherry Hill from 1999 to 2005.

Sherman has paid Prolman \$108,800 since he joined the district. In exchange, she visited the district about 30 times to hold teacher trainings, staff development sessions and a "Mentoring By Design" workshop. ACPS also paid \$54,916 to Research for Better Teaching — a company for which Prolman works — for 10 days of teacher training held by Prolman in July and August.

Neither Prolman nor Kallick have had to bid for any of their contracts. That's because while state law mandates competitive bidding on contracts more than \$50,000, ACPS either approved their contracts in smaller increments, tacked on additional compensation after contracts were signed or didn't list a total payment on the contract at all.

In one instance, Prolman signed a contract on June 10, 2009, agreeing to provide 20 days of training for \$44,000. But on Sept. 29, \$22,000 more was approved for an additional 10 days of training via a "purchase order change," bringing Prolman's total payment to \$66,000.

And while the most recent contracts with Kallick have indicated maximum payments, three prior contracts outlined her hourly rate without putting any cap on how much she could earn.

Other times, the district sidestepped the bidding process by claiming sole source —

a legal way to avoid bidding by determining the contractor is the only source of the particular service needed. While it's common for agencies to claim sole source, officials often detail requirements so specifically that only the contractor they wish to hire can provide the service.

That's how the highest-paid consulting firm hired under Sherman's watch got hundreds of thousands of dollars without submitting a bid. In a notice issued in December 2008, ACPS said The Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project was the only source available to train teachers in courses put together by the firm's own project director, Lucy Calkins.

Since then, the firm took \$325,000 to provide on-site teacher training at each of the schools as well as district-wide conferences for \$1,750 per day. The firm also took \$121,734 during Sherman's time at Cherry Hill.

Margaret Byess, planning and support operations deputy superintendent, said that while the wording of the sole source citation "might be awkward," the district was looking for a firm that used evidence-based practices to raise reading scores and Teacher's College was among the best.

"The wording might be awkward, but I think it is an appropriate use of sole source," Byess said.

AS FAR AS Kallick's pre-contract work, Byess says she doesn't recall what services Kallick was performing before signing a contract, but there are "probably email and other documents that could be identified that could talk about what services were being provided."

While Byess said Prolman's contract was a sole source contract, the district did not submit a notice of sole source procurement until more than a month after Kallick signed the contract.

Sherman says he finds accusations of hiring personal friends to perform work for the ACPS "reprehensible."

"If a consultant doesn't work, they don't work, regardless of whether they're friends with me," he said.



Mr. Idaho Potato says hello to guests as they arrive to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on Oct. 16.

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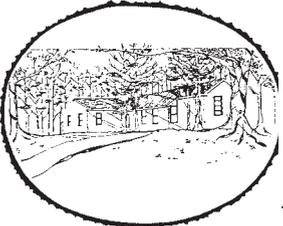
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In rehearsal of "Tell Me That You Love Me Junie Moon" are, from left, Andrew Dewhurst, Leia Moran, Alexander Eichner, Elaine Bledsoe and Ben Ribler.



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PARK CLEANUP

Lisa Beyer Scanlan organized the group of Taylor Run citizens who did the splendid cleanup on the Upland Hill Park.

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Taylor Run Citizens Association (TRCA) held its annual Halloween Block Party on Oct. 31. TRCA would like to extend a special thanks to all of the Executive Committee members, Alexandria Fire Department, Richard T. Winkler, Inc. Painting & Decorating, Rocklands Barbecue, Alexandria Sheriff's Office and Taylor Run residents for their contributions to the party.

TC Posts First Winning Record Since 1995

Titans' postseason drought extends to 20 years.

The T.C. Williams football team won five of its final six games, developed a potent offense led by sophomore quarterback Alec Grosser and posted the program's first winning season since 1995. But with all the Titans accomplished in 2010, it wasn't enough to snap the school's postseason drought, which reached 20 seasons.

TC defeated Lee 45-6 on Nov. 5, improving the Titans' record to 6-4, including 5-2 in the Patriot District. TC needed help to make the playoffs, however, and the help didn't arrive. A trio of 6-4 teams — Westfield, Fairfax and Langley — claimed the No. 6, 7 and 8 spots, respectively, while TC and rival West Potomac were left on the outside looking in with the same record.

"The way we were playing, we were dominating," Grosser said. "I feel like if we had gotten in the playoffs, we would have went far."

We were playing real good football. Unfortunately, we needed some people to lose, we needed some people to win and it didn't happen."

Grosser took over as the team's starting quarterback in week four against Lake Braddock, a game TC lost 49-12.

From that point, the Titans went 5-1 with No. 13 at quarterback and the offense averaged 31 points per game.

Grosser completed 108 of 183 passes (59 percent) for 1,240 yards and 14 touchdowns. He was intercepted seven times, four of which came against West Potomac. He also scored a pair of rushing touchdowns.

"We're going to have this taste in our mouth next season," Grosser said of missing the playoffs. "Hope-

fully, we come out with the same fire. ... I know as I get older, people are going to start expecting more things. I've just got to do what they expect."

Grosser said he felt more comfortable as the season progressed.

"It was completely different," Grosser said. "Obviously, [I had] a lot more confidence, confidence in my teammates."

TC will lose its top pass-catching targets to graduation: seniors Tyrell Sitton and Will Rossi. Sitton hauled in 40 receptions for 546 yards and six touchdowns. Rossi caught 26 passes for 417 yards and seven scores.

The Titans' leading rusher, junior Zaquan Summers, will return. Summers totaled 830 yards and eight touchdowns while averaging more than 6 yards per carry.

Senior linebacker Damien Benton led TC with 119 tackles despite sitting out the season opener against Robinson and most of the week two matchup with Mount Vernon. He also intercepted three passes, recovered three fumbles and scored three touchdowns. Senior linebacker Deontre Sanders recorded 102 tackles, four sacks, three interceptions and scored two touchdowns despite missing the opener against Robinson. Senior defensive lineman Emmanuel Sarpong led the Titans with six sacks.

TC will also lose senior offensive and defensive lineman Jay Whitmire, a Division I recruit at offensive tackle.

TC's winning record was the school's second since 1990, when the Titans finished 11-1 and were the regional runner-up. TC won state titles in 1971, 1984 and 1987.

— JON ROETMAN

"The way we were playing, we were dominating. I feel like if we had gotten in the playoffs, we would have went far."

— TC quarterback Alec Grosser



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Sophomore quarterback Alec Grosser, left, and junior running back Zaquan Summers will be key components for the T.C. Williams football team in 2011.

SPORTS BRIEFS

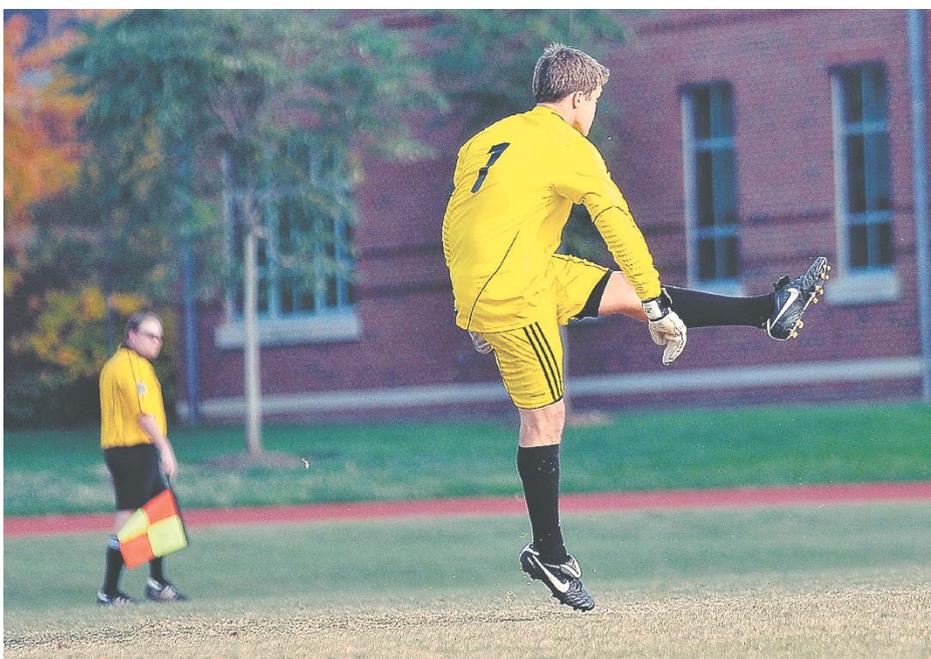


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St. Stephen's & St. Agnes goalkeeper Ryon Huddleston, seen earlier this season, helped the Saints snap Episcopal's 63-game winning streak on Monday.

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SSSAS Snaps Episcopal's 63-Game Win Streak

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys soccer team's recipe for an upset included a defensive-minded strategy, outstanding play from goalkeeper Ryon Huddleston and plenty of luck. Head coach Bo Amato compared the Saints' performance on Monday against rival Episcopal and its 63-game winning streak to the movie "Miracle on Ice." However one describes the Saints' effort was enough to snap the Maroon's unbeaten streak.

After playing to a scoreless tie through two overtime periods, SSSAS defeated Episcopal on penalty kicks. Alex Rossello, Parker Patterson and Taylor Jackson each made their respective attempts during the shootout and each time an Episcopal player followed with a miss. The victory advanced SSSAS to the state semifinals against Paul VI.

During the teams' two regular season meetings, SSSAS bunched their players back on the defensive end of the field in an attempt to neutralize Episcopal's talent advantage. The Saints lost 1-0 and 2-0, respectively. Before Monday's game, Amato talked to his team about using the same strategy, except this time, he said, the team bought into the idea. Amato said he respects Episcopal head coach Rick Wilcox and he feels bad about having to use the defensive strategy that he did, but the Saints had no other choice.

"It was a very negative way for us to play football," Amato said, "but if we tried to play any other way, I don't think we would have been successful."

Amato said praised his team for hustling. "You make your own luck from working hard," he said. "Every time they had a shot at a goal a red shirt wasn't far away, challenging. ... Those boys sacrificed their bodies on every header. Whether they could get

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the ball or not, they went up.” Amato also said goalkeeper Huddleston had a terrific game.

“I think he’s the best goalkeeper, by a mile, in the state,” Amato said. “He needs a big center back to help him on crosses, but he claims balls at their highest point. ... You can write a comic strip about his goalkeeping heroics.”

Titans Compete at X-Country Regionals

The T.C. Williams girls cross country team competed at the Northern Region championship meet on Nov. 4 at Burke Lake Park, placing 12th out of 16 teams with 316 points. Lake Braddock won the event with 71 points.

Sydney Schaedel was TC’s top finisher, placing 28th with a time of 19:03.5. Adugna Desalegn finished 36th (19:20.6), Lisa Toledo was 88th (20:52.2), Kathryn Hendley finished 92nd (20:58.5) and Grace Garrahan was 96th (21:08.6).

In the boys race, TC’s Darren Foreman finished 26th with a time of 16:16.40.

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 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



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T.C. Williams harrier Darren Foreman placed 26th at the Northern Region cross country championship meet on Nov. 4.

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.

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.

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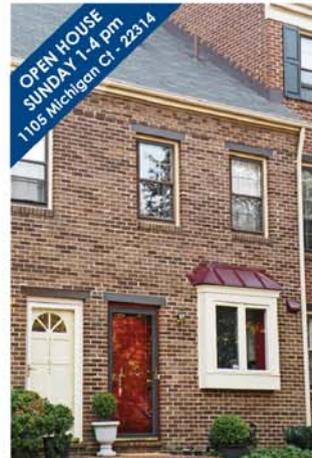
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