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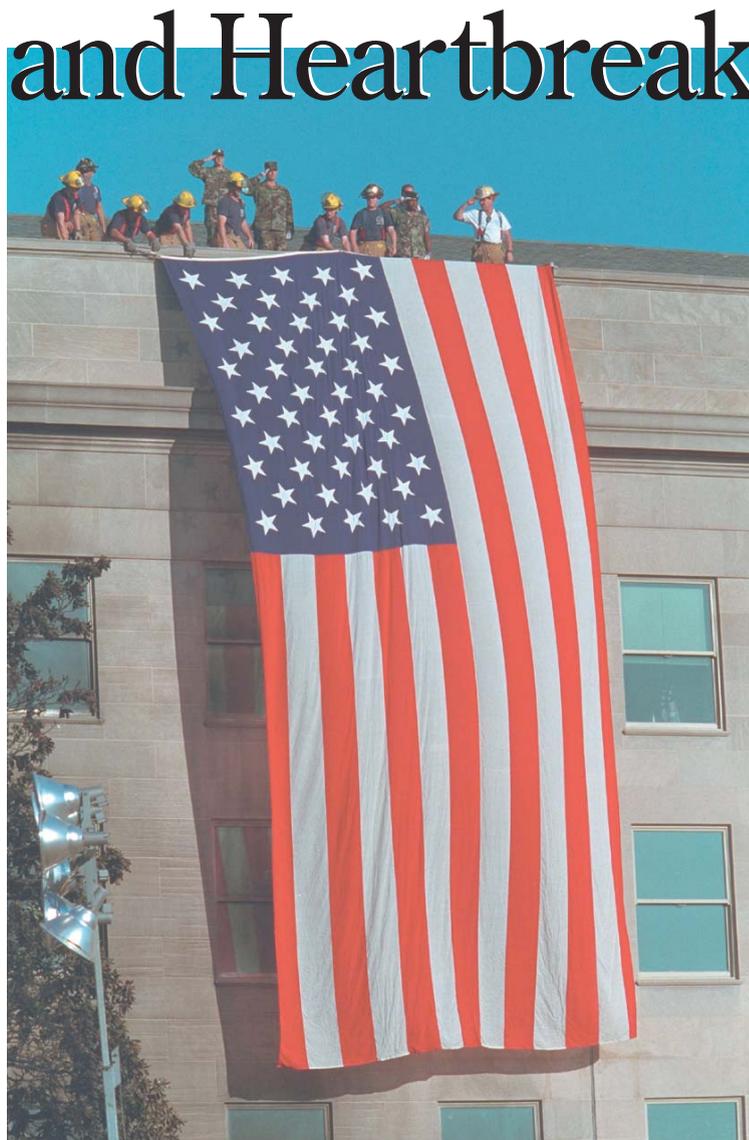
BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The photograph remains instantly recognizable: A single fragment of time captured on Sept. 12, 2001 when firefighters and military personnel unfurled a flag atop the Pentagon as a symbol of resilience and hope for a nation still paralyzed with disbelief at the events of the day before.

“You’d think after 10 years, it would get easier but it doesn’t,” said Lieutenant Jim Morris, one of four local firefighters pictured in what has become a defining image of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. “The emotions of that day are still very difficult to talk about.”

As Morris joined other Alexandria and Penn-Daw Fire Station 11 personnel in the heroic rescue and recovery efforts at the Pentagon, his mind was 225 miles north in New York City, where his brother Seth was still unaccounted for in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

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Lt. Jim Morris and fellow firefighters from Alexandria and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 11 join soldiers atop the Pentagon to hang an American flag during rescue and recovery efforts Sept. 12, 2001.

PHOTO BY PAUL MORSE/THE WHITE HOUSE

What’s Changed in 10 Years after 9/11?

Increased security, funding affects city.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Prompted by terrorism and forged in tragedy, Alexandria’s response to 9/11 has hardened the city to attack and added tens of millions of dollars worth of training and equipment for public-safety officers. The new era of security has reached into almost every aspect of the city’s civic life, influencing everything from planning to policing and traffic to parks. It’s also created a new building known as the Washington Headquarters Service that is expected to plunge the region into gridlock. And it’s delayed opening of Jones Point Park by more than a decade.

“In some areas, I’d say there was an overreaction,” said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, who was mayor on 9/11. “We’ve gotten away from good, solid planning.”

The most glaring post-9/11 security change is looming over the West End, a building where more than 6,000 Department of Defense employees will work next year. The situation was created by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, which issued a 2005 recommendation to move thousands of workers out of Crystal City because the leased space there failed to meet post 9/11 security concerns. In 2008, the city endorsed a site at Mark Center, which was eventually selected by the Pentagon because it was significantly cheaper than the other options. Now city officials have tried

to adapt by adding shuttle service and creating a new West End parking district, although many neighbors say that’s like spitting in the wind.

“There’s going to be gridlock anyway because there was no transportation plan before BRAC was developed,” said Lynn Bostain, a Seminary Valley resident. “None.”

PERHAPS NO PART of city government experienced as much growth as the Alexandria’s public-safety agencies. The police department, for example, responded to 9/11 by creating the Office of Homeland Security and Operational Preparedness. The office coordinates information regarding potential terrorist threats. It also makes preparations for international and domestic terrorism as well as acting as the point of contact for the National Joint Terrorism Task Force.

“We’ve gotten much better about sharing information with the feds,” said Deputy Chief Blaine Corle. “It’s a big commitment, but it’s one of those things you have to do.”

Because many of the federal government’s highest profile prosecutions are detained at the Alexandria jail awaiting court appearances at the federal courthouse, the facility received \$5 million worth of upgrades, including a new security perimeter that includes a building to screen visitors before they approach the building. Since 9/11, suspects that have spent time at the Alexandria jail have included Zacarias Moussaoui, one of the chief conspirators who planned the 9/11 attacks.

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Out of 9/11, a Living Legacy

Steuerle family founded ACT to help others.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was a single day that changed America. Around the world eyes were riveted to images of horror as a stunned nation slowly came to grasp what had happened: On Sept. 11, 2001, America had been attacked.

“My daughters and I do not try to rank death or other loss,” said Eugene Steuerle, whose wife Norma was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 when it struck the Pentagon. “We realize that over the course of the last 10 years, millions — perhaps even a majority — of people have borne the loss of a loved relative or friend. We have received extraordinary



Norma Lang Steuerle was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 when it struck the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

attention because of the international and national aspects of 9/11 but claim as a result no more knowledge or wisdom than others.”

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'We Will Never Forget'

Recalling 13 residents who died on 9/11.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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It was an unimaginable act of terrorism that took the lives of 13 Alexandria residents on Sept. 11, 2001. The inscription on the Pentagon memorial reads: "We claim this ground in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001. To honor the 184 people whose lives were lost, their families, and all who sacrifice that we may live in freedom. We will never forget."

Let this 10th anniversary recall the loved ones, friends and neighbors who perished that day:

Spec. Craig Amundson

Spec. Craig S. Amundson, 28, was assigned to the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel as a graphic artist and was at work at the Pentagon the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. A native of Anamosa, Iowa, Amundson was the owner of a graphic design company called SockoDesign and lived at Fort Belvoir with his wife Amber and children Charlotte and Elliot.

Amundson worked under Lieutenant General Timothy J. Maude doing multimedia illustration and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Award.

Eddie A. Dillard

Eddie A. Dillard, 54, was a passenger aboard American Airlines flight 77. Raised in Gary, Ind., Dillard was an avid newspaper addict and history buff and was enjoying a second career buying and selling real estate following a 19-year career with Philip Morris.

He left behind a wife of 15 years, Rosemary, and one son, Edrick L. Dillard.

Capt. Robert Edward Dolan

Captain Robert Dolan, 43, was working on the first floor of the Pentagon as head of the U.S. Navy's Strategy and Concepts Branch when American Airlines Flight 77 struck the building.

Originally from Florham Park, N.J., Dolan was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and commander of the USS John Hancock. Married for 18 years to his wife Lisa, he coached weekly Little League games for his son, Beau, and chaperoned school dances for his daughter, Rebecca.



Diane M. Hale-McKinzy

Diane Hale-McKinzy, 38, was a civilian employee for the U.S. Army at the Pentagon. Born in Lithonia, Ga., she served in the Army for four years before beginning a career in civil service.

Hale-McKinzy was an ordained deaconess in the Christian Hope Center Church, where she met her husband Gary McKinzy. In addition to her duties as a deaconess, she served as an usher and Sunday school teacher.

She left behind her husband, Gary McKinzy, and daughter, Connie E. Hale.



Bryan C Jack

Bryan C. Jack, 48, was on American Airlines Flight 77 when the plane struck the Pentagon, where he worked as the head of the Defense Department's programming and fiscal economics division.

A Texas native, Jack received an MBA from Stanford University and a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Maryland. An adjunct professor of economics at The George Washington University, he was twice awarded the Defense Exceptional Service Medal, in 1998 and 2000.



Jack and his longtime companion, artist Barbara Rachko, were married on June 16, 2001, just 87 days before his death.

Steven D. Jacoby

Steven "Jake" Jacoby, 43, was the chief operating officer of Metrocall and a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77. A community leader, Jacoby sat on the board of Men Against Breast Cancer and was actively involved with the Camp Fantastic Special Love charity golf tournament as well as Catholic Charities.

At the time of his death, Jacoby, his wife Kim and son Nick were active members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Mount Vernon.



Terence M. Lynch

Terence Michael Lynch, 49, was one of three consultants from Booz, Allen and Hamilton who perished during a meeting at the Pentagon.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Lynch spent 20 years working for different branches of the U.S. government as a military and health care issues expert. On the day of his death, he was attending a meeting to extend survivor benefits to military families.

An avid Pittsburgh Pirates fan, Lynch left behind his wife of 24 years, Jacqueline, and two daughters, Tiffany Marie and Ashley Nicole.



Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr.

Major Clifford L. Patterson, Jr., 33, was a native of Washington D.C. and graduate of St. John's College High School. In 1991 he graduated from Howard University as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was working at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. Patterson was married to Captain



Tamatha Patterson and had two sons, Clifford L. Patterson III, and Benjamin Cody Patterson.

Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel

Cmdr. Robert A. Schlegel, 38, followed his father and brothers in the Navy. Prior to being posted to the Pentagon, he was executive officer of the USS Arthur W. Radford, a 9,000-ton destroyer. That assignment followed tours aboard the USS Scott and the USS Yarnell.

Schlegel, who was born in Gray, Maine, graduated from Washington and Lee University, where he majored in French and journalism. He also received a master's degree in international affairs. He left behind a wife, Dawn.



Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith (Ret.)

Retired Army Lt. Col. Gary Smith, 55, was at a meeting at the Pentagon when American Airlines Flight 77 struck. A resident of Waynewood, Smith coached his daughter's soccer teams, kept time for the West Potomac High School track team and was a fixture at high school football games on Friday nights.

Smith left behind a wife, Ann, four daughters and two sons-in-law.



Norma Lang Steuerle

Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, was active in the Old Town community as a clinical psychologist and through Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. She was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 en route to visit a daughter in Japan and her husband Eu-



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Ten Years Later, Difficulty of Looking Back Continues

FROM PAGE 1

"The last we heard from him he was on the phone with his wife," Morris said of his brother, a broker with Cantor Fitzgerald working on the 105th floor of World Trade Center 1. "He hung up abruptly and said he had to go."

Morris and family members held out hope that Seth, who had survived the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, had somehow made it out of the building before it collapsed.

"We spent hours looking at thousands of pictures on the web of people who had evacuated, looking for his face in the crowds and hoping that he had survived," said Morris, who has been a firefighter and para-

medic for 35 years. "We found out on Sept. 13 that nearly all the Cantor Fitzgerald employees had been trapped on the 105th floor and pretty much knew then he didn't make it."

As the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks approaches, calls to Morris and the other local firefighters captured in the photograph — Capt. David G. Lange, Haz Mat Technician Robert Clarke and Apparatus Technician Randy Schwartz — have intensified and national media is devoting unprecedented coverage to the events of that day.

"This year is especially rough," said Morris, who tries to balance interview requests regarding the iconic photograph with his

own personal tragedy. "I thought that after 10 years I might be ready to watch one of the shows on the attacks so I tried watching a National Geographic documentary. After about five minutes I had to turn it off. It's still too hard."

As he has in years past, Morris, a married father of three children, will take leave and mark the anniversary privately with his family.

"The first couple of years I felt I should be with my co-workers," Morris said. "But it's really better if I am alone during this time. And this year especially, I don't want to be watching it on TV over and over again."

Morris's parents will also take off for a

few days to mark the anniversary privately. Only his brother's widow, Lynn, who has remarried, will attend the memorial dedication ceremony in New York on Sept. 11.

"I tried attending a ceremony a couple of years ago in Milford, Conn., where my brother and I grew up," Morris said. "But it was just too difficult for me to be there."

As the nation prepares to commemorate 9/11, Morris will quietly mourn the loss of Seth — a brother, son, husband, father and friend.

"I do understand the historical significance of the anniversary," Morris said. "But for those of us who lost someone on 9/11, we don't just remember on one day. We remember every day."

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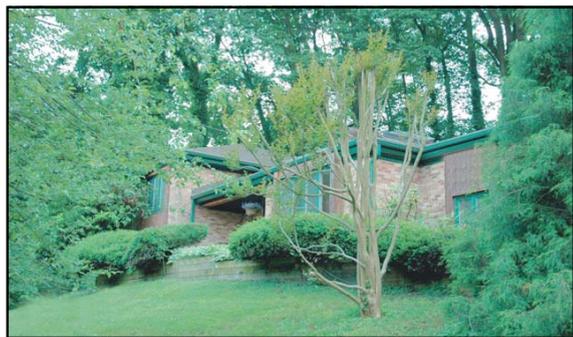


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Norma Lang Steuerle, top right, with her husband Eugene and daughters Lynne and Kristin.

A Living Legacy

FROM PAGE 1

Norma Lang Steuerle, an Alexandria psychologist, was on the first leg of a long-awaited trip to visit her daughter Kristin, at the time a Navy doctor stationed in Japan. From there she would fly to Singapore to join her husband, who was teaching a course.

“She switched flights at the last minute,” Steuerle said. “She wanted to make that stop in Okinawa to spend some time with our daughter.”

In the midst of their grief, Eugene Steuerle and daughters Kristin and Lynne began discussing ways to honor Norma Steuerle’s life.

“We always knew we didn’t want to simply take the money from the Victim’s Compensation Fund,” Steuerle said. “So we decided to create a local initiative to give back to the city of Alexandria.”

Steuerle began meeting with community leaders like David Speck, Nigel Morris and Lyles Carr among others. After 18 months of planning, the Alexandria Community Trust — a foundation that serves as a catalyst for increasing charitable investment in Alexandria — was launched in Novem-

ber of 2004.

“We received encouragement and support from many sources, including the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region,” Steuerle said. “My daughters and I were simply able to provide one catalyst at the right time.

“My daughters and I do view ACT and many other charitable responses that grew out of 9/11 as the true idea of a living memorial.”

— Eugene Steuerle, whose wife Norma was aboard Flight 77

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ACT has grown to include the Giving Circle, the Center for Alexandria’s Children, Alexandria Board Leadership Exchange, ACTION Alexandria and the citywide Spring for Alexandria community weekend of service.

“It’s amazing what the Steuerle family has done for nonprofits in the city,” said ACT executive director John Porter. “Alexandria is a very giving community and even though we still have our challenges, I am pleased with the success we have had so far.”

Steuerle, who is currently the chairman of the ACT board, is also pleased with the success of ACT.

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Remembering 9/11

Where were you on 9/11? The question is often asked and answered as a sort of therapy — a way to commemorate the horrors of the day by recounting the gruesome tick-tock of events that day.

“It was a scary time,” said Sheriff **Dana Lawhorne**, who was detective at the time. “I never thought I’d hear a call go out on the police radio that a hijacked airplane was on its way and the estimated time of arrival was 15 minutes, but that’s what happened.”

As the events of the day unfolded, the police department was flooded with emergency calls from every part of the city, and officers were scrambling to track it down. One of the most dramatic reports was a bomb explosion at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, which turned out to be caused by the sonic boom created by the fighter jets that swept through the region. Detective **Eric Ratliff** decided the police needed a commanding view, so he positioned himself at the top of the Mark Center Hilton so he could help responders have a more complete picture of what was happening.

“From that vantage point, he was able to keep everybody calm by letting them know what wasn’t happening,” said Lawhorne, who eventually joined Ratliff at the top of the city’s tallest building. “And if there was an airplane on the way, he was certainly going to let everybody know about it.”

Widening Controversy

A controversy is widening in the West End, pitting neighborhood residents against advocates for mass transit. At issue is Beauregard Street, which city planners want to transform into something they call “Corridor C.” City planners want to widen the street to accommodate a dedicated lane for transit in the center of the road, although many neighbors oppose the idea because it would cut into the tree canopy along the side of the street.

“A challenge with providing dedicated transit lanes is that they require additional width to the street, unless existing travel lanes are removed to accommodate the transitway,” wrote transportation director **Rich Baier** in a memorandum outlining the city’s plans. “As with all implementation measures, the city often must balance competing objectives, including transit, cost and neighborhood context.”

To accomplish that balance, city officials are recommending a \$48 million plan that would install bus-rapid transit on Beauregard. The operation would have 8-minute headways at peak hours and 15-minute headways at off-peak hours. Ridership is estimated at 12,500 to 17,500 each day. Yet the plan will face strong opposition in the West End, where residents are grappling with major traffic gridlock as a result of the city’s endorsement of the Mark Center site for a massive Department of Defense installation as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process.

“We residents of the West End can be forgiven for thinking that we are witnessing a poorly disguised way of opening up six blocks to benefit developers JBG and Duke Realty,” said Seminary Hill resident **Jack Sullivan**. “Recall it was Duke Realty that gave us BRAC, a major part of the problem.”

The Russians Are Coming!

Five Russian jurists will be in Alexandria next week to examine the American system of justice as part of the Open World Program, a creation of the One World Leadership Center. Stops on the tour include the courtroom of U.S. District Judge **Anthony Trenga**, the Alexandria jail, the Fairfax County Circuit Court, the George Mason School of Law and Alexandria City Hall, where the delegation is expected to meet with Mayor **Bill Euille** and Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**.

Founded in 1999 with a focus on Russia, the Open World Program has hosted visitors from Lithuania, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Delegates this year include the chief judge of the Moscow regional court, the chief judge of the Moscow city court, a presiding judge of the Moscow regional court and a senior legal counsel. They’ll be in Alexandria from Sept. 10 to Sept. 17.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



Security at the Albert Bryan U.S. Courthouse hasn’t changed much since the days after 9/11, when temporary barriers were erected at the site.

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MICHAEL LEE POPE/
GAZETTE PACKET

How 9/11 Changed Alexandria

FROM PAGE 1

“The entire focus of local law enforcement changed after 9/11 in much the same way that the crack cocaine epidemic changed law enforcement in the 1980s,” said Sheriff Dana Lawhorne. “It used to be that only the fire department had breathing apparatuses, but now the SWAT teams are training for mustard gas attacks.”

ONE PLACE WHERE the attacks of 9/11 have had a dramatic influence is Jones Point Park, the southernmost tip of the District of Columbia where George Washington laid the first boundary stone more than 200 years ago. Before 9/11, the park plan placed parking for the park under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. But in the heightened security after the attacks, that plan was spiked as a security threat. A new plan was written, although the park has yet to be completed.

“I think that was an overreaction,” said Donley. “But hindsight is always 20/20.”

Ironically, the modified version of the plan includes parking under the bridge. The parking will be limited to days when major events are taking place at the park, and cars will be screened before they are allowed to enter the area. Yet the level of security measures the cars must be subjected to in advance of entering the area are still being debated, and city officials recently met with federal officials to see if some kind of resolution could be brokered.

“The meetings were informal,” said Bernard Caton, Alexandria’s legislative director. “And they were inconclusive.”

One thing is clear about how Alexandria has changed since 9/11 — money has been flowing into the city to pay for increased security. Aside from increased training and equipment, federal dollars have paid for everything from protective suits for every Alexandria officer to new radios that give instant communication with regional and federal law-enforcement officials. Since the election of Barack Obama in 2008, his stimulus program has showered more than \$70 million from

the Department of Homeland Security to Alexandria.

“The communications systems have improved significantly,” said Sgt. Mike Kochis. “We’ve still got a way to go, but we’ve come a long way.”

DESPITE THE AMOUNT of money flowing to training police officers and prosecuting terrorists, one spending item has been neglected over the last decade. The Albert Bryan Courthouse is still protected by the temporary concrete barricades that were erected shortly after 9/11. All over the capital, those temporary barriers have now been replaced by permanent bollards — some of which have decorative elements and federal seals. But Alexandria’s federal courthouse is still frozen in time, as if the terrorist attacks recently happened and the federal government isn’t quite sure how to deal with the new security threats yet.

“All of the parties involved haven’t been able to come to an agreement yet,” said John Bolen, chief deputy United States marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia. “The delay has been getting all the stakeholders to sign off on the plan, including the federal government and the city as well as the private land owner.”

When 9/11 happened, railroad giant Norfolk Southern owned the property. Since that time, it’s been acquired by the global asset management firm known as the Carlyle Group. Bolen said that he’s hopeful a plan currently under consideration by the Carlyle Group and the city government will receive support, although he declined to provide details because he said he didn’t want to jeopardize negotiations.

“We’re pleased with the plan put forward to the city and the Carlyle Group,” he said.

Meanwhile, on the inside of the courthouse, the marshals have made another controversial move. Visitors are not allowed to enter the building with a cell phone, and the marshals do not offer a place to store the devices while the visitor is in court. One industrious deli across the street responded by offering daily cell-phone storage for \$2.

“It’s very popular,” said Megan Lee, who works at the Café Gallery Market.

Observing National Day of Service

Northern Virginia Community College will be hosting several activities this week leading up to the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 and the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, automotive students and faculty at the Alexandria Campus will perform vehicle repairs for low-income members of the community

who have been referred by the Drive to Employment partner community organizations.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, students, faculty, staff and community members will assemble school supply kits for needy children in partnership with Operation International Children. These school supplies will be distributed by U.S.

troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Haiti.

The 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of a seven-year effort started by 9/11 family members and support groups to establish the service day as a way to honor the victims and heroes and to rekindle the spirit of unity and compassion that followed the attacks.

Creating ACT To Help Others

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munity in term of both talent and resources," Steuerle said. "If we can't solve our own societal problems, then nobody can. But it does take resources — and the careful use of those resources — to make progress."

Both Porter and Steuerle cited the need for increased resources to help sustain ACT's growth.

"We really hope that over the coming years we can ratchet up ACT to be much more," Steuerle said. "Despite great success over our start-up years, we very much need more resources to increase the support that can be given to the charities of Alexandria through both our community investments and through the contributions that come out of the donor advised funds that many establish to raise their own level of family giving."

As the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks approaches, Steuerle remains focused on looking forward.

"This is a time to think about the future of ACT and the other global charities that my daughters and I have contributed to in



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Lynne, Eugene and Kristin Steuerle at the launch of Alexandria Community Trust in November of 2004.

the wake of Norma's death," Steuerle said "The community foundation was made possible when several groups of people trying to do something for Alexandria found each other and started working together and it has turned into far more than what I envisioned."

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Thursday Tradition

For the first time in recent memory, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner will not be on a weekend this year. Chamber President **Tina Leone** says the Thursday before the Columbus Day will be perfect timing, catching people before they leave town for the holiday weekend. If all goes well, Leone says she wants to anchor the event on the calendar, so chamber members will know that the event will always take place on the Thursday before Columbus Day.

"It's going to be such a party that people will have the weekend to recover," she said. "It could get pretty wild."

Virginia Commerce Bank president **Peter Converse** will be receiving the evening's top award, business leader of the year. That means that Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**, a vice president at the bank, is expected to roast his friend and colleague at the event. Donley is known for his quick wit and biting sense of humor, so Leone says she expects an evening that won't soon be forgotten. Like last year, the event will take place in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

"There are a limited number of venues where you can have an event this large, and we like to spread our business around," said Leone. "It's a great place to have this event because it's a building that symbolizes entrepreneurship."

Tax Free Land

One of the enticements city leaders used to help persuade GenOn Energy to close its coal-fired power plant was a good, old-fashioned tax break.

GenOn officials were concerned about paying property taxes after the plant shuts down, which is expected to happen in October 2012. Since the facility will no longer be making money, the energy company felt that shelling out a bill for land and inoperable buildings would be too much — an understandable concern considering Pepco owns the land while GenOn owns the buildings. "As a way to try to make this deal work, they asked us to consider it," said Deputy City Attorney **Chris Spera**. "We all agreed that was a way to facilitate the agreement going forward."

Dollar Donations

The 10-year anniversary of 9/11 is prompting a good deal of soul searching this week, and it's also setting the stage for philanthropy. Take Red Top Cabs, for example. The taxicab business will donate \$1 for each ride dispatched on the anniversary, which is Sunday, to the 10th Annual Arlington Police, Fire and Sheriff 9/11 Memorial 5K. All proceeds go to 9/11 charities, such as the Wounded Warrior Program and the Fisher House. Red Top volunteers will also assist with coordination of the race, which is scheduled for Sept. 10.

"If you can't run, you can still support the Memorial 5K Fund by riding red on Sunday 9/11," said Red Top president **Neal Nichols**. "Please partner with Red Top Cab as we help support this worthy cause."

Taxman Cometh

Don't look now, businesses, but City Hall is after your money.

Yes, it's that time of year again. This week, city officials mailed out the 2011 business personal property tax bills. Any business not receiving one by Sept. 15 should contact the city and request a duplicate copy or face the consequences.

That's the bad news. The good news is that businesses can now pay the bill at any of 71 Global Express Payment Centers throughout Northern Virginia, locations that include grocery stores and drug stores. For a fee, businesses can also pay by credit card online. Taxes are due on Oct. 5.

City officials use depreciation tables and original cost to estimate the value of what they call "business tangible equipment," everything from motor vehicles and machinery to computers and furniture. Alexandria collects more than \$16 million each year in business personal property taxes each year. Because of the weak economy, city leaders are expecting revenues from this tax to remain flat.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



A drawing of what the Clean Skies Foundation envisions for the waterfront, looking north from the riverfront.

The 25-Acre Question

Should redeveloped power plant be part of the waterfront plan?

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Careful what you wish for, the old saying goes. You just might just get it. That's the situation Alexandria finds itself in now that city officials have announced an agreement with GenOn Energy to permanently close the Potomac River Generating Station. That's the coal-fired power plant occupying 25 acres of prime real estate on the city's waterfront that city activists and elected officials have been trying to close for a decade. Over the last few months, negotiations culminated in an agreement to shut down the plant in October 2012.

Now that's cast a shadow over the city's controversial waterfront small-area plan.

Meeting this week at City Hall, members of the waterfront work group were divided about how to respond to the development. Because one of the major objectives of the plan is to guide redevelopment at three waterfront sites, some argued that it would be a mistake to leave out the 25-acre site. Others argued that although the land is within the scope of the intended planning area, the property is outside of the core.

"Yes, it's part of the waterfront," said Councilman Paul Smedberg, one of the leading advocates for the proposed small-area plan. "But it's quite a bit away from the core of what we're trying to address with this plan."

Several members of the work group suggested the panel's recommendations should include guidance about the parcel of land. Panel member Bob Wood suggested that failing to address the site would create strategic weakness, using transportation as an example. How can the plan address parking issues and traffic flow without considering a transportation terminus that could connect to a Metro station.

"At some point in time, the city is going to have to address the issue of how to rezone that property," said panel member Bert Ely. "That's a zoning issue, and it's something that we need to discuss as part of the waterfront plan."

LOOMING OVER the debate about what to do with the property is a proposal issued by the Clean Skies Foundation, a nonprofit funded by the natural gas industry. At a meeting of the National Press Club last month, foundation leaders outlined plans for a mixed-use development at the 25-acre site. Smedberg dismissed the proposal as a "PR ploy" by the natural gas industry aimed at undercutting the coal industry for its own financial gain.

"It's a fight that I personally don't think the city should engage in," Smedberg said. "We should be the ones to determine what happens with that site, not the Clean Skies Foundation."

Several members of the panel suggested that it would be a mistake to take up the Clean Skies Recommendations, which they said would lend undue legitimacy to a specious plan and muddle the debate. Others said it would be a mistake to ignore the proposal, which might include ideas that could inform the recommendations from the panel to the City Council, which are expected in early November. Members walked out of the meeting without resolution, with some members suggesting the foundation should present a briefing to the panel while others were opposed to that idea.

"Let's face it. Most of this plan has to do with the eight or nine blocks at the core," said panel member Nathan Macek. "It's a long way from the core of the area."

"There's a set of solutions we may at least want to understand and articulate," said panel member Bob Wood. "It's leaving a large portion of our plan undefined."

THE DEBATE ABOUT whether the waterfront small-area plan should include the 25-acre site closely mirrors the discussion before the agreement to shut down the power plant. Advocates for the existing plan say adding a major new parcel to the plan now would further delay the plan, suggesting that the city can engage in a separate planning process for the site, which is owned by Pepco. They say that environmental concerns from decades of pollution could add further delays, dragging out a process that could provoke property owners to engage in "by-right" development to bypass city demands in the permitting process.

"Developers are not going to sit around and wait

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Fundraiser for the Fallen Belle, a therapy dog belonging to 9-11 widow and Alexandria resident Lisa Dolan, is surrounded by children at the TAPS Good Grief Camp for children of fallen soldiers held Memorial Day weekend in Arlington. Dolan's husband, U.S. Navy Capt. Bob Dolan, was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. She will be holding a fundraiser Sept. 10 at Murphy's Irish Pub, 713 King St., to raise money for TAPS and the Pentagon Memorial Fund. \$10 admission and all proceeds will go to the nonprofit organizations. An hors d'oeuvre buffet will be available from 2-7 p.m. Cash bar, door prizes and live auction from 2 p.m.-midnight. Donations of goods and services for the auction are still being accepted. For more information, visit www.taps.org.

Remembering 9/11

BY MICHAEL CONNER

Like many of my comrades, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 is a day I will never forget. Working as chief fire marshal on what was a beautiful day on pretty much the entire East coast, I recall driving to work and hearing on the radio that President Bush was traveling to Florida to visit an elementary school. Like every other work day, I was trying to plan work assignments for my staff while en route to my office in City Hall. At the time, I was in charge of the property maintenance division of Code Enforcement Bureau.

After making the necessary assignments for staff shortly after 9 a.m., I traveled out into the field as I would typically do while trying to observe any areas of the city which needed enhanced code enforcement efforts. An immediate interruption on the national news alerted me to the horrific first strike on the World Trade Center in New York. I recalled that the fire chief was in a senior management staff meeting and probably unaware of the news. I immediately responded to his office and interrupted the meeting and made him and other senior staff members aware of the events. While there, the second strike in New York took place, thereby eliminating any question that this was an accident.

I returned to the street and began calling my supervisory staff to ensure they were aware of the events and requested they begin contacting other staff members. A short time later I was in the Alexandria area when I observed a plane making what appeared to be an unusual descent into National Airport.



COURTESY PHOTO

Shortly thereafter, a large plume of heavy black smoke rose over the horizon. Thinking there may have been another strike in our region, I immediately and instinctively responded in the direction of I-395 to investigate. While responding, I heard the Arlington County Fire Department begin to dispatch units to the Pentagon. Since rush hour had pretty much subsided, I arrived on the scene fairly quickly.

I approached the building on the side where the plane had struck near the Heliport. The site was unimaginable to say the least.

One of my first observations was the people in uniform leaving the building, many of them in tears. When you see your own military personnel that shaken it's time for concern.

As a Vietnam veteran, and one with 40 years of fire service experience, I had never witnessed such carnage.

Shortly thereafter, the fire chief asked me to return to the city and escort one of our command officers with hazardous materials experience to the scene. Even with my emergency equipment running, people from the Pentagon were trying to get us to stop. They were truly scared and shaken and so were we. It was a helpless feeling.

By the time we arrived back on the scene, some of the fire had been knocked down; however, it was apparent the rescue and recovery effort was going to take several days to complete. As I started to return to the city, I was able to witness our military and fire personnel affixing the American flag to the roof. Again, it's a day I'll never forget.

Michael Conner is a Vietnam veteran and retired chief fire marshal for the City of Alexandria.

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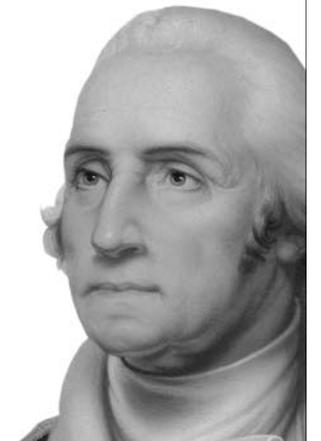
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HISTORY

On Its Way To Be 'A Place of Remembrance'

Family ties connect with Freedmen's Cemetery.

BY MARK MCHUGH
GAZETTE PACKET

The undeveloped patch of grassland overlooking the Capital Beltway at the south end of Old Town holds deep meaning for Alexandria-native Fran Burton.

With help from a genealogist, Burton, 62, recently unearthed the fact that two of her ancestors are buried at the historic Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery, a once neglected and now soon-to-be-renovated 150-year-old cemetery.

"It almost knocked me off my feet," Burton said about the discovery of the final resting place of her great uncle and a thrice-removed cousin. "It made me so dizzy that I had to catch myself. It brought out emotions I didn't even know were there."

The Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery opened in 1864 and, within just five years, more than 1,800 former slaves and United States Colored Troops were buried there.

Now, after decades of neglect and encroachment by highways and developers, the cemetery is slated to undergo a \$2 million facelift beginning this winter when a construction company begins building a memorial to those interred there.



Fran Burton

The term "freedmen" refers to African

Americans who had been freed from slavery by their owners. "Contraband" was a term used by the Federal government during the Civil War to describe a slave who escaped or was brought within Union lines.

Burton's freedmen ancestors came to light last fall with the help of world-renowned genealogist Char McCargo Bah, who has assisted the City of Alexandria to identify descendants of those interred at the cemetery.

William Henry Norton, who was buried there in 1866, is Burton's paternal great uncle. Leanna Robinson, interred 1865, is her maternal thrice-removed cousin. Both died in childhood.

Burton said that she suspected her ancestors were buried at the cemetery. "But I never expected to find someone that close to me [as a great uncle]," she said.

Burton, who now lives in Sacramento, Calif., feels that she owes it to her ancestors to discover more of their pasts.

"Something has happened that brought



The proposed "Place of Remembrance," a three-sided enclosure containing the recorded names of those interred in the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery at South Washington and Church streets. More than half those buried here died before their 10th birthday.



The proposed entrance to the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial at South Washington and Church streets. The years on the entrance facade indicate the federal jurisdiction of the site. More than 1,800 African-American men, women and children were interred onsite between 1864-1869.

me this far, and I am going to find out the rest of it," Burton said. "Things are falling into place, and it's time for their stories to be told."

TODAY at the corner of South Washington and Church streets, honeysuckle and roses crawl toward a chain-link fence. Glass bottle shards are scattered about the adjacent sidewalk. Placards attached to the fence state

"Most of the people here were destitute" and "More than half those buried here died by their 10th birthday."

While the Federal cemetery closed in 1869, it was likely used unofficially by families as a burial ground until the late 19th-century, according to historians. A brick company, while digging for clay on the cemetery's hillside in the 1890s, chanced upon human remains. In the 20th century,

a gas station and an office building were built on top of some of the graves.

Interest in the site was renewed in 1987 when City historian T. Michael Miller found an 1894 Alexandria Gazette reference to the cemetery. An advocacy group, Friends of Freedmen's Cemetery, formed soon after and pushed to preserve the site, particularly from disruption by construction of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The gas station and office building were demolished in 2007 and the site was rededicated as a cemetery soon after.

THE MEMORIAL is spearheaded by the City of Alexandria and the Friends of Freedmen's Cemetery, with funds the Federal Highway Administration and the Virginia Department of Transportation, and a grant from Save America's Treasures, a public-private partnership between the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

More than 200 architects and designers from 20 countries across the world competed for the memorial three years ago. Alexandria architect C.J. Howard took first place; second and third runners-up, respectively, were: Santosh Dhamat, Elizabeth Eubank, Solvita Marriott, Tracy Revis of Howard & Revis Design Services; and Paul Simon & Regan Harrold of Beals and Thomas, Inc.

The memorial will include a three-sided enclosure serving as a "Place of Remembrance" at the highest point in the cemetery. Bronze plaques on a wall will feature the names and time of death or burial of those interred. Stone markers will be placed at known grave locations. An arched entrance gateway from Washington Street will invite visitors to walk past grave locations to the centrally-located enclosure.

The Alexandria City plans to advertise for potential contractors, said Alexandria city engineer Emily Baker. "We will have a contractor on board this fall," she said.

Baker said construction will begin early this winter. "It will be before the end of the year," she said, when construction begins.

Pamela Cressey, the city archaeologist, said that archeological studies in the last decade found the locations of more than 500 of the 1,800 graves.

Cressey said that oftentimes only the shape of a grave remained in the soil. In other cases, only coffin hinges or the buttons of a shirt were left.

"The graves are closer to the surface than you might think," she said. "If they [the original grave diggers] did, in fact, dig six feet down, it's no longer there."

Cressey said that today citizens favor site preservation over expedited development. "I think it's the voice of descendants and the community that has altered the collective conscience of Americans," she said.

Baker said new commemorative memorial is a chance for the city to rectify past wrongs done toward the cemetery and those interred there.

"This is an opportunity for the City to correct this regrettable situation," she said.

LIVING LEGENDS

Fran and Gant Redmon Share Values and Commitment

Working together to improve the community.

BY DIANE BECHTOL

Arts advocates Gant and Fran Redmon have been partners in life, and dedicated volunteers together for more than 50 years. The two first met in the fourth grade in Illinois, and since, have collaborated in each other's educational advancements, projects, careers, raising a son, Gant III, and promoting cultural and civic affairs in Alexandria.

"We have shared values and enjoy being a team. We can't imagine not partnering with each other. It takes a lot of planning and work to have a partnership in life and in the community, but we expect to be on the go — that's when the outreach is going on," said Fran Redmon. "When you find your niche and do something about it, you've found your place ... We are positive people and are open to everything."

The couple has been married for 52 years and regularly open their home, Tall Oaks — which they consider to be the center of their lives together — for charitable, cultural and political fundraisers.

In partnership, the Redmons have chaired five Presidential inaugural balls, and numerous balls, galas and fundraisers for the Kennedy Center, the National Museum for Women in the Arts, Wolf Trap Associates, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and the Smithsonian Institution. They are patrons, members and advocates for more than three dozen local dance, music and theatrical organizations, museums, and schools, and community service organizers as diverse as the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Campagna Center, the Historic Al-

exandria Foundation, the Hospice of Northern Virginia, the Alexandria Lawyers Auxiliary, the Alexandria Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Alexandria Industrial Development Authority, plus neighborhood associations and fraternal groups.

THEIR COMBINED resumes fill multiple pages. Gant Redmon is a managing partner with Redmon, Peyton and Braswell, LLP, and specializes in estate and trust planning and administration, and commercial real estate and business transactions. His business and organizational affiliations include several Alexandria Chamber of

"You have to 'give and get' to raise the needed funds to keep your organization alive. Sometimes you get lucky and that's part of the exciting chase,"

— Fran Redmon

Commerce chairmanships, including the Alexandria 2000 and Beyond Task Force to develop a consensus future vision of Alexandria. He holds memberships on several bank boards of directors, bar association and fraternal organizations.

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce recognized him as Alexandria's Business Leader of the Year in 1995 and he has been recognized by the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Virginia Bar for his expertise in real estate law. Both of the Redmons were named the 2008 University of Illinois Alumni of the Year, the first time the distinction has ever been awarded to a married couple.

Fran Redmon has a bachelor of science degree in speech and dra-

matic education and is certified to teach both subjects. She continued her education in the arts through numerous board training seminars offered by the American Symphony Orchestra League and through the Greater Washington Cultural Alliance.

She is a trained soprano, "but these days, I just sing from the hymnal."

One of her most treasured accolades was presented to her in 2006 when the Alexandria Parks and Recreation Commission awarded her a citation "For Enhancing the Cultural Fabric of Alexandria through her Generosity and Dedicated Volunteer Service."

According to Fran Redmon, it was her youthful participation in the Miss America pageant network that opened her eyes to the possibilities for persons who marshal their talents and energies. She was first runner up in the Miss Illinois pageant and the winner of the talent competition, and notes that the Miss America pageant is still the largest scholarship program in the United States for women. When she was competing, Gant was at her side helping with

lighting and other logistical concerns, and in his early career as a lawyer, she coached him on presentation skills. "Education is the answer for everyone. Some people really do learn what college can do for you."

Fran Redmon had a modeling career and consulted in the fashion industry before the Redmons increased their time given to arts and community advocacy. Always working as a team, they chose a "fixer upper" in the Belle Haven neighborhood for their first Alexandria home. In the course of entertaining for causes, "we were always moving the furniture upstairs to make room."

Thirty-seven years ago, they moved to Tall Oaks, in Alexandria's Seminary community, a large gracious home which replicates the edifice of the Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton, N.C. It and the extensive grounds can accommodate as many as 250 guests at a time. The Redmons see the house as the base of their advocacy operations by offering it rent-free to selected organizations. "A lot of what we do is our choice. That doesn't mean that it is important to anyone else, but we hope so." The Redmons believe social connections pay dividends in friendships, fundraising and advo-



PHOTO BY STEVEN HALPERSON/TISARA PHOTOGRAPHY

Fran and Gant Redmon in their home, Tall Oaks, the center of their lives together.

cacy. People have to be so aware of the friendships they have and how we can help each other."

SELECTING ARTS and community advocacy was easy — it was what they knew. After decades of singing, dancing and acting in numerous Alexandria productions, Fran Redmon says that by the 1980s, it was time for her to "step on the other side of the footlights" to mentor others and teach leadership skills.

With Nancy Lavallo of the Alexandria United Way and Cheryl Anne Colton of the Alexandria Commission of the Arts, Fran created SPRINGboards, which provides professional experienced speakers for board development and training. For this work, Fran Redmon was nominated for a national medal from National Endowment of the Arts for her mentorship of community arts organizations. She has immersed herself in the intricacies of the 501c3 regulations for non-profit organizations to guide and mentor others.

"The arts are a patron-driven industry and to succeed, you always need to be asking what are you doing to make your board understand that," she said.

In times of tight municipal, state

and federal budgets, board members of non-profit organizations need to be proactive. "You have to 'give and get' to raise the needed funds to keep your organization alive. Sometimes you get lucky and that's part of the exciting chase," she said.

On a parallel track, while Fran Redmon was exploring the business aspect of advocating for arts, Gant Redmon was stepping up his community activism as president of the Alexandria Rotary Club in the 1990s, and more leadership responsibilities within the Virginia, Alexandria, and Fairfax Bar Associations and multiple local organizations. He has served as the chair of the Goodwin House Foundation since 2005, all while advocating in partnership with Fran.

"The arts are part of everything — including public speaking, music and teaching. Medically, they've been figuring that out for years — arts are good for your health and your community's health," Fran Redmon quotes Austrian-Bohemian composer Gustav Mahler as her profound inspiration. "Art's purpose is deliverance. If you are having a bad day and you listen to beautiful music, that does something for you and you are delivered, and that causes art to be part of your heart."

Living Legends: The Project

Now in its fifth year, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria's Living Legends.

The project was conceived by Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. Platinum and Gold

Sponsors this year are Club Managers Association of America, Erkiletian Real Estate Development, Inova Alexandria Hospital, Renner & Co., Rotary Club of Alexandria, the late Doug Thurman and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

This is one of a series of 12 profiles that will appear this year. For more information or to nominate a Legend for 2012, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

OPINION

Remembering Local People Who Died on 9-11

Excerpts from <http://pentagonmemorial.org/learn/911-pentagon>: "Sept. 11, 2001 was a warm, sunny day in Washington, D.C. That morning, five hijackers passed through security at Dulles International Airport at approximately 7:35 a.m. They boarded American Airlines Flight 77 bound for Los Angeles. At 8:20 a.m., Flight 77 departed Dulles International Airport 10 minutes delayed. When the plane took off, it had 64 people on board: a crew of six plus 58 passengers, including the five hijackers with their weapons."

"The last routine radio communication with American Airlines Flight 77 occurred at 8:51 a.m. It seems likely that between 8:51 and 8:54

a.m. over eastern Kentucky, the hijackers made their move and took over the plane.

"Immediately following the takeover, Flight 77 made an unauthorized turn to the south. At 9 a.m., the plane turned eastward from a point near the junction of West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky. "Tracking Flight 77 would not have been easy, even if controllers had been able to identify which plane to follow. Its transponder, a transmitter that broadcasts the course, speed, and altitude of the airplane, was turned off at 8:56 a.m. For air traffic controllers, the lack of a transponder signal meant they could not find the Boeing 757 until it crossed the path of a ground-based radar.

"At 9:33 a.m., Flight 77 turned south and

headed for the Pentagon. Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport tower passed to the Secret Service Operations Center in Washington, D.C. the alarming word that 'an aircraft is coming at you and not talking with us.' A minute later, the plane turned south below Alexandria, circled back to the northeast, and flew toward Washington again.

"At 9:37:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

"The Pentagon's on-site firehouse responded immediately to the crash. Firefighters from nearby Reagan National Airport and Arlington County Fire Department arrived within minutes.

"One-hundred-and-eighty-four lives were lost at the Pentagon that day."

EDITORIAL

Local People Who Died in Sept. 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks

The following list of people who lived in Connection Newspapers coverage area and died in the Sept. 11 2001 terrorist attacks, is compiled from multiple sources, including news reports, and is likely not complete. The Pentagon Memorial website offers photos and biographies of most people who died at the Pentagon. <http://pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies>

Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, Fort Belvoir, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Lt. Col. Canfield D. Boone, 54, Clifton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Charles Burlingame, 51, Herndon, employed by American Airlines, died on AA Flight 77
 Rosa Maria Chapa, 64, Springfield, employed by Defense Intelligence Agency, died in Pentagon
 Eddie A. Dillard, Alexandria, employed by Philip Morris, died on AA Flight 77
 Capt. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
 Charles A. Droz III, 52, Springfield, employed by EM Solutions Inc., died on AA Flight 77
 Gerald P. Fisher, 57, Potomac, Md., employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
 1st Lt. (Ret.) Richard P. Gabriel Sr., 54, Great Falls, employed by Stratlin Consulting, died on AA Flight 77
 Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Stanley R. Hall, 68, Centreville, employed by Raytheon, died on AA Flight 77
 Brady K. Howell, 26, Arlington, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
 Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr., 45, Burke, employed

by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Bryan C. Jack, 48, Alexandria, employed by Department of Defense, died on AA Flight 77
 Steven D. Jacoby, 43, Alexandria, employed by Metrolink, died on AA Flight 77
 Ann Judge, 49, Great Falls, employed by National Geographic Society, died on AA Flight 77
 Norma Cruz Khan, 45, Reston, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn., died on AA Flight 77
 Terence M. Lynch, 49, Alexandria, employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
 Ada L. Mason-Acker, 50, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, 53, Fort Myer, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
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 Patricia E. Mickley, 41, Springfield, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
 Khang Ngoc Nguyen, 41, Fairfax, employed by Navy contractor, died in Pentagon
 Barbara K. Olson, 45, Great Falls, attorney, died on AA Flight 77
 Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Capt. Jack D. Panches, 51, Clifton, retired from U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
 Lisa J. Raines, 42, Great Falls, employed by Genzyme Corp., died on AA Flight 77
 Todd H. Reuben, 40, Potomac, Md., attorney, died on AA Flight 77
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 Marjorie C. Salamone, 53, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
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 Janice M. Scott, 46, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Michael L. Selves, 53, Fairfax, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Diane M. Simmons, Great Falls, died on AA Flight 77
 George W. Simmons, Great Falls, retired from Xerox, died on AA Flight 77
 Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith, 55, Alexandria, retired U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, Alexandria, died on AA Flight 77
 Lt. Col. Kip P. Taylor, 38, McLean, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Leonard E. Taylor, 44, Reston, employed by XonTech Inc., died on AA Flight 77
 Sandra C. Taylor, 50, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Sandra D. Teague, 31, Fairfax, employed by Georgetown University Hospital, died on AA Flight 77
 Karl W. Teepe, 57, Centreville, employed by Defense Information Agency, died in Pentagon
 Meta L. Waller, 60, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Ernest M. Willcher, 62, North Potomac, Md., employed by Booz-Allen Hamilton Inc. died in Pentagon
 Maj. Dwayne Williams, 40, Lorton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
 Vicki C. Yancey, 43, Springfield, employed by Vredenburg Co., died on AA Flight 77.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More Density Like Wilmington?

To the Editor:

I am surprised to read that the opposition to the City's waterfront plan have reviewed the waterfront plans in Wilmington, N.C. which support a convention center and hotel, three garages.

From the Wilmington N.C. "Wilmington Vision 2020: A Waterfront Downtown Plan."

"1. Encourage the relocation of major industrial and shipping uses out of downtown.

Pharmaceuticals PD recently procured land for a new office complex at the north end of the waterfront. 2. Support an increase in hotel and convention develop-

ment to secure Wilmington as a business and tourism destination. Ongoing efforts to provide a new Convention Center along the River, including current negotiations to procure waterfront land for a convention center and hotel site."

I can only translate this to be the CAAWF want more density?

I continue to support the City's Waterfront plan which starts with the parks that exist today, adds 5.5 acres of parks, transforms warehouses into boutique hotels and creates a path to walk along the river, for all Alexandrian's and visitors to Alexandria

Lynn Hampton
Alexandria

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Philadelphia waterfront plan

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Dundee Youth Festival Creates International Bonds

BY IVA QUINT

As a 17-year-old, it is not common to be asked to represent your city at an international youth festival. But on Aug. 24, I traveled to Scotland with five of my peers to the Dundee Youth Festival, held in Dundee, Scotland, one of our fair city's sister cities.

We were accompanied by Mark Aleckson, a teacher at T.C. Williams High School, and Rose Boyd, personal assistant to Mayor Bill Euille.

Sponsored by Dundee's Sister Cities Association, the youth festival is a way for young people from Dundee's sister cities to meet each other and connect internationally. This year, the Youth Festival hosted delegates from Orléans, France, Würzburg, Germany, Nablus, Palestine, and of course, Alexandria.

The first day was typically Scottish, and indicative of the weather for the rest of our brief but wonderful time in Scotland: overcast, cool temperatures, and colder breezes coming off of the North Sea, which is visible from Dundee Law, an extinct volcano that overlooks the city and the surrounding countryside.

THE DELEGATES kicked off the next four days with a meet-and-greet dinner at our hotel, during which we met the Lord Provost John Letford of Dundee, many other welcoming City Council members and local Dundonians, and all of the other delegates from Dundee's sister cities.

After the dinner, we all collapsed into bed, exhausted after suffering through a day's worth of traveling, not to mention an earthquake.

The following morning, while the adult delegates went to Dundee's own historical museum, the McManus Art Gallery and Museum, the youth delegates went to



Lucas Lemma, Naroe Palacios Cruz, Iva Quint, Ashley Martin, Giuliana Mortimer and Christian Contreras with the Lord Provost John Letford of Dundee.

Dundee's Music Center, where we went with some other teens who were involved with Dundee's music program. After enjoying a morning with them, we had a lunch at the McManus Museum.

After our delicious lentil soup and sandwiches, we went to the World Schools Debating Championships, between Australia and Singapore.

After some enthusiastic verbal sparring between the two teams, Singapore celebrated their hard-won trophy and we delegates returned to the hotel to freshen up and set out for our tour of the RSS Discovery, a ship built in Dundee for the 1901 British National Antarctic Expedition. As we learned on our tour, the expedition was stunningly successful and is an important landmark in the record of exploration of the South Pole. The ship remains harbored in Dundee, and is a floating tribute to the city's history as a port city.

integrate this additional real estate into the plan. There are a number of ways this can be accomplished in order that the city and the citizens are able to reach an agreed upon solution on how the entire waterfront is to be developed.

Unfortunately, the Planning Director has her sights on finishing the current Waterfront Work Group sessions as rapidly as possible so that she can ordain that her original plan was best. She and Councilman Smedberg have crafted a Work Group schedule that belies any degree of sanity. During each of the projected three-hour sessions they intend for the Work Group to discuss no less than three to four major issues. During the last session they couldn't get any further than the flooding issue which is still unresolved. Until the City gets the Corps of Engineers involved in assessing their plan this issue will continue to remain open. If the Work Group process is to be retained, it must add no less than a dozen additional sessions so that all cogent issues

FOR THE YOUTH delegates, Friday was spent mostly at a youth seminar at The Shore, which is the center for young adults in Dundee. During the seminar, I had the pleasure of meeting more Dundonians, as well as bonding more fully with the other delegates. Our day was spent preparing presentations on our aspirations for the future, including both what we wanted personally to achieve in our lives and what we wanted for the world in general. During our group discussions and poster-making throughout the day, we discovered similarities between all of us that, despite our different upbringings, cultures, and countries, brought us together.

After our day of icebreaker games, posterboards, and bilingual banter, we were treated to a traditional fish and chip dinner by Dundee's Sister Cities, or Twinning, Association. After our delicious dinner we were treated to a rousing performance of

can be fully discussed and digested. To do otherwise, will subject the entire process to being labeled a meaningless exercise.

The last thing that we the residents of Alexandria need is to have some outside organization like the American Clean Skies Foundation dictate what will be developed on the GenOn site. They have suggested that we use 89,600 square feet for office space, 114,500 square feet for stores and restaurants, that we build 467 multifamily and 96 town house units, erect a 125-room hotel, create recreational and open space, and build a center for alternative energy start-ups and a museum of the newest power technologies. Since all of this was done under the cover of darkness and without any transparent citizen input it should be summarily rejected. We just don't need to consider any carpetbagger development proposals that don't include the desires and needs of the community. By the way, the plant is scheduled to be retired on the 1st of October 2012 or "if the plant is needed

"All Shook Up" by the Dundee Schools Music Theatre. The performers are from Dundee's secondary schools, and the program is run by the Dundee City Council's Education Department. The youth delegates were lucky enough to meet the talented cast after the show.

THE NEXT DAY was the Lord Provost's Youth Parade, in which all delegates participated, as well as close to 500 young adults from Dundee. Dozens of Dundee's youth groups, including the Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, and the Army Cadet Forces, as well as local musical groups. The many participants represented the diverse interests of Dundee Youth. The parade concluded in the City Square, where there were performances by local youth bands and dance troupes which had marched in the parade.

Our final day in the fair city of Dundee was spent at a multidominational service at St. Paul's Cathedral in the center of the city. A delegate from each city read a prayer in their language at the service, which found common ground between the different cultures that were represented in the cathedral. We also went to a final fundraising dinner, at which the Dundee Schools Music Theatre performed a selection of songs, and we closed the festival with traditional Scottish dances.

My time in Scotland was more than just a whirlwind of activities. While I was there, I genuinely bonded with other teens from all over the world, and I was not alone in enjoying my time there. Participant Giuliana Mortimer, a 17-year-old from Alexandria said, "I think the best part of the trip was all the people we got to meet. I made so many new friends from all over the world."

Fourteen-year-old Ashley Martin, also an Alexandrian, agreed. "My favorite part was learning about the different cultures of the people from Scotland, France, Germany and Palestine. The people there were warm-hearted and incredibly nice," she said.

beyond that date for reliability purposes, as soon as it is no longer needed." Talk about a squirrely escape clause! That means there is no exact date certain when we can expect the operations at the plant to be permanently shut down. The City had better make sure that the \$32 million in escrow funds are not returned to GenOn until the date the plant is officially closed. Otherwise, the plant could run indefinitely without the installation of any of the \$32 million of environmental improvements.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
Alexandria

Achievements And Challenges

To the Editor:
The following is an open letter to the community. Recently, the Virginia Department of Edu-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Stop the Music

To the Editor:

It looks as though a real quandary has been created with the recent news that the City of Alexandria and GenOn Energy have finally agreed to close the "old Mirant Plant". This albatross has been poisoning our airwaves for the past 62 years and without it we will finally be able to breathe clean air again. The quandary really centers on whether or not to include GenOn's 25 acres of land within the current Waterfront Plan. The planning area boundaries for the waterfront plan, as advertised in the City's latest version of the Waterfront Plan (page ix), includes the entire three mile waterfront from Dangerfield Island on the north to Jones Point Park on the south. Since the GenOn plant sits within that boundary, the plan must include that real estate. The Council should immediately call a halt to the current waterfront planning process and

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cation released the results of this past year's SOL testing. Before the scores were even published, the leadership of ACPS was analyzing the preliminary results and developing strategies to continue the positive growth of our schools. As school leaders, we recognize that the conversation regarding test scores and continuous improvement is rich and complex. It should not be reduced to sound bites and generic comments about the decline of our nation's schools. Education and the welfare of our community's children is serious business and deserves the attention of thoughtful educators and community members.

We are proud of our students' achievements. We celebrate their successes just as we take responsibility for the significant work that must be done.

Our work as school leaders is to ensure that each and every child who walks through the doors of our schools gets an excellent education. We make no excuses based on poverty, race, gender, special needs, or family status. Simply put, we welcome all students to our schools with the promise that we will do our best to provide them with a quality education.

The reality is that more than 55 percent of our students are designated as Free and Reduced Lunch, that our English Language Learner population has doubled in the past three years, and that our total student enrollment has increased by nearly 14 percent. This is our reality. It means that we have to adjust our work to ensure high levels of achievement for all.

All of our schools have developed programs and strategies designed to improve the academic achievement of all students and reduce the gap among our different sub groups. Although we have had varying success rates, it is clear from the data that significant progress is being made across ACPS. Just a few of the highlights include

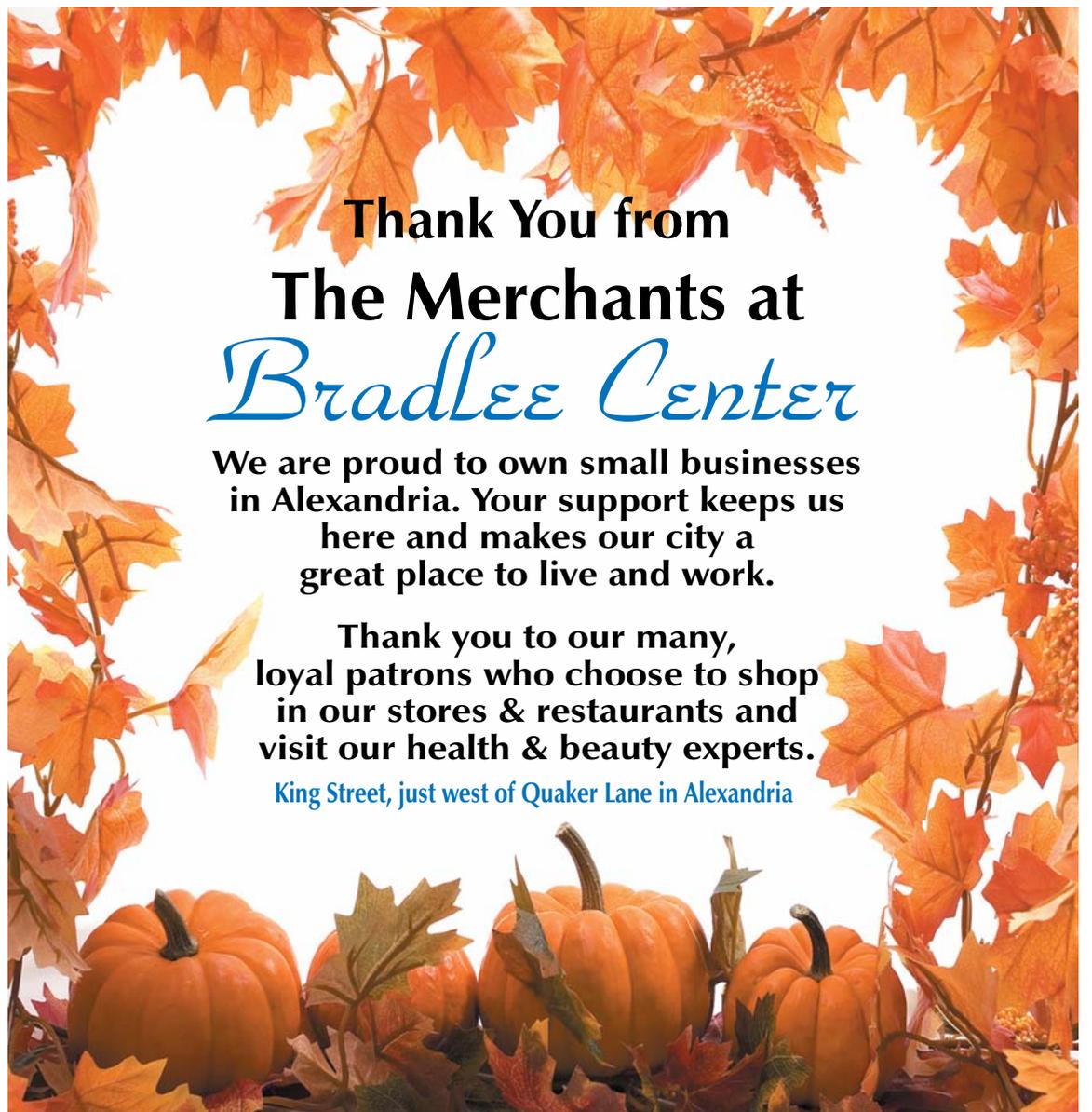
- ❖ Remarkable improvement in the first year of transformation at T.C. Williams High School as evidenced by the following:

- Reading scores were the highest ever: 94 percent passed the SOLs

- Writing scores were the highest ever: 93.85 percent passed the SOLs

- Math scores were the highest ever: 83 percent passed the SOLs

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— AP participation and test scores were the highest ever.

❖ Matthew Maury and Cora Kelly Elementary Schools are not only points of pride but also points of light as we learn from their successes. Maury's math scores improved by more than 13 percent; Cora Kelly had the highest math scores ever of any elementary school with 97 percent of their students passing state math assessments (no group of students scored less than 94 percent passing).

❖ Algebra I for eighth graders has gone from less than 20 percent participation four years ago to more than 50 percent participation this coming year, with a proud record of more than 95 percent of our students passing state Algebra assessments.

❖ Division-wide math scores continue to increase to a passing rate of 79 percent from 73 percent four years ago.

❖ Division-wide reading scores are at 83 percent, compared with 80 percent four years ago.

These results have been hard won. Many dedicated teachers, administrators, counselors, support staff, central office, parents, and community members have worked together to help our students improve on these standardized tests. But the scores do not measure all that is good in our schools. Every day, students interact with staff in a positive manner, participate in extracurricular activities, and find comfort, safety, and caring in our schools.

We know that we face many challenges. Our elementary reading scores are not moving in the right direction.

Special education scores continue to fluctuate in part due to the decreased use of the VGLAs as an alternative form of assessment; yet, it is clear that we have not made the progress we must for our special education students.

The doubling enrollment of English Language Learners in the past three years creates a strong imperative to improve programs in this area. Therefore, there will be a strong focus on language acquisition in all our schools.

But there is good news. When we have implemented strategic plans and applied focused resources, we have achieved amazing results. Our responsibility now is to build on what we have learned and accomplished. There is no bottom falling out; progress is being made one student at a time and will continue until the needs of every student are served.

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Keisha Boggan – Francis Hammond 1

Jason Sutton – Francis Hammond 2

Gerald Mann – George Washington 1

Linda Whitfield – George Washington 2

Rosalyn Rice-Harris – Jefferson-Houston School

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Seth Kennard – Charles Barrett ES
Dawn Feltman – Patrick Henry ES
Brandon Davis – Cora Kelly ES
Patricia Zissios – Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy
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Kevin West – George Mason ES
Lucretia Jackson – Matthew Maury ES
Tina Radomsky – Mount Vernon Community School
Pree-Ann Johnson – James Polk ES
Rosario Casiano – William Ramsay ES
Rene Paschal – Samuel Tucker ES
James Wilson – Detention Center

A Fitting Plan

To the Editor:

I read Nancy Morgan's Letter to the Editor in the Sept. 1, edition of the Alexandria Gazette.

I am always interested in what other cities with the privilege of a waterfront are doing for their residents and visitors and thank her for bringing Wilmington N.C. to the attention of Alexandrians.

For the purpose of full disclosure, I am one of the founding members of Waterfront4All (who supports the City's Waterfront Plan), and Ms. Morgan is a member of the Citizens for an Alternative Alex

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A Song for Mirant

To the Editor:

As a part-time resident of Alexandria, the power plant is a major part of my life since I live at Marina Towers and work on the other side of it at 1055 North Fairfax. During my walk along the Mount Vernon trail the muse struck me and this is the result.

This song commemorates the announcement that the Mirant power plant (renamed Gen-On) on the shore of the Potomac River in Alexandria, Virginia will close on Oct. 1, 2012 after years of vain attempts to close this plant that is antiquated and produces so much pollution.

Good-bye Mirant

(Sung to the tune of High Hopes)

Once there was a smoky old plant
 Tried to change its name from Mirant.
 Everyone knows a plant
 Can't
 Change its name from Mirant
 Cause its got high smoke
 In your eye smoke
 Coal-burned smell stinks like hell
 Choke and die smoke.
 So if you're breathing slow
 Stead of feeling low
 Just remember that plant and
 Oops there goes an old and smoky plant
 Oops there goes and old and choky plant.
 Say good-bye to all our friends at Mirant!

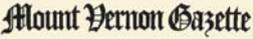
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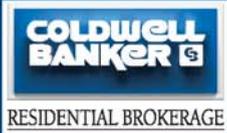
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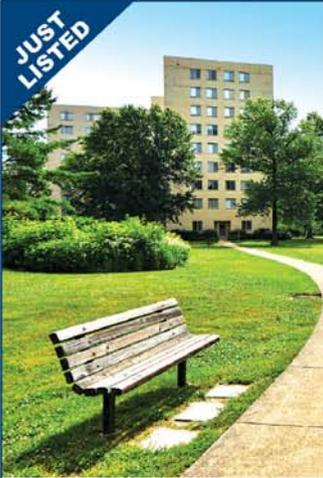
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LETTERS

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andria Waterfront Plan (CAAWP).

I went to the City of Wilmington, N.C. website and reviewed the documents pertaining to their waterfront development. What I found is not as Ms. Morgan described.

I am perplexed that Ms. Morgan missed the fact that an extensive amount of mixed use development is incorporated into their plan including a convention center, hotel, residential over retail, a marina, and other economic drivers, all incorporated in the Wilmington plan and located on the waterfront.

Unlike Wilmington, Alexandria already has existing parks along the waterfront. The Alexandria Waterfront plan replaces warehouses with three small boutique hotels, adds 5.5 acres of parks and provides public access linking the parks and public spaces along the river, an appropriate amount of development for our City. Key to the success of the Alexandria plan is it is self-supporting from the revenues generated by the hotels.

One of the major reasons I joined other Alexandria citizens to form Waterfront4All was to counter the extensive amount of misinformation produced by CAAWP.

This is another glaring example of how this group operates. Ms. Morgan clearly leaves the impression that commercial development is not occurring on the waterfront and that business revitalization is occurring by "not by putting the businesses on the waterfront (hotels, restaurants, etc.)". I invite anyone to go to the Wilmington N.C. website.

Spend some time to see what their plan entails, and come to the realization that the City of Alexandria Waterfront Plan is a good one, one that fits Alexandria's needs.

Dennis Auld
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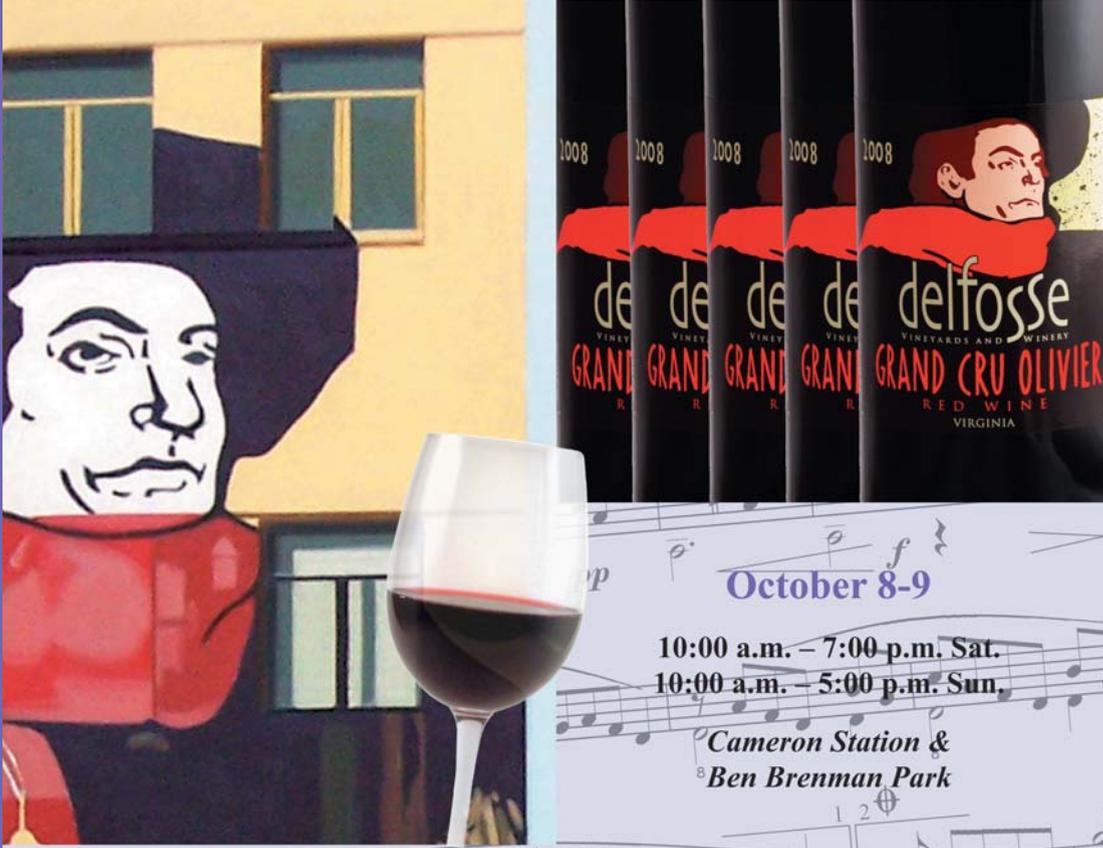
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NEWS

'We Will Never Forget'

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gene, who was teaching a seminar in Singapore.

Born in Pittsburgh, Steuerle was valedictorian of her class at Carnegie Mellon University and held a master's degree from Temple University and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. She left behind her husband and daughters Lynne and Kristin.



Sandra C. Taylor

Sandra Carol Taylor, 50, worked as a civilian for the U.S. Army for 30 years and at the Pentagon for almost 10.

Born in Somerville, Mass., Taylor was a tireless volunteer at the Hospice of Northern Vir-

ginia. At the time of her death, she was engaged to Timothy Dudgeon. Taylor left behind a daughter, Samantha Taylor.

Meta L. Waller

Meta L. Waller, 60, was a 12-year civilian employee of the U.S. Army at the Pentagon and was at her desk when the hijacked airliner struck the building.

Named after her grandmother, the African American sculptor Meta Warrick Fuller, Waller received a master's degree in government from Harvard University and was active in civil rights affairs. Her grandfather was Solomon Carter Fuller, the first African American psychiatrist in the U.S. Waller was predeceased by her husband and daughter Cheryl Lynne Coates.



HOME SALES

In July 2011, 186 Alexandria homes sold between \$3,500,000-\$65,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$3,500,000-\$405,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
311 SAINT ASAPH ST S	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$3,500,000	Detached	0.20	22314	OLD TOWN	
101 QUAY ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,750,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN	
406 HIGH ST	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,650,000	Detached	0.45	22302	OAKLAND	
17 WHARF ST	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,633,750	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING	
618 KINGS CLOISTER CIR	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,500,000	Detached	0.16	22302	KING'S CLOISTER	
708 FORDS LANDING WAY	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,340,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	FORDS LANDING	
38 WOLFE ST #25	2	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Townhouse	0.27	22301	HARBORSIDE	
12 BELLEFONTE AVE W	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,085,000	Detached	0.27	22301	ROSECREST	
600 SECOND ST #301	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,015,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	LIBERTY ROW	
212 LEE ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN	
400 UNION ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$900,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWNE	
601 WOODLAND TER	3	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$880,000	Detached	0.18	22302	JEFFERSON PARK	
1744 POTOMAC GREENS DR	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$870,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POTOMAC GREENS	
1687 HUNTING CREEK DR	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$835,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS	
2700 CAMERON MILLS RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$815,000	Detached	0.13	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS	
1308 DUKE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Townhouse		22314	THE DUKE @ OLD TOWN	
908 ELDON DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$789,900	Detached	0.15	22302	BEVERLY HILLS	
319 FAYETTE ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$785,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE	
3008 DARTMOUTH RD	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$780,000	Detached	0.28	22314	CLOVER	
5232 BESSLEY PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$770,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	CAMERON STATION	
2920 ARGYLE DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Detached	0.25	22305	MONTICELLO PARK	
1004 VASSAR RD	2	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Detached	0.29	22314	COLLEGE PARK	
718 S OVERLOOK DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.13	22305	BEVERLY HILLS	
406 PAYNE ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE	
2809 RIDGE ROAD DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$746,250	Detached	0.14	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS	
314 LEE ST S	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$744,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN	
719 FAYETTE ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$743,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	BRADDOCK LOFTS	
330 HELMUTH LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$739,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION	
905 CHALFONTE DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$734,000	Detached	0.14	22305	BEVERLY HILLS	
2151 JAMIESON AVE #1601	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$730,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS	
720 HENRY ST N	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Semi-Detached	0.02	22314	BRADDOCK LOFTS	
626 PATRICK ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$719,900	Detached	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA	
410 JEFFERSON ST	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$713,000	Townhouse	0.08	22314	YATES GARDENS	
402 LURAY AVE E	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.21	22301	DEL RAY	
1856 POTOMAC GREENS DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	POTOMAC GREENS	
1707 CRESTWOOD DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$699,900	Detached	0.13	22302	DYES OAKCREST	
275 MURTHA ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION	
318 PRINCE ST #10	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$678,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	PRINCE STREET CLUB	
2617 STEVENS ST N	5	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Detached	0.43	22311	WELLS	
409 QUEEN ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN	
402 ROYAL ST S	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN	
13 MASONIC VIEW AVE	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Detached	0.10	22301	TEMPLE PARK	
2812 VALLEY DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Detached	0.21	22302	DYES OAKCREST	
539 SAINT ASAPH ST S	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	TANNERY YARD	
1316 IVANHOE ST	6	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$645,000	Detached	0.24	22304	SEMINARY HILLS ESTATES	
1115 QUAKER HILL CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$645,000	Townhouse	0.07	22314	QUAKER HILL	
1713 MAPLE HILL PL	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Detached	0.09	22302	MAPLE HILL	
4919 BARBOUR DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION	
440 FERDINAND DAY DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION	
383 CAMERON STATION BLVD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$633,500	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION	
7 WYATT AVE W	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY	
2121 JAMIESON AVE #703	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS	
306 COMMERCE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$623,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	CHELSEA	
5236 BRAUNER PL	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$621,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION	
132 MARTIN LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$618,500	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION	
916 PENDLETON ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	CARRIAGE WORKS	
526 GIBBON ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$612,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN	
3112 HOLLY ST	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Detached	0.22	22305	MOUNT IDA	
543 SAINT ASAPH ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$599,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	TANNERY YARD	
204 PINE ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$588,000	Detached	0.13	22305	MOUNT IDA	
732 ROYAL ST S	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	YATES GARDENS	
12 CATON AVE W	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$579,900	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY	
200 SPRING ST E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$573,500	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY	
803 LATHAM ST N	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Detached	0.28	22304	BELLE WOOD	
3303 OLD DOMINION BLVD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Detached	0.14	22305	BEVERLY HILLS	
1600 PRINCE ST #403	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$562,500	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	1600 PRINCE STREET	
1216 PORTNER RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$559,900	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN	
1014 ROYAL ST #1014	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Townhouse		22314	WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA	

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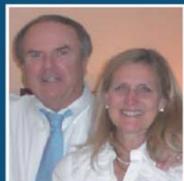
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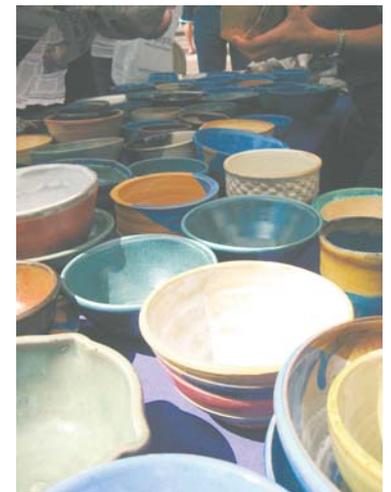
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The Art League will help kick off the festivities for the free Alexandria Festival for the Arts on Saturday, Sept. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. at Market Square.

2011 ICE CREAM BOWL FUNDRAISER
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Weekend Schedule
Sept. 10, 10 a.m. - noon: Kick Off Art Activity with Art League instructor Steve Prince at Market Square
Sept. 10 & 11, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser at Market Square
Sept. 10, 2 - 4 p.m.: Hands-on Art Activity with Art League instructor Steve Prince at Market Square
Sept. 10, noon - 4 p.m.: "Art Activated" Activity with Art League instructor Patrick Kirwin in the Torpedo Factory Art Center
Sept. 11, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Hands-on Arts Activity with Patrick Kirwin at Market Square.



CALENDAR

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

NOW THROUGH OCT. 31
Alexandria Arts and Crafts Fair. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Sunday. Features some of the areas' best artists and artisans and includes jewelry, glass works, ceramics and pottery, hand woven products, and other crafts. At St. George Gallery, 105 North Alfred Street, in the heart of Old Town Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30
Civil War Walking Tour. Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Covers the changing role of African Americans on the estate, views on George Washington from the perspective of Union and Confederate supporters, and the Washington-Robert E. Lee connection. At Historic Mount Vernon. These tours are limited in capacity and cost \$5 in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Visit www.MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

NOW THRU OCT. 31
Art Show and Sale. Sponsored by the Springfield Art Guild and the Friends of Green Spring Park. Opening reception is Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

THROUGH OCT. 31
Kaleidoscope. An initiative of the Alexandria Arts Forum and Access through the Arts, focusing on visual and performing arts in Alexandria from Labor Day to Halloween. Enjoy theater, music and dance performances as well as art exhibitions at locations throughout the city. Dates and admission prices vary.
www.ArtsKaleidoscope.com or www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8
2nd Thursday Art Night. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Fall for the Arts Browse Open Studios, interact with artists. Also the

Art League School's Life Size Papier-Mâché class, led by TFAA artist Lisa Schumaier, from the "Summer's Tide" exhibition, Site 2 & 3 Galleries. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

Stars & Stripes: A Police & Firefighters Tribute. 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$40/person. Outstanding police, firefighters, and EMTs will be honored. At Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-6925 or visit www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org
Isabella Perelman. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Part of the Second Thursday Music at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Fashion's Night Out Plus. 6 to 11 p.m. Catering to the Plus Size Community. At BeautyFull Boutique, 118 N. Fayette St., Alexandria. Visit <http://www.fnoplus.com>.
Book Sale Blast. 4 p.m. Beatley Central Library and Friends host a booksale at 5005 Duke St. through Sunday, Sept. 11.
Latin American Book Discussion Group. 7-8:30 p.m.
 This program features short stories written by Latin American authors which have been translated into English. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St.

Second Thursday Music. Jamie Potter & Amy J. Sullivan. 7 p.m. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9
9-11 Remembrance Ceremony. Noon. The City of Alexandria will hold a 10th anniversary of the events of Sept. 11, 2011. The ceremony will feature remarks from Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille, Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Police Chief Earl L. Cook, and Fire Chief Adam K. Thiel. The purpose is to give thanks and pay tribute to those who responded on 9-11. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria.
Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Ages 2 and under.

SEPT. 9, 10, 11
Book Sale Blast. Friday, Sept. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. Members-only preview Thursday, Sept. 8 from 4 to 8:30 p.m.
 Kids events on Saturday, Sept. 10!
 ♦ 10:15 to 11 a.m.: "Singing Books with SEE ENTERTAINMENT. PAGE 25



TUESDAY/SEPT. 13
Mediaeval Baebes. UK's number one selling classical vocal group. These songwriters, multi-instrumentalists and vocalists create their unique sound by drawing inspiration from medieval texts which are set to original scores with the use of both classical and medieval musical instruments. At The Birchmere in Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

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This year's annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour will benefit The Twig Surgical Center at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

The Twig Hosts Annual Home Tour

The Twig, the Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital, is having its 70th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour & Marketplace on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Six private residences and gardens in Old Town will be open to the general public. One of the homes featured on the tour is Duvall's Tavern where a reception for Gen. George Washington was held Dec. 31, 1783, after he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. From 1963-1990 the house was designer Frankie Welch's store, design studio, and family home.

The Marketplace will be held at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 316 South Royal Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature gifts, home décor, jewelry and handcrafted works by local artists. Light refreshments can also be purchased at the Marketplace on the day of the tour.

The honorary co-chairs for this year are celebrated Chef Cathal Armstrong and his wife, Meshelle. The Armstrongs own Restaurant Eve, The Majestic, Eamonn's, PX and the newly opened Virtue Feed & Grain.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35. To purchase tickets online, visit www.thetwig.org. Tickets may be purchased at The Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King Street and The Twig Thrift Shop, 106 North Columbus Street. On tour day, the ticket price is \$40 and may be purchased at the above locations, at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, and at any of the tour homes marked by the Twig Pine-apple.

All proceeds will go towards The Twig's most recent pledge, The Twig Surgical Center. Since its founding in 1933, The Twig has raised over \$2.5 million dollars for hospital projects and programs.

Talk of the Town

Boutique Block at 300 Cameron Street

The Wanderer knows every nook and cranny of this old town, but never tires of sharing his favorite haunts. Here, across from City Hall and steps away from a parking garage, is an entire block to while the day away. And, hidden within the block is a secret called The Nordford Court. Can life in Alexandria really be so full of pleasant surprises?

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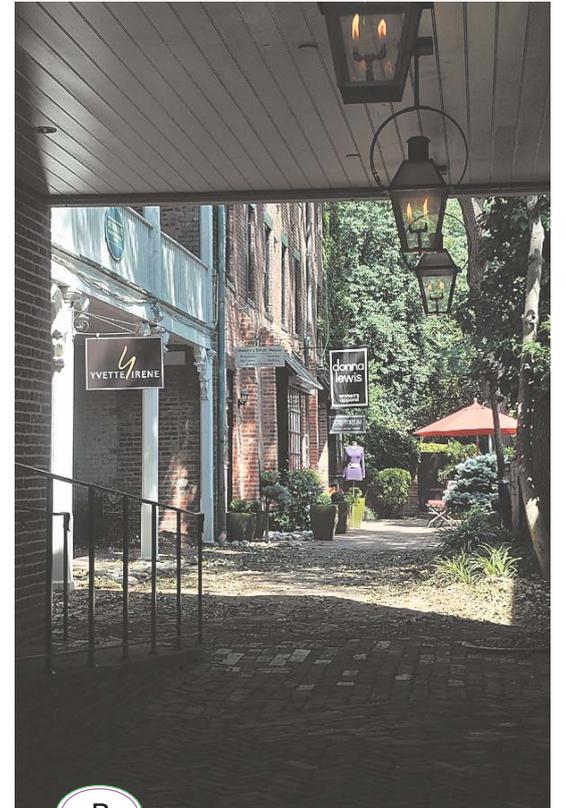
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OUT & ABOUT

Crafting Area's Beer Scene

Bill Butcher pioneers local brewing in Alexandria.

BY TED SEIFERT
THE GAZETTE

Since shipping its first keg on Feb. 1, 2011, Port City Brewing Company has quickly penetrated the local market. Bill Butcher, owner of Port City, credits the brewery's early success to a simple strategy — supply a quality product to a demanding market.

Three years ago, Butcher, a self-proclaimed locavore, discovered a striking absence of local beers in the D.C. area. Paired with increasing interest and respect for quality craft beers, especially among young consumers, Butcher saw an opportunity.

"The beer business has become more like the wine business," Butcher said. "Restaurants are putting more effort into creating extensive beer lists and consumers have greater respect for unique craft beers."

Butcher relied on his 18 years of experience in the wine industry to inform his transition to craft brewing. Understanding the fickle nature of consumers, Butcher set out to craft a high quality beer.

"We knew consumers would try our product because it was new and local, but it's a tough market," Butcher said, "If our beer was not as good as, or

better than, other beers people would go back to whatever they were drinking before."

To ensure the quality of his brew, Butcher enlisted Jonathan Reeves, a native of Montgomery County with 17 years of brewing experience and five Great American Beer Festival awards. "I knew we needed an experienced guy," said Butcher.

Butcher and Reeves collaborated



Optimal Wit on tap at Virtue.



Monumental IPA on tap at O'Connell's.

who I give a taste to end up going with it."

Currently, Port City beers can be found in about 170 restaurants and about 200 retailers in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

Butcher plans to utilize his 11,000 sq. ft. warehouse by adding 15 fermentation tanks to the four tanks already in use, and increase production from 5,000 to 25,000 barrels a year. Butcher hopes to distribute throughout the Mid-Atlantic while maintaining a local feel. Although the brand plans to expand, Butcher's emphasis will remain on producing a quality product: "It starts and ends with the quality of the beer."

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THE GAZETTE

to create four core beers — Essential Pale Ale, Optimal Wit, Monumental Pale Ale, and Porter. To date, Optimal Wit, a Belgium-style ale with layers of flavor, is the most popular beer, accounting for one-third of the company's production.

Port City is receiving a "great local response," said Butcher, "a great response from retailers and restaurants." The positive response Port City is enjoying points to both the pent up demand for local beer and the quality of the product. "People like to support Alexandria if they can," said Mike Saccone, a bartender at Virtue Feed and Grain, "We will always have Port City in-house whether on tap or in a bottle." Paul Smith, a bartender at O'Connell's Restaurant, which carries Port City's Monumental IPA, concurs, "Monumental is selling well. Most people



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Monumental IPA on tap at Southside.

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- Emily” with Children’s Author Emily Leatha Everson.
- ❖ 11 to 11:45 a.m.: Jane Harrington shares her book *Extreme Pets* and shows a pet or two.
- ❖ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Face-Painting with “Heavenly Face Designs” and “Cheeky Faces”.
- ❖ 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Lisa the Unicycle Lady and her “Wheely Wacky Circus Show”.
- ❖ 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.: Mr. Don and his amazing “Children’s Music Show”. At the Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1702.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Community Fun Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games, prizes, gifts, dunk tank, moon bounce, face painting, cake walk, great food, popcorn, candied apples, cotton candy, music and more. Free health screening. Sponsored by Woodlawn United Methodist Church at Faith United Methodist Church, 7010 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.woodlawn-umc.org. Contact: Rhona Powell at 703-360-9450.

Rock and Stroll to End Homelessness. 12:30 to 3 p.m. Event includes Help the Homeless Mini-Walk, BBQ lunch with entertainment by bluegrass sensation “Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen”, and games for all ages. Benefits six local nonprofit service providers — ALIVE!, Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Carpenter’s Shelter, Community Lodgings, New Hope Housing, and Wesley Housing. Registration: \$20 for youth to age 25 and \$30 for adults. Sponsored by Acacia Federal. At Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.wesleyhousing.org/RockStroll.htm

Washington Balalaika Society. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Presents An Ensemble of Russian folk instruments. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.balalaika.org. Call 703-549-0760.

Civil War Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$10/adults; \$5/children. The Carlyle House terrace will be transformed into a runway as fashion historians and living history interpreters describe the various



FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

Bottle Rockets. 7:30 p.m. with Marshall Crenshaw at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Ticket: \$27.50. See www.birchmere.com/

styles and types of clothing the models are wearing. At 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Reservations recommended, call 703-549-2997 or e-mail carlyle@nvrpa.org.

“The Will to Survive.” 4:30 p.m. Part of Movies with a Mission Series. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Toastmasters Open House. 8 to 10 a.m. Learn public speaking and leadership skills in a fun self-paced environment. At the United Baptist Church of Annandale, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Visit <http://guts.freestoasthost.us>

St. Luke’s Episcopal Craft and Family Fun Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Listen to music by local talent as you peruse unique arts and crafts created by the dozens of artisans and crafters. Sample pies, cakes and other delectables made by the congregation’s finest bakers, and stay for lunch — a hamburger or hot dog from the grill — while children enjoy games, face-painting and other festivities. Contact event cochairman Anne Hargrove at annehargrove@cox.net. At the church at 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

Art Activated. Noon to 4 p.m. Step inside from the street fair and let

your creative side play at this 5th annual event. Visual art comes alive with artist demonstrations and interactivity. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.TorpedoFactory.org; 703-838-4565.

Autumn Serenade. 5 to 7 p.m. Presented by the Alexandria Singers, this concert features selections of American popular music, including Broadway, film, jazz and pop; from Sinatra’s “Come Fly With Me” to Toto’s “Africa!” At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Visit www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com.

Ice Cream Social. 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Sponsored by MVDDC. Sponsorships are available at the following levels: One Scoop (\$25); Two Scoops (\$50); Three Scoops (\$60); Banana Split (\$100); Ice Cream Cake (\$200). At 8146 Wellington Road, Alexandria.

Bake Sale. 8 a.m. until sold out. All proceeds benefit INOVA Alexandria Hospital Surgical Services. At Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St., Alexandria.

8th Annual Doggie Day Swim. 3-7 p.m. Free. This summertime dip provides dogs with the opportunity to swim and play games in the Municipal Pool - Old Town Pool,

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SEPT. 8 – OCT. 3

Red Dots: Drawings by Shanthi Chandrasekar. Opening meet-the-artist reception is Thursday, Sept. 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, Old Town Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 11

“Satellite Images.” Free. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing and wall pieces will be exhibited. At Studio 18 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Old Town Alexandria.



SEPT. 16 TO OCT. 30

“Chaos Matters.” Works by J. Jordan Bruns. Opening reception Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Artist’s talk at 6 p.m. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 25

So Yoon Lym: The Dreamtime. Artist uses hair and braid styles to make statement about immigration and diversity. Reception and artist

FINE ARTS

talk on Sept. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. At the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 30

River Farm Exhibition. River Farm, the historic property near Old Town Alexandria which houses the American Horticultural Society, has opened its newest botanically-themed exhibition. Admission is free, though donations are welcome, and gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. The property is closed Sundays. This show features paintings by Juleen Stacy, who also curated the show, as well as photography by Deb Booth, Brian J. McGahren and Dave Costa. The Opening Reception will be held Thursday, July 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For directions go to River Farm’s website, http://www.ahs.org/river_farm/directions.htm.

THEATER

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SEPT. 16 TO OCT. 2

Two Plays by Christopher Durang. "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You" and "The Actor's Nightmare." Presented by the Port City Playhouse. Opening night is Friday, Sept. 16, with performances on Saturday, Sept. 17; Friday-Saturday, Sept. 23-24, and Sept. 30-Oct. 1; Tuesday, Sept. 27; and Sunday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. At The LAB at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-838-2880 or visit www.portcityplayhouse.com.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 16

"The Hollow." Based on the Book Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving. (Book by Hunter Foster; music and lyrics by Matt Conner), to be directed by Signature Theatre's Associate Artistic Director Matthew Gardiner. At The Signature Theater. At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Visit www.signaturetheatre.org or call 703-573-SEAT (7328).

NOW THROUGH OCT. 16

"The Boy Detective Fails." Book by Joe Meno (based on his best-selling book); Music and Lyrics by Adam Gwon; Directed by Joe Calarco. At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Visit www.signaturetheatre.org or call 703-573-SEAT (7328).



SEPT. 8 TO OCT. 16

"Savage in Limbo." The contemporary classic by Award-winning playwright John Patrick Shanley, starring Natascia Diaz. Performances are Thursdays and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 to \$50. At MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria. TKTS 800-494-8497 or visit www.metrostage.org, Groups/Info 703-548-9044.

SEPT. 9 TO OCT. 8

"The Country Girl." Presented by the American Century Theater. Show times are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. There is no matinee on Saturday, Sept. 10, and no performance on Friday, Sept. 23. TACT will also host a post show talk-back on Thursday, Sept. 15. At the Gunston Theatre II, 2700 South Lang St., Arlington. Tickets can be ordered online at www.americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555.

SEPT. 10 TO OCT. 1.

"Rabbit Hole." Written by David Lindsay-Abaire. Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m.

Cast includes: Andy Izquierdo (Howie), Karen Jadlo Shotts (Becca), Rebecca Lenehan (Nat), Rebecca Phillips (Izzy) and Collin Chute (Jason). At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or 703-683-0496.



SEPT. 13 TO OCT. 9

"Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South." Tickets are \$41. One-Man Show Written and Performed by E. Patrick Johnson. At Signature's ARK Theatre in Arlington. Call Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visit www.signaturetheatre.org.

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BOOKS

Local Author Researches History of Fort Myer

“Images of America — Fort Myer”

BY ABIGAIL GEIGER
THE GAZETTE

When historian, author and photographer John Michael of Alexandria found a handwritten letter, sandwiched between two photographs, written by former president Abraham Lincoln to a General Joseph Totten, he couldn't believe his eyes. This was just one of many discoveries Michael found when researching for his new book, “Images of America - Fort Myer.”

It started when Michael moved to the D.C. area in the 1990s and met a retired Special Forces colonel. As this man became the “brother he never had,” Michael became increasingly interested in the military and its history. For seven years, Michael would walk around the historic battle sites, and recently, he became more infatuated with the Fort Myer area and its significance in military history.

AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES in College Park, Md. he found the note written



Author John Michael writes about the hidden history behind Fort Myer.

by Lincoln to his close friend Brigadier General Totten (posthumously Brevet Major General), a respected chief engineer

throughout the 19th century.

Throughout his research, Michael discovered a number of facts about Fort Myer. Originally named Fort Whipple after Brevet Major General Amiel Weeks Whipple who died during the American Civil War in 1863, the fort was renamed after Brigadier General Albert J. Myer, who created the first Signal Corps station there in 1869.

It was at Fort Myer when the Wright Brothers were commissioned to fly and where military aviation was inspired nearby in College Park, Md. The “three sisters” — the three radio towers — were first stationed here that has become recognized as the first radio communication station.

The first long-distance call was made here, from Fort Myer to D.C. There was a cavalry at Fort Myer — almost 1,500 horses there at one point. Two of General of the Armies John J. Pershing's horses are buried there.

“I've found my niche in the military and in the idea to make the public know what the military has done and continues to do for the country,” Michael said.

WHEN THE ATTACKS of Sept. 11, 2001 occurred, Fort Myer was the first to respond to the attack on the Pentagon.

“It's amazing how many of these accom-

plishments and milestones have gone unnoticed,” Michael said. “It's truly something special, and one of my things is, the army is very humble about what they do. They're not flamboyant about their accomplishments. They're not out there pounding their chests like some of the other folks that we as a society idolize.”

Michael now has become involved with the military and military groups, including the TAPS program, which provides comfort for those left behind when loved ones die during their military service, and the Golden Knights, a group of military parachutists.

“When I have time, I help out within the military,” Michael said. “I recognize what sacrifice they are making. You and I can be sitting here chatting and not have to worry. Every time I walk through Arlington cemetery, I see each of these stones has a story that can be told.”

In this new book, Michael honors the unsung heroes and the quiet revolutionaries of the history of the military. General Totten and General Myer, along with a number of accomplishments, are part of his detailed account of the history of Fort Myer.

“You know, it's one of those things, it's been overlooked all of these years,” Michael said. “It's been waiting for me to come along and write a book about it.”



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Green Spring Gardens Programs. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Meet Johanna Zinn from the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. The cost is \$20. 10 a.m. to noon: Venture into the gardens with propagation horticulturist Mary Frogale. The cost is \$22. 2 to 3 p.m.: Hunt for monarch butterflies. The cost is \$6 without the kit and \$12 with the kit. Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. To register, call 703-222-4664 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.

SEPT. 10 AND 11

Alliance for Liberty: Military Encampment. Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In September 1781, General Washington and French general Rochambeau traveled to Mount Vernon and created a bold strategy which led to the siege of British forces at Yorktown. In commemoration of the 230th anniversary of this historic visit, Mount Vernon will come alive with hundreds of Revolutionary War re-enactors, including "General Washington" and "General Rochambeau." Alliance For Liberty: Military Encampment is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; children ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free. At Historic Mount Vernon.

Children in the Churchyard. 1 to 4 p.m. Historic Christ Church presents family friendly activities, rest area and moon bounce. At Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Alexandria. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com; 703-549-1450

Alexandria Festival of the Arts. Free. Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring 200 artists offering an eclectic mix of artwork,



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live music and interactive art activities. Also featuring an Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser presented by The Art League and the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Located in Old Town, on Historic King Street from Washington Street to the Potomac River waterfront. Navigational address: 480 King Street, Alexandria. Visit www.artfestival.com or www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com or call 561-746-6615.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Spacious Skies: A Remembrance. A piano recital on the 10-year anniversary of 9/11. Steinway artist Robert Wyatt takes us on a musical journey, from the works of Schumann and Schubert to Scott Joplin and George Gershwin. Suggested donation \$20. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with Civil War Sundays at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St.

Waterfront History Tour. 3-4 p.m. City Archaeologist Pam Cressey will give a free walking tour exploring the history of Alexandria's waterfront, at City Marina, 0 Cameron St.

MONDAY/SEPT. 12

The Wranglers with Jimmie Dale Gilmore. 7:30 p.m. With a focus on classic songs With heirloom music. At The Birchmere in Alexandria.

SEPT 12 THROUGH DEC 19

Tavern Toddlers. Mondays between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Cost is \$7/group of three. A five-visit pass is \$30. A weekly open playtime and a new craft activity each week. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Old Town Alexandria. Call

703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

SEPT. 13, 20, 27

Open auditions for all voice parts with the Alexandria Singers are being held on Sept. 13, 20 and 27. Contact audition@alexandriasingers.com for an appointment, or call 703-941-SING. Visit www.alexandriasingers.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

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At The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Foster Parent Orientation. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-5858 or email

Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov. Tuesday, September 13

Belvoir Officers' Spouses' Club hosts its annual membership drive and information fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Room of the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club, 5500 Schultz Circle, Fort Belvoir. This free event is open to military spouses of all services whether active duty or retired. Sixty vendors and organizations will be represented including the Kennedy Center, Mount Vernon, Potomac Nationals, USAA, Tricare, National Military Family Association and the USO. Handcrafted items will be available for purchase, complimentary refreshments served and prizes drawn for members. Visit belvoirosc.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

French Wine Tasting. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Focusing on wines from the French region of Burgundy. Tasting will be led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar; tickets \$25/person. At Lee-Fendall

House Museum & Garden. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Home Modification. 10 a.m. Greg Sieb from Granting-You-Access will be presenting information on home modifications. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. To reserve a seat, call 703-765-4573.

DJ Dance Party. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

Stroke and Osteoporosis Screenings. Cost is \$139 for all five screenings, which take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. At Manchester Lakes Senior Apartments, 7131 Silverlake Blvd., Alexandria. Visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Call 1-877-237-1287.

Beginner Pilates Class. 8:15 to 9:05 p.m. Free. Discover the wonders of Pilates at Studio Body Logic, now celebrating its 15th birthday! New students only and reservations required. Contact studiobodylogic@earthlink.net to reserve your spot. Studio Body Logic - Del Ray, 2417 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. www.studiobodylogic.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Bottle Rockets. 7:30 p.m. With guests Marshall Crenshaw. Cost is \$27.50. At The Birchmere, 3710 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Music for Flute and Harp: Carole Bean with Elizabeth Blakeslee. 8 p.m. Works by Ravel, Piazzolla, Borne, Jongen. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington, Old Town Alexandria. \$15 admission payable at door. Visit <http://www.alexperformingarts.org> or call 703-505-0700.

Write. Speak. Live. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Spoken word poetry events at the Athenaeum. Shelly Bell, director of Seven City Art Society, will produce and host the event conducting scheduled artists along with an open mic. At 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

SEPT. 17 AND 18

Colonial Market & Fair. Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event also features 18th-century entertainment including music, fire-eating, sword-swallowing, puppet and magic shows. This weekend only, Potomac River sightseeing cruises, courtesy of Spirit Cruises and Potomac Riverboat Company, are



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free-of-charge. The Colonial Market & Fair at Mount Vernon is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; children ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free. At Historic Mount Vernon.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Alexandria Story Festival. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Join in celebrating the magic of stories. At 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Visit www.AlexStoryFest.com.

Author Brooke C. Stoddard. 2 to 5 p.m. The Alexandria resident will sign copies of his new book, *World in Balance: The Perilous Months of June-October 1940*, at The Hangar: Aviation Specialties. At 1325 King St., Alexandria.

Virginia Grand Military Band. 8 p.m. Admission is \$20. At the Rebecca S. Wilburn auditorium at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. Call 703-426-4777.

Art and Craft Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring 35 artists and crafters both inside and outside the church building. Handmade books, paintings, clothing, jewelry, fused glass, pottery, decorative items, knitted and crocheted items, food, raffle, shopping. At St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road, Alexandria. Call 703-780-3081. Visit www.stjamesmv.org.

Bikes for the World Collection. 9 a.m. to noon. For his Eagle Scout project, Thomas Gigure is collecting unused bikes to donate to Bikes for the World. A \$10 donation per bicycle to handle the overseas transportation is encouraged. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Contact Thomas Gigure at 703-915-6215 or gigure3@cox.net.

Annual Recovery Fest/BBQ Cook-Off. Noon to 5 p.m. Live bands, community organization info tables, vendors, KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Cook-Off, kid's activities and more. Sponsored by the McShinn Foundation; last year's event drew 7,000 people. At Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Visit www.mcshin.org.

Community Yard Sale. 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seller set-up from 6 to 7 a.m. Cost is \$15/space for sellers. Sponsored by the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees). Sellers may sell anything legal (appliances, clothing, toys, books, etc.) except for food and drinks. Go to www.alexjaycees.org for directions, other dates, registration information, and seller rules. At Anthony Lane Elementary School, 7137 Beulah Street, Alexandria. Call 703-866-7171.



SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Washington Balalaika Society. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Presents An Ensemble of Russian folk instruments. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.balalaika.org. Call 703-549-0760.

‘Savage in Limbo’ To Open Metrostage’s Season

Notes from the Artistic Director

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN

Choosing a compelling season lives with an artistic director year-round. It is a constant search, an endless puzzle, piecing together writers, actors, directors, and creating eclectic, intriguing plays and musicals that will show the range of theatrical experiences possible in our small intimate theatre tucked away in a parking lot in North Old Town. What shows will serve the audience as well as the actors and the work — especially the further development of new work?

So we are opening our season with a contemporary classic, “Savage in Limbo,” by one of the finest writers of our day, John Patrick Shanley. (Remember the film “Moonstruck” or the more recent Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning play “Doubt”?) Then for the holidays, returning by popular demand — “A Broadway Christmas Carol” — with one of its original Scrooges and a MetroStage favorite, Michael Sharp. We are already working on the further de-



Natascia Diaz in “Savage in Limbo,” which opens Sept. 8 at MetroStage.

velopment of a newly adapted work, “Josephine Tonight,” based on the early years of Josephine Baker, with the brilliant, the iconic Maurice Hines as both director and choreographer. A reading in New York followed by a two-week workshop this fall

will precede the actual rehearsals that will begin early January. It is an exciting and rewarding process for a theatre like MetroStage that has successfully launched several new works that are being produced around the country.

This spring we are slipping in the limited run of a riveting show about a family’s courageous escape from Cuba. I discovered this one-man show and could not resist sharing it with our audience. “Be Careful! The Sharks Will Eat You!” is emotionally resonant and still timely today as families continue to seek out America for a better life. And, finally, “Playing Sinatra,” the U.S. premiere of a fascinating, intriguing play by the British playwright, poet, and writer Bernard Kops.

A live stage to bring such varied experiences and opportunities to our actors, audience and playwrights is certainly reason to search year round for just the right mix for another eclectic, unforgettable season.

A few weeks ago as I headed for the first rehearsal and the first read thru when all the actors are together with the director for the first time — it really did feel like the first day of school with all of the anticipation and excitement of that day. The only thing missing was the new pencil box — and the stage manager probably did have some freshly sharpened pencils for the occasion. Now four weeks have flown by and we are ready to open “Savage in Limbo” with an amazing ensemble and a play that is as current and timeless as it was 25 years ago.

ASO Prepares Its 2011-2012 Season: ‘Music of Dreams’

The end of summer doesn’t just mean back to school or a drop in the temperature: it is also signals the start of a new season of music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Entitled “Music of Dreams,” the 2011-2012 season, led by Maestro Kim Allen Kluge, will begin on Oct. 8-9 with the world premiere of David Balakrishnan’s Force of Nature, performed on cello by the composer’s fellow Turtle Island Quartet member Mark Summer. Balakrishnan will perform violin on another of his original compositions, Little Mouse Jumps.

Other performers this season include Thomas Mastroianni performing Liszt’s transcription of Schubert’s Wanderer Fantasy on Nov. 5; Richard Stoltzman on Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto Feb. 11-12, and Carlos Rodríguez rounding out the season on May 19 with a performance of Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2.

Repertoire highlights throughout the year include Berlioz’s Symphonie fantastique; Symphony No. 3, Organ by Saint-Saëns;



Mozart’s Requiem; Stravinsky’s Firebird Suite; and The Planets by Holst.

ASO’s “Music of Dreams” season will include the return of violinist Midori, who most recently appeared with the orchestra in 2006. In addition to performing Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto on March 31 and April 1, she will also spend the week of March 26 in the high schools of Alexandria

and Arlington as part her Orchestra Residencies Program. The ASO was one of two orchestras in the United States personally selected by Midori and her staff for this honor in 2012.

The ASO will also bring back several of its other annual events in 2011-2012: the Children’s Holiday Concert at St. Paul’s in Old Town, Alexandria and the Children’s

Arts Festival in spring of 2012. As in past seasons, the Symphony will continue with its \$5 youth tickets to all concerts.

All classical subscription concerts will take place at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Parking is free to all ASO patrons. For more information, visit alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

The ASO 2011-2012 Season

Saturday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 9, 3 p.m.
 Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
 David Balakrishnan, violin and Mark Summer, cello, members of the Turtle Island Quartet
 Balakrishnan: Little Mouse Jumps
 David Balakrishnan, violin
 Balakrishnan: Force of Nature*
 Mark Summer, cello
 Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique
 *world premiere

ASO and Saint-Saëns’s “Organ” Symphony
 Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m.
 Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
 Thomas Mastroianni, piano
 Schubert/Liszt: Wanderer Fantasy
 Thomas Mastroianni, piano
 Saint-Saëns, Symphony No. 3 in C minor, “Organ”

ASO, Richard Stoltzman, and Mozart’s Requiem
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, 3 p.m.

Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
 Richard Stoltzman, clarinet
 Alexandria Choral Society
 Metropolitan Chorus
 Mozart: Clarinet Concerto
 Richard Stoltzman, clarinet
 Mozart: Requiem

Midori with the Alexandria Symphony
Saturday, March 31, 2012, 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 1, 2012, 3 p.m.
 Kim Allen Kluge, conductor

Midori, violin
 Mendelssohn: Concerto for Violin
 Midori, violin
 Stravinsky: Firebird Suite

Alexandria Symphony presents The Planets
Saturday, May 19, 2012, 8 p.m.
 Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
 Carlos Rodríguez, piano
 Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2
 Carlos Rodríguez, piano
 Holst: The Planets

NEWS

Reflections of 9/11 at Arts Festival

Many of the artists participating in the 9th Annual Alexandria King Street Festival of the Arts this weekend will be paying tribute to the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with special artwork inspired by the tragedy as well as with patriotic themed art.

Dan Albright - www.danalbright.com
Photograph of the American Flag - Depicts the drama and optimism of the American people.

Carol Boucher - www.carolboucher.com
2-panel vertical painting titled "Lake Champlain Fraternal Twins Diptych" representative of the Twin Towers.

The artist's objective was to personally heal and promote healing for others.

Joseph Craig English - www.josephcraigenglish.com
Serigraph titled "Washington Street" captures an overwhelming demonstration of patriotism in the days following 9/11 as experienced by the artist while in Alexandria.

Kat Hogan & Jerome Ellis - www.purrdeux.com
6-foot wide x 4-foot tall sculpture of NYC titled "Living Color" - Captures the vibrant spirit of the city that continues to thrive despite enduring tragedy and loss on Sept. 11, 2001.

Susan Loy - www.literarycalligraphy.com
Hand-lettered compelling illustrations of the amended US Constitution

Patrick Reynolds - www.angelartist.com

"Heavens Hues America" - An angel painted as a symbol of freedom, bearing the weight of loss and pain; with her tears she heals the wounds of the torn and broken ones.

Janet Searfoss - www.searfossbatiks.com
Batiks titled "Peace and Hope" - symbolic of the Statue of Liberty & "Sacred Energy" - symbolic of the survivors. Janet Searfoss believes that art allows for insight and healing, therapy for the soul.

Faye Vander Veer - www.fayevanderveer.com
Oil Painting depicting an elderly gentleman observing a Veterans' Day Parade - Inspired by the dignity, honor and grace in the subject's face as he holds an American flag, the artist pays tribute to this patriot as well as appreciation for his service to the USA.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET

After draping the south wall of the Pentagon following the terrorist attack, Old Glory was walked through Alexandria at the 2002 St. Patrick's Day Parade by members of the Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax County, Prince William County, Washington Airport and New York City fire departments.

9/11 Tributes

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony. 12 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. The City of Alexandria will hold a 10th anniversary of the events of Sept. 11, 2011. The ceremony will feature remarks from Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille, Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Police Chief Earl L. Cook, and Fire Chief Adam K. Thiel. The purpose is to give thanks and pay tribute to those who responded on 9-11.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

National Day of Service and Remembrance. 9:30 a.m. Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Join the 9/11 Tribute Movement with Mason Neck State park as they host charitable activities to honor the 9/11 victims, survivors and those that rose in service in response to the attacks. Volunteer to clean the park shoreline, by collecting trash and debris that washes up along the Potomac River watershed. The river clean-up begins at 9:30 a.m. Afterwards, a dogwood tree will be planted in a dedication ceremony in honor of the fallen heroes and their families affected by the 9/11 tragedy, as well as a moment of silence for all our heroes at war. In conjunction with the ceremony, the Gunston Fire Department, Station #20, will give safety lessons, a tour of the fire engine and fire safety demonstrations. Meet the Combat Veterans of America Motorcycle Club when they bring their Harleys for show and demonstrations. Free, parking fees apply to general public. VirginiaStateParks.gov or 703-339-2384.

10th Anniversary Rededication Ceremony. 4 p.m. The Memorial Garden at Wilton Woods was created after 9/11 as a place where the public can come and find peace and beauty. Police Chief David Rohrer and Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay will be speaking. Co-sponsored by Wilton Woods Civic Association and the Wilton Woods Garden Club which maintains the garden. 3800 block of Ivanhoe Lane, Wilton Woods, Alexandria. Visit www.gwwca.org/v1/memorial_garden.shtml.

9/11 Tribute. 7:30 p.m. Arlington County will honor the 184 lives

lost during the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the Pentagon. At the Air Force Memorial — overlooking the Pentagon Memorial — the event that will include the U.S. Air Force Band Brass Quintet Ensemble, Joint Armed Forces Color Guard, Arlington County Combined Honor Guard, Wakefield High School's a capella choir "The Madrigals," Macedonia Baptist Church Music Ministry, and a commemoration by the Pentagon Memorial Fund's Jim Laychak. This event is free and open to the public.

Police/Fire/Sheriff 9-11 Memorial 5K. 6 p.m. The route starts/ends in Crystal City, Arlington and runs by the Pentagon. The run benefits a variety of charities related to Sept. 11 and military families. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. the following roads will be closed:

- * Army Navy Drive, between South Fern Street and South 12th Street.
- * South 12th Street, between Army Navy Drive and Crystal Drive.
- * Crystal Drive will be closed from South 23rd Street to South 12th Street.

Red Top Cab will donate \$1 for each ride dispatched on the upcoming anniversary, along with contributions from drivers and employees, to the 10th Annual Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff 9-11 Memorial 5K. All proceeds will go to 9-11 related charities such as the Wounded Warrior Project and the Fisher House.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee Annual 9/11 Ceremony. 7 p.m. Great Falls Village Green, 768 Walker Road, Great Falls. Remembering especially the six citizens of Great Falls who died when Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. Choir members from Christ the King Lutheran Church, Great Falls United Methodist Church, and St. Francis Episcopal Church will join to pay tribute in song to those who died. Open to all. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Great Falls United Methodist Church. eheberg@cox.net.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. 9:45 a.m. On the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St, N.E., Vienna. With speaker Colonel David A. Lapan, USMC. Sponsored by American Legion Post 180 in cooperation with the Town of Vienna. 703-938-9535.



Scenes from 10 Years Ago

Candles glow at the conclusion of the Alexandria Community Remembrance service.

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The bulletin board at the Alexandria Fire Department headquarters was laden with thank you cards in the days and weeks after the attack.

The T.C. Williams High School SCA and Key Club sold ribbons during the days after the terrorist attack and raised almost \$1,000 an hour to donate to the American Red Cross.

SCHOOLS

Boy Starts Kindergarten This Fall Cancer-Free

St. Mary's School student regains his life.

BY DENISE LEW
GAZETTE PACKET

Joseph Campione was two weeks old when he was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of muscle cancer. His mother, Meghan Campione, recalls the day when she found out.

"It was shocking. I felt numb. Very scared, surreal, sad. You just had to put your fears at the door. We did not treat him like a 2-week old. We treated him like a big kid. We had to be strong for him," Meghan Campione said.

Doctors had found a small growth on his bottom when Joseph was born. At first thought benign, it was diagnosed as cancerous when he was just 2 weeks old. Meghan and her husband Chris had to make quick decisions, as the cancer was growing fast. Joseph started chemotherapy when he was 3 weeks old.

However, following chemotherapy and surgery to remove the tumor, doctors still found residual cancer. "We knew that radiation was a necessity," Meghan Campione said. "But we were concerned because he was so small and the area they had to radiate would be large. We didn't know how that would impact other functions."

After Joseph's oncologist suggested proton therapy, Chris Campione researched the



Joseph Campione at the beach this summer.



Joseph Campione's graduation ceremony at the Proton Therapy Center in Houston.

topic and came to the conclusion that it was the best viable option for Joseph. Proton therapy is used to target and treat tumors in and around sensitive areas without harming healthy tissue, which is crucial in young children whose bodies are developing.

Fighting for Joseph's life, the family flew to MD Anderson's Proton Therapy Center in Houston, where Joseph was the youngest child to receive proton therapy treatment at the center at the time. Meghan Campione praises the center for the excellent work they did. "They were just wonderful. They were very calm about the whole thing. The anesthesiologists would start singing the song I would sing to Joseph," she said.

Following two months of proton therapy treatment at the center, Joseph was set to

go back home to Virginia. Since there was still some cancer remaining, Joseph underwent high-risk chemotherapy at INOVA Fairfax and finished at 18 months. On the same day he left the hospital, his younger sister Maggie was born.

"After the radiation, he's had no evidence of it coming back. It's now been at least four years. We are very pleased. He's going to kindergarten. We're very happy for him," said Dr. Anita Mahajan of MD Anderson Proton Therapy Center.

"Kids are resilient and have no expectations. He woke up everyday wanting to feel good. Each day was a new day. He never knew what it felt like to feel good. So when he finished, he was a brand new kid. In a way, he started his life at 18 months. He had a major hurdle that kept everything in

perspective for us," said Meghan Campione.

At 5 years old now, Joseph will start kindergarten this fall at Saint Mary's Catholic School in Alexandria. He enjoys taking robotics classes, reading, swimming, and taking walks through the woods. Joseph especially loves figuring out how things work. "I like factories and I think they're cool. I want to be a toilet paper factory worker when I grow up," Joseph said with a sense of humor.

He also enjoys being a big brother to two younger siblings, Maggie who is 3 and James who is just a few months old.

"He has a strength, energy and a love that is unlike anyone else. He helps us remember that nothing is serious. He appreciates and enjoys life; that's something he teaches us," said his mother.





PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

First Day Back to School at T.C. Williams

Students in Mary Ellen McCormick's Leadership class at T.C. Williams High School prepare to welcome the special education students back to school on Monday.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Stephen Ferber of Alexandria received the bachelor of arts degree in psychology, cum laude, from Carleton College during its 137th Commencement exercises, held on June 11.

Ferber is the son of Rosamond Ferber and Alan Ferber of Alexandria.

Sheyma Hashmi of Alexandria earned a B.S.

in Health Science from Benedictine University.

Bianca Velez of Alexandria earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Summer 2011 at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Anastasia C. Voellm has been appointed to the student leadership organization of cadre within the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) at Randolph-Macon Academy. She is the daughter of Frederick and Catalina Voellm of Alexandria. Anastasia, a junior at R-MA, received the rank of Technical Sergeant and the position of

Charlie Flight Sergeant.

Only students with records of strong academics and leadership abilities are eligible for the Academy's cadet officer and non-commissioned officer ranks.

Daniel C. Guardiani, a resident of Alexandria, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Mary Washington.

Allyson M. Knight, a resident of Alexandria, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

international affairs from the University of Mary Washington.

Kristina M. Scrimshaw, a resident of Alexandria, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in natural environmental science from the University of Mary Washington.

Emily E. Webber, a resident of Alexandria, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and Spanish from the University of Mary Washington.

City Welcomes Back Youth Ambassador Alexandria and Caen exchange students.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Marie-Claire Mandolia, a rising junior at the University of Mary Washington, spent the month of July representing Alexandria as part of a sister city exchange program with Caen, France.

"I provided guided tours of Caen's historic city hall," said Mandolia. "Caen was the seat of power for William the Conqueror, and was one of the first cities liberated by the Allies in WW II."

The relationship between historic Alexandria and Caen took shape under the stewardship

"The sister city program is a great occasion for students like me to come to the USA. I wouldn't be able to come without the internship"

— **Yohann Troude**

of Mayor Charles Beatley, who first visited the city as a pilot in the 1970s. As a result, the Alexandria/Caen relationship is more than 30 years old.

"The basic purpose of the exchange program is to provide person-to-person contact," said Kathleen Barnett, chairwoman of the Alexandria/Caen Sister City Committee. "We want someone who can put a face to Alexandria, while also benefiting as an individual from the experience."

"I discovered what it was like to work in America," said Toude. "The sister city program is a great occasion for students like me to come to the USA. I wouldn't be able to come without the internship."

During his month-long stay, Toude was able to absorb the history, culture and people of Alexandria. "One thing is true about the USA, the people are very friendly," said Toude. "I also had a chance to go to some concerts. I went to Tiffany's Tavern for Burgers & Bluegrass. Bluegrass is really, really good! We have a French equivalent, old French music, but it is less popular than bluegrass in the USA."

The experience of living in another culture, rather than simply touring, has helped make the sister city relationship beneficial for both sides of the Atlantic. "The importance of the sister city exchange program is on a person-to-person level," said Mandolia. "It facilitates respect and understanding; it allows us to find common ground across cultures."

Next?

According to Kathleen Barnett, chairwoman of the Alexandria/Caen Sister City Committee, the ideal candidate must live in the City of Alexandria, be college aged and proficient in French. Standard interview questions include, "how will you benefit as an individual for the experience, and how will you represent the city?" For more information visit: <http://alexandriacaen.wordpress.com/>

How To Plan GenOn Site's Future?

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for us to come up with a plan," said Gina Baum, member of the advocacy group Waterfront for All. "I'm concerned if we drag this thing out we're going to end up with residences and offices on the waterfront."

The plan calls for hotels at three waterfront sites slated for redevelopment, a feature of the plan that is fiercely opposed by critics. They say hotels and the added density called for in the plan would clog Old Town streets with traffic and parking problems. Now that a new parcel of land has opened for redevelopment on the waterfront, people who were already opposed to the plan say adding the 25-acre parcel might be a way to craft a compromise that would make it more palatable to people who are currently in opposition.

"Council should immediately call for a halt to the waterfront planning process," said Townsend Van Fleet, former president of the Old Town Civic Association.



Marie-Claire with William the Conqueror.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARIE-CLAIRE MANDOLIA

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

Suicide Prevention. With Peggy DiVincenzo, LCSW. At the Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health, Room 209, 8119 Holland Road, Alexandria. Call Maureen McCracken 703-799-2705 or e-mail maureen.mccracken@fairfaxcounty.org

Thrive Healthy Living Series. 11:30 a.m. Free. Presentation on breast cancer prevention and treatment. With Molly Sebastian, MD, FACS. Offered by Virginia Hospital Center and The Fountains at Washington House. At The Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-845-5000 by Sept 11.

Foster Parent Orientation. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-5858 or email Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

Bee Aware: The Importance of Bees in our Environment. 7:30 p.m. Learn why, without bees, many plants, including food crops, would die off; how bees are nature's most efficient pollinators, and more. A presentation by the Friends of Dyke Marsh, co-sponsored by the Potowmack Chapter of the Native Plant Society, the Audubon Naturalist Society and Georgetown University's Center for the Environment. At Huntley Meadows Park Visitors Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525.

Thursday/Sept. 15

Morning Coffee. 8 to 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$5/WEBA members; \$10/guests. Susan Shearouse, author of "Conflict 101-A Manager's Guide to Resolving Problems So Everyone Can Get Back to Work." Presented by the West End Alexandria Business Association. Hosted by Steve Mann, Ramparts, 1719 Fern St., Fairlington Shopping Center (off Quaker Lane). RSVP by Sept. 13 to 703-772-6716 or brahmopticians@aol.com.

MONDAY/SEPT. 19

Chronic Pain Support Group. 7-8:30 p.m. The Alexandria Chapter of the American Chronic Pain Association will meet at the Beatley Central Library, Small Conference Room, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. No membership fees. Contact Janet Ruddock at 703-838-2778.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "Headstone Records for U.S. Military Veterans, 1862-2011." The program will be presented by Claire Kluskens. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org.

Alzheimer's Detection. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. The Alzheimer's Association presents "Know the 10 Warning Signs: Early Detection Matters," first of seven educational programs at the Hermitage in the auditorium.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 17

Back in Black Dog and Cat Adoptions. Fees are 50 percent off to adopt black dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. This adoption event is part of Best Friends Animal Society's goal of No More Homeless Pets, which aims to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. To meet King Street Cat's ebony charmers visit them at: www.kingstreetcats.org.

Old Town's The Christmas Attic is seeking qualified artists to help produce a temporary exhibition featuring illuminated canvases of art to be revealed in each of the store's windows for The Christmas Attic's Holiday Advent Calendar Event.

Starting Dec. 1 through Dec. 25, 2011 each day at sundown, the store will reveal "advent art" featuring a variety of local artists holiday creations.

All art will be placed either in the windows or on the brick of the building on the front side facing Union Street.

At the closing of the Advent Calendar event, the canvases of advent art will be available for auction at a post-event celebration. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic.

The Christmas Attic is looking for 25 artists (one artist per advent canvas) to submit an electronic sketch for review/consideration to be selected. Each day at sundown, one advent art piece will be revealed and illuminated.

The store will select the order of when the canvases will be displayed for the 25 days. The final advent day (Christmas Day) must be an image of a nativity scene. All art designs must be seen from a distance and be weather-proofed. Artist participation submissions/concept sketches are due, Oct. 3, 2011, with artist selections announced on Oct. 17, 2011. Individuals can download the Call for Artist information and application at www.christmasattic.com.

EVERY TUESDAY

Five-Star Toastmasters, Club # 9623. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pentagon Conference Center. Are you ambitious? Do you have hidden talents that you would like to tap into? Toastmasters can help you on your journey to a new you. The club can help you sharpen your speaking skills, boost your confidence and energize your leadership skills in a team-oriented atmosphere. Visit <http://fivestar.freetoasthost.com> or contact Club Vice-President for Membership, Katharine Gagné at 202-521-2307 or e-mail of Club_VP_Mbrshp@fivestar.freetoasthost.com and Club President, Charlie DeWitt at 202-997-5087 or Club_President@fivestar.freetoasthost.com.

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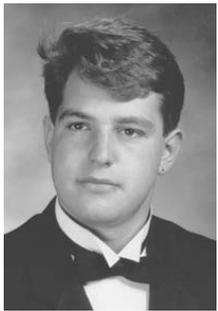
MONDAY/SEPT. 12

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IN MEMORIAM



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Paul died of a heart attack 19 years ago in his dorm room at Marshall Un. He was 19. Forever young! Paul was love by all: His family; his friends growing up in the Ft. Hunt area; West Potomac HS, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, and the ATOs. He was truly a kind and gentle man.

We love you, Paul.
Stanley, Judy and Mary

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 2003 Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22314 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Unit at (703) 838-4709.



Members of the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls junior varsity and varsity soccer teams presented Fairfax County Fire Captain Will Bailey and Alexandria Fire Captain Thurston McClain with an additional 60 backpacks for the firefighters back-to-school backpack drive. Organized by Coach Karen Ruberg, the additional packs bring Captain Bailey over this year's goal of 2,000 backpacks.

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LOUISE KRAFFT/
GAZETTE PACKET

Leader of the Pack

Firefighters distribute more than 2,000 backpacks.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET



Capt. Willie Bailey, organizer of the backpack drive, and Office Depot office manager Mike Lerch join Girl Scouts Kaitlin Wade, Danielle Rye, Katie Smith and Kiki Severeid from Troop 1099 at distribution day for more than 2,000 backpacks.

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

More than 2,000 backpacks were distributed Sept. 1 to schools and nonprofits throughout Alexandria and Fairfax County as part of the second annual Fairfax County Fire and Rescue backpack drive.

"We have more than 60 children in our afterschool program that are in real need of these," said Community Lodgings Executive Director Jim Dempsey. "We are very grateful to be here and included in this effort."

Soldiers from Fort Belvoir worked alongside Girl Scouts from troop 1099 and other volunteers at Penn-Daw Station 11 to fill the backpacks with school supplies and distribute them to more than 88 schools and charities throughout the region.

"We knew that with the economy, this year would be tough," said Capt. Willie Bailey, an organizer of the event. "But we started early and thanks to our many supporters like Office Depot and help from groups like the Saint Stephen's and St. Agnes girls soccer team, we were able to collect a record number of backpacks this year."



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

The station room at the Penn-Daw Station was filled to capacity again for the distribution of the Firefighter Back-To-School backpack drive.



DJ Supaken of radio station 93.9 WKYS helps distribute backpacks as part of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue backpack drive at station 11 Sept. 1.

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T.C. Williams' Special Teams Shine Against Wakefield

Titans win first season opener since 2007.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams football team entered the 2011 season opener against Wakefield with high expectations on offense and questions surrounding inexperienced personnel on defense.

The Titans special teams needed only one kickoff to shift focus.

TC senior Mohamed Sesay returned the opening kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown and the Titans finished with three special teams touchdowns en route to a 51-7 victory over the Warriors on Sept 1 in Arlington.

Facing a TC team superior in speed and athleticism, Wakefield started the contest with a squib kickoff — a low, short kick usually intended prevent a long return. The ball bounced along the turf field and into the hands of TC up-man Sesay at the 30-yard line. While long kickoff returns are usually reserved for those lined up deep, Sesay showed he was no ordinary up-man. The senior track speedster raced to the end zone, setting the tone for a lopsided victory over a Wakefield program that finished 1-9 each of the last two seasons and hasn't produced a winning record since 1983.

TC later scored on a 68-yard kickoff return by Dealo Robertson and a blocked punt return by Jamal Williams. A.J. Jones blocked the punt.

"We've really worked hard this year in [strengthening] the weaker link as a team," Robertson said. "Last year, it was our kick return and our kickoff. We didn't really thrive in that. This year, we came out and coach [Avery] Williams has really been helping us with that, getting us mentally prepared all summer. ... This year, I really think our kick return and our kickoff will be the strong link this year."

The TC offense produced big plays, but the Titans' special teams success limited the offense's time on the field. Junior quarterback Alec Grosser completed 5 of 6 passes



T.C. Williams senior Mohamed Sesay returns the opening kickoff of the Titans' Sept. 1 game against Wakefield 70 yards for a touchdown. TC scored three special teams touchdowns against the Warriors.

for 141 yards and three touchdowns. Senior running back Za'Quan Summers rushed six times for 37 yards and Robertson scored a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter after the Titans' starters had been removed.

"Some of our receivers and our linemen got a little cold," Grosser said, "but if our special teams can put up points, that's fine with me."

Landon Moss, Percy Haskins and Derek Kramer each caught a touchdown pass.

The victory marked the first time TC won a season opener since 2007. The Titans haven't reached the playoffs in 20 years, but have come close each of the last two seasons. In 2009, TC finished 5-5 after starting 2-3. In 2010, the Titans went 6-4 after starting 1-3.

"It was a very important win for us," head coach Dennis Randolph said. "We always start off 0-1. ... You've got to be able to win the games you're supposed to and move on. The kids need confidence. I think we're a

good football team, but I think our kids need to be reassured that in the form of victory. It validates what they've been doing and what we've been teaching them."

The Titans' will travel to face Westfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 and will host Robinson at 1 p.m. on Sept. 17. Westfield and Robinson are both ranked in the Washington Post's top 20.

"We've got to win those two games if we're going to be a contender," Randolph said. "We'd like to think that we are."



T.C. Williams quarterback Alec Grosser completed 5 of 6 passes for 141 yards and three touchdowns in the Titans' season opener against Wakefield.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TC Grad Rossi on Roster for Pitt Opener

Former Titans receiver and 2011 T.C. Williams graduate Will Rossi made the 2011 season-opening roster for the University of Pittsburgh football team. Rossi passed on several Division II and Division III scholarship offers in hopes of making the Division I Panthers' roster as a walk on. He was listed as No. 85 for Pitt's Sept. 3 game against Buffalo, which Pitt won, 35-16.

Bishop Ireton Football Beats O'Connell

The Bishop Ireton football team opened the 2011 season with a 14-7 win against Bishop O'Connell on Sept. 2.

Ireton quarterback P.J. Zingler completed 23 of 37 passes for 248 yards, scored a rushing touchdown and was intercepted once. Malcolm Westbrook caught eight passes for 125 yards.

Moses Webb rushed six times for 44 yards and tallied six receptions for 66 yards. Bran-

don Williams-Price rushed six times for 30 yards and a touchdown and caught three passes for 16 yards.

Ireton will travel to face Bullis at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

TC Volleyball Improves to 2-1

The T.C. Williams volleyball team defeated Falls Church, 3-0 (25-8, 25-12, 25-15), on Sept. 6 to improve to 2-1. Sydney Trout led the Titans with 11 kills and seven aces. Kate Whitmire tallied 10 kills and five aces and Grand Roberson had five aces.

TC will host McLean at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 and Wakefield on Sept. 12.

NoVa West Lacrosse Registration

NoVa West Lacrosse is now accepting registrations for the 2011 Indoor Lacrosse League which opens play Oct. 7. The league accepts team and individual registrations but space is limited so register soon to secure your spot at <http://www.novawestlax.com/register>. The league is held indoors at the Purcellville Sports Pavilion.

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WELLBEING

Wellness Coaching

Encouragement can lead to better health.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Shortly before her 40th birthday three years ago, Kris Shulz decided that she needed to change her fitness regimen in order to stay in shape.

"As you get older a 30-minute jog isn't going to do it anymore," said Shulz from her home in Alexandria.

She knew that she had to adjust her exercise routine and diet, but wasn't sure what needed to be modified. Shulz sought the help of Nina Elliot, who, along with her husband Christian, owns Health and Wholeness, a wellness and personal training studio in Arlington. By asking Shulz a series of questions, Elliot was able to take an in-depth look at her current workout practice, eating habits and lifestyle.

"Our approach is to look at what is going on in [a client's] life and then give them ideas and techniques on how to have a healthier lifestyle [and] a healthy body," said Elliot.

Shulz and Elliot are part of what the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) calls one of the top 20 fitness trends for 2011: wellness coaching. In the way that career coaches guide the professionally ambivalent, wellness coaches direct those who are at a fitness crossroads. Clients come seeking solutions to health and fitness quandaries and together coach and client work to find a resolution, typically at a rate of \$75 to \$150 per hour. Sessions with wellness coaches are generally done by telephone, but the Elliots offer both in-person and telephone consultations.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE GAZETTE

Wellness coaches Nina and Christian Elliot demonstrate the proper way to do abdominal exercises. The couple believes in a holistic approach to fitness.

"It is kind of like becoming a detective for somebody and uncovering [techniques] that are going to work best for them and to figure out why they are not getting the results that want," said Elliot. "We want to be able to educate people on how to have this lifestyle for the rest of their life."

The coach-client relationship is designed to promote behavioral changes that lead to increased physical activity, improved health and weight loss.

"Some people would argue — although ineffectively — that wellness coaching is just a spinoff of personal training," said Walter R. Thompson, Ph.D., a professor of kinesiology at Georgia State University. "The effective coach is specially trained in identifying barriers. This is much different than a personal trainer [who is] providing effective exercise training advice."

Shulz completed an assessment to evaluate variables ranging from exercise and diet to lifestyle and daily routine. Elliot used the in-

formation to create a plan that included circuit training exercises like push-ups, pull-ups and squats as well as nutritional changes. She also got suggestions on how to fit workouts into her daily life which includes a husband, two children and a full-time job.

Shulz found the Elliots, who hold certifications from the National Academy of Sports Medicine and the National Personal Training Institute, through friends. Another source for qualified wellness coaches is Wellcoaches. The organization has the only training program that is endorsed by ACSM.

The industry is unregulated so there are no set standards for what qualifies a person to be a wellness coach. "Anybody can call themselves a wellness coach," said Herb Simmens a certified wellness coach and owner of District Wellness Group in Washington, D.C. "You have to do your homework and research like you would for any other medical professional, but a well-educated and well-trained coach can make a difference in health and wellness."

Three years after her initial consultation, Shulz says she has resolved her workout challenges and is still maintaining her fitness plan. Elliot says that Shulz's progress exemplifies quintessential wellness coaching: showing a client how to take a lofty aspiration and break it down into modest attainable undertakings.

MILITARY NOTES

Jeremy Serafin of Alexandria was promoted to the rank of Major in the New York Army National Guard. Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.

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SCHOOLS

Students Bridge Culture Gap

T.C. Williams graduates discuss life at American universities with Chinese students.

BY ABBY MARCUS
GAZETTE PACKET

A group of T.C. Williams students recently met with participants in the Jiangsu Undergraduate Workshop, an opportunity for undergraduate Chinese students who are considering attending graduate school in the United States to learn about the American university system.

The program is a four-day course in American higher education run through the University of Virginia.

Meeting American students gives the Chinese students a sense of comfort with American culture and a chance to ask questions and a way to legally communicate electronically with American students by exchanging email with the students they meet, said Bob Ranson, co-director of the program.

Looking for a high school with cultural diversity to partner with, Ranson was put in touch with Susan Yowell of the Alexandria Scholarship Fund and Patricia Braun of the College and Career Center. They recruited recent T.C. graduates from a cross section of colleges and universities.

On the final day of each of the six sessions of the program, the T.C. Williams students answered questions as a panel and then broke up to eat lunch with small groups of the Chinese students. During the panel, the Chinese students asked questions about American culture, American perceptions of Chinese and other international students, and the life of university students. Some questions came up frequently such as "What do you do after class?" and "Do the Chinese students have many American friends?"

Other questions were harder to answer such as "What is the American spirit?" or "How do you define American culture?"

Some of the questions and reactions of the Chinese students surprised the American students. There were many questions about how Americans choose their area of study and their relationship with their fami-



Angelique Laboy-Coparropa eats lunch with the Chinese students.

lies such as "Is it true that your parents do not influence you?" Many of the Chinese students had not met siblings before and the gasp when two panelists were introduced as brother and sister surprised the American students.

Breaking into small groups for lunch gave the students a chance to get to know each other and ask questions in a more informal setting. "I really, really liked it. The questions they asked were all over the board. They were about school, activities, social life, even boys. It was really fun to hear their opinions," said Angelique Laboy-Coparropa, a T.C. grad now attending Notre Dame. Her favorite question was "Do you work as a model?"

The sessions were an opportunity not only for the Chinese students to learn about student life in the United States, but also for the American students to learn about Chinese culture.

"We're not that different," said Fassil Kumlachev a T.C. grad now attending James Madison University. Ranson believes that Millennials in China have more in common with Americans their same age than they do with their parents. He felt giving students a chance to interact would show the Chinese and American students how much they have in common. Students were able to discuss television and movies, and watched many of the same programs.

Brilliant Xu said the American students were very nice, she learned a lot and it was a great chance to practice spoken English.

VIEWPOINTS

What was your first day of school like?

BY ORRIN KONHEIM

"Very well. Since I'm a seventh grader, I knew where everything was going to be and my teachers made very good impressions.

[Also] our bus never showed up in the morning."

— Savannah Ring, 12, George Washington Middle School

"I got the wrong schedule and showed up to the wrong class."

— Chase Ring, 10, George Mason Elementary, who also added that he liked meeting his new teachers.



"It was excellent because I got to meet my teachers and new people."

— Katherine O'Conner, 11, Burgundy Farms Country Day School

"It was pretty good. It's a nice environment."

— Andre Barrios, 15, T.C. Williams High School



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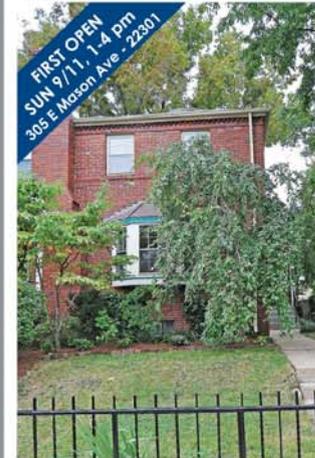
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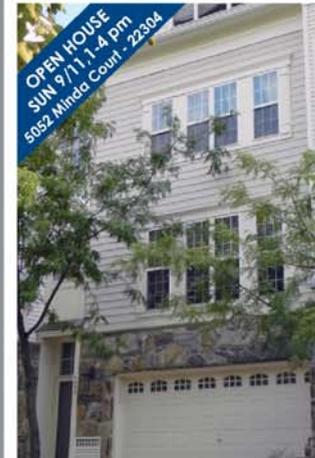
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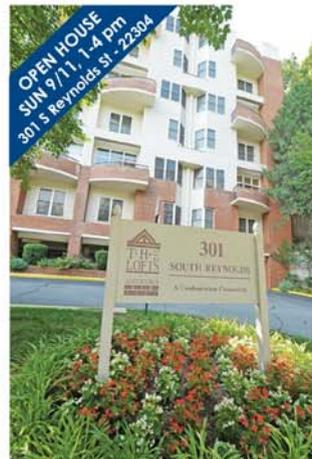
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