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SSgt. Duwayne Morris, U.S. Army Reserve rings the bell five times concluding the Return to Quarters. With Morris is Derald Cook of the T.C. Williams ROTC.

10 Years: Triumph Over Tragedy

City of Alexandria remembers 9/11.



Callie Terrell, Alexandria Fire Department (ret.), leads the singing of "God Bless America" at the conclusion of the remembrance ceremony Sept. 9 in City Hall.



A community tribute "We Remember Them," written by Rabbis Sylvan D. Kamens and Jack Riemer, is recited by T.C. Williams ROTC members Jenna Samara, Kyle Lang and Alberto Morales.



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Alexandria Pipes and Drums bagpiper Homer Babcock plays during the procession prior to the start of the Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 9 at City Hall.



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Officer Richard Magnum salutes after participating in the Return to Quarters bell ringing.

High-Capacity Debate

City Council set to take up proposal to widen Beauregard Street to create transit corridor.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Some West End neighbors call it poor planning. Others say it's short-sighted. Yet the proposal to widen Beauregard Street to accommodate a transit corridor in the West End has received the support of a work group and the Planning Commission. Now it's headed to City Hall, where members of the Alexandria City Council will consider the idea this weekend during a public hearing that could prove to be a contentious referendum on the city's transportation planning.

"It seems to me that this is a solution in search of a problem," said transportation engineer Owen Curtis, who has lived in Seminary West since 1977. "The city has been doing developer-centered planning rather than smart com-

munity-based planning."

Developer JBG is one of the principal landowners along the corridor, having acquired a series of six low-end garden apartments in the West End formerly known as the Hamlets. JBG snapped up the properties from the Mark Winkler Company in 2006. Now the Maryland-based developer is crafting a redevelopment proposal, raising the rent on tenants in the process.

"They are trying to push us out," said Middlecreek Apartments resident Hector Pinedas in June. "It's a disgrace."

CITY OFFICIALS ENVISION the future of Beauregard Street as Alexandria's first high-capacity transit corridor, removing the bucolic tree-lined median to make room for a dedicated lane for bus-

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'Keep Calm, Carry On'

T.C. Williams administrators focus on test scores, graduation rates.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Assign in the lobby of T.C. Williams High School suggests a sense of persistence in the face of adversity. "Keep Calm and Carry On," the placard reads, along with signatures of teachers at the school. It was presented to new Principal Suzanne Maxey at the end of her first school year in the spring. Now, as a new school year opens for 3,000 students at T.C. Williams, Maxey is remaining

calm and carrying on with the next phase of her leadership.

"Last year was all about discipline and order and rules," Maxey said while walking the halls of the schools one recent morning. "Now we're not focused on law and order, we're focused on teaching children."

Turning around Virginia's largest high school won't be an easy task. Last year, the Virginia Department of Education designated T.C. Williams a "persistently lowest

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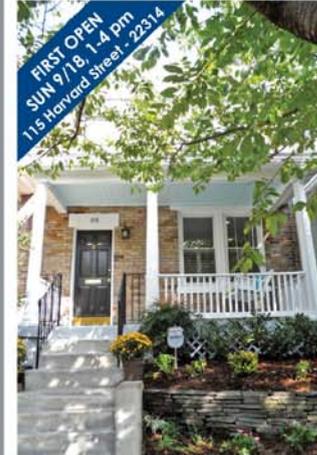
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Old Town Station

Does King Street say enough about the Metro stop at the western edge of Old Town? Members of the Alexandria City Council don't think so. Tuesday night, they voted to authorize the city manager to send a letter to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority a letter formally asking to rename the station. The new name, if approved, would be "King Street-Old Town," fulfilling a recommendation from a blue-ribbon economic sustainability panel several years ago.

"If you're a tourist visiting the Washington area and you want to come to Old Town, you get on the Metro and you don't know where to go," said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. "It should lead to easier navigation, more visitors, more commerce and ultimately more revenue to the city."

Changing the name of the King Street station could cost as much as \$120,000, most of which would go to creating new maps and signs. City officials were clear that the money would come from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission rather than the city coffers. Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** was the lone dissenting vote, indicating that the money might be spent on maintenance or repairs.

"I don't see this as the best use of that money," said Hughes. "Given the massive transportation needs we have in this city, that's \$120,000 toward something we might have a substantive need for." Adding Old Town to the King Street station may be opening Pandora's Box-Alexandria. Donley suggested that at some point in the future, council members should consider adding "Del Ray" to the Braddock Road station. And Councilwoman **Del Pepper** said she would like to see that "Landmark" added to the Van Dorn Street station.

Dredge Failure

Alexandria suffered its second 100-year flood in five years last week, with excessive rainwater gushing out of Cameron Run and causing about \$1 million damage in Eisenhower Valley. More than 50 cars were flooded out in the Alexandria Tech Center and the Strayer University garage. For many Alexandria residents, last week's flooding brought to mind a 2006 flood that caused more than \$5 million of damage in the city.

"I've talked with some of the property owners, and they're very upset," said Councilman **Frank Fannon**. "An act of God is one thing, but an act of negligence is another."

Fannon said the Cameron Run was supposed to be dredged earlier this year, although he suggested that might not have happened. Transportation and Environmental Services Director **Rich Baier** responded that parts of the stream in Fairfax County hadn't been dredged for 25 or 30 years. As to dredging in the city, Baier acknowledged that it hadn't happened but disagreed about whether it would have prevented anything.

"It would have made a negligible amount of difference," said Baier. "When there is that much water that overtops the Beltway itself, the issue is the ability for the water get through that channel and make the turn."

Surplus and Embezzlement

Closing out the books for fiscal year 2011, Alexandria has an unexpected surplus of \$9.8 million. The surplus, which is about 2 percent of the general operating fund, comes from \$5 million in expenditure savings and \$4 million in unanticipated revenue.

"Across the city, really, every department worked really hard to stay under budget and save small amounts," said acting city manager **Bruce Johnson**. "That added up."

The news of a surplus comes as City Hall is struggling to respond to a wave of embezzlement scandals, with six city employees accused of stealing money from the city in recent years — two of which in the last month. City Attorney **James Banks** said his office had already launched a new ethics training initiative before news of the most recent embezzlement broke. Now, in the wake of the new arrests, the measure has taken a new sense of urgency. "Obviously those efforts have become more pointed more focused," said Bank. "We want to make sure it's more deeply ingrained."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Vehicle Fire on Bridge

The charred remains of a recreational vehicle block the express lanes of the inner loop of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Sunday, Sept. 11 as Alexandria firefighters and law enforcement personnel monitor the scene of the accident. Sixteen AFD units, including a hazardous materials team, responded to the 11:47 a.m. call for assistance after a mobile home that was being towed by a tow truck caught fire. No injuries were reported.

Preschool Enrollment Jumps

School Board expands preschool programs.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
GAZETTE PACKET

The number of preschoolers served by the city school system has dramatically increased in the past three years.

"Three years ago we had one class of 11 or 12 children at Jefferson-Houston," said Carri Stoltz, early childhood coordinator at Alexandria City Public Schools. "Now, we have seven classes with about 16 kids at four schools — John Adams, Patrick Henry, Ramsey and Jefferson-Houston. We are serving 112 students now whereas we were serving maybe 12 before. The numbers in of themselves have significantly increased."

At the Sept. 8 School Board meeting, Superintendent of Schools Morton Sherman said it's no accident that this change has occurred. "It's been a deliberate focus for me and the school board," he said. "We established a priority to help our students become better prepared for school."

Funding from the Virginia Preschool Initiative has been instrumental in allowing for this program to grow. "With this particular superintendent and our city council, they pushed to have the school system participate in the Virginia Preschool Initiative," said Stoltz. "There's a 50-50 match. We get \$3,000 per child from VPI but it costs close to \$8,000 to educate each child. This couldn't have happened without it."

The growing preschools have been touted as more inclusive, integrating special needs children with developmentally typical children.

Stoltz sees this as very positive. "All the students gain from each other — from social skills to compassion. They learn to help take care of other students and feel responsibility. They don't see differences, especially at that age."

The numbers of special needs children in the preschools are not clear yet. "We don't know yet," said Stoltz. "We did not screen them."

She also noted that a large majority of the students — 92 of 112 — come from families where English is not the primary language.

At the School Board meeting, the superintendent's remarks on the preschools were met with skepticism from former chairman Yvonne Folkerts: "I don't quite believe the preschool numbers. I want to. We took that many kids off the waiting list?"

The superintendent then clarified that the numbers only reflect 4-year-olds and the data had been provided by the Campagna Center, which is in charge of income verification.

Asked later, Sherman said, "We selected 4-year-olds because those are the ones immediately coming to kindergarten. It was an issue of putting our resources where it would be best for the school system."

Folkerts clarified her remarks saying, "I was wanting to make sure the news was as good as it sounded. The issue is all the people on the waiting list with the city." She was referring to the fact that there are separate waiting lists for preschools for ACPS and the City of Alexandria.

There are currently two lists: One through the Department of Human and Community Services of families where both parents are working and another through the Campagna Center of income-eligible families.

"What we really need is a single point of entry and we don't have that," said Stoltz. "That's something we would really benefit from having."

Stoltz also pointed out that there are children not being served by either of these lists. "Then there that's group that we don't have a good handle on. Those who aren't eligible for free preschool programs but can't afford or find childcare. That's a number I have no idea what that number would be."

The superintendent voiced intentions to continue to expand the preschools.

"Space is an issue," said Stoltz. "Our K12 programs take precedent. One of the reasons we've tried to focus on the west side of town is that's where the most need is."

Not at issue is the importance of preschools. "There's a huge body of research that supports having preschool programs in terms of language awareness," said Sherman. "It has a longtime impact on academic success."

"I hope we can keep working hard and keep seeing more and more kids enrolled as each year passes," said Folkerts.

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Racing against Childhood Obesity

Alexandria athletes join in 200-mile Ragnar Relay Run.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Billed as a slumber party without sleep, pillows or deodorant, this year's 200-mile Ragnar Relay Run will have a lineup of local runners keen on besting their previous records in both time and money raised to address childhood obesity.

"Twenty-four hours of running is a big deal, it's intimidating."

— Elizabeth Todd, owner of The Shoe Hive

The Washington, D.C., Ragnar Race will begin Sept. 23 in Cumberland, Md. and will wrap up on Sept. 24 at the National Harbor. Ragnar teams consist of 12 members, each running three- to eight-mile stretches of varying difficulty.

"It's a tough, 24-hour run, but we have an awesome team working towards a good cause," said Alexandria's DWRP team member Terril Jefferies.

Money raised through donations will contribute to the Building Bridges campaign at the Alexandria YMCA. The campaign uses the funds

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to support community outreach programs and provide facility services to disadvantaged youth.

"Current trends are scary. We are seeing a rapid increase in diabetes and high blood pressure in the 10-18 age group," said Saraja Loftstrom, wellness director at the Alexandria YMCA. "We provide after-school activities for kids instead of video games and television. We want to include lower income youths, our mission is that anyone can join."

Elizabeth Todd, owner of The Shoe Hive in Old Town Alexandria, donated \$500 to DWRP and the cause. "Twenty-four hours of running is a big deal, it's intimidating," said Todd. "Childhood obesity is a big problem, and running to fight it is important."

While Michelle Obama has recently made childhood obesity a trendy issue, it has been the YMCA's primary focus for years.

Kathy Martin, a board member of the Alexandria Y and team captain of DWRP, became involved in the Ragnar Race and it's cause after witnessing an 8 year old refuse to eat an apple because "it didn't taste real."

"We need to set an example for children," said Martin. "Childhood obesity is a phenomenon, in an urban area children can not run around, they are sedentary."

Although the Washington, D.C. Ragnar Relay has been held for the past four years, this will only be the second event for DWRP. The team doubled its \$2,500 goal last year and hopes to do even better this year.

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Mary Beth Baylor and Tiffany Ford work out the knots in balls of Play-doh while the children think about what they might create.

Arts Festival Overflows Into the Churchyard

Christ Church hosted its annual Children in the Churchyard activities on Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11, providing games and hands-on activities for the younger set.



Monica and Jailyn try a little improvising with Tiffany Ford in the churchyard.



Makala Layton decides to twist her Play-doh into a happy, smiling face.



Jailyn Layton crawls through a swirling tube.

At TC: Test Scores and Graduation Rates

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achieving school.” The designation was designed to draw attention to schools that consistently fail to meet federal standards yet fall under the radar because they don’t receive sanctions tied to accepting federal money. The school system responded by increasing the number of administrators from 10 to 15 — a 50 percent increase. When the test scores were released by the Virginia Department of Education last month, administrators learned they failed to make the grade even though scores had improved.

“In one year’s effort, we have shown we can make a significant difference,” said Superintendent Morton Sherman. “And yet even with that, the school would continue to be under sanction and given no credit for the tremendous work.”

ASIDE FROM the embarrassing label “persistently lowest achieving school,” one of the sanctions associated with the designation was that the school had to get rid of its principal. So former interim principal William Clendaniel was out, and Sherman tapped Maxey from Seneca Valley High School in Germantown, Md., to come in and transform the school. Federal officials created the designation to shine a spotlight on schools like T.C. Williams, which has never met federal standards since No Child Left Behind was enacted in 2002.

“When a school continues to perform in the bottom five percent of the state and isn’t showing signs of growth or as graduation rates below 60 percent, something dramatic needs to be done,” said Education Secretary Arne Duncan in a written statement last year. “Turning around our worst performing schools is difficult for everyone but is critical that we show the courage to do the right thing by kids.”

Being a persistently lowest achieving school isn’t without its rewards. The designation comes with \$2 million for three years, bringing a total of \$6 million to the school. School leaders say that other divisions have used most of that money for con-

Report Card for TC

ENGLISH PERFORMANCE

Student Subgroup	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
White	95	99	98
Limited English Proficient	85	90	96
Hispanic	82	85	95
Economically Disadvantaged	81	84	93
Black	79	87	91
Students with Disabilities	55	66	84

MATH PERFORMANCE

Student Subgroup	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
White	93	89	93
Limited English Proficient	75	75	82
Hispanic	71	73	81
Black	71	69	79
Economically Disadvantaged	70	69	79
Students With Disabilities	50	59	61

source: Virginia Department of Education

TC Graduation Rates

Student Subgroup	Four Year	Five Year	Six Year
White	81	84	81
Black	66	72	68
Economically Disadvantaged	59	68	57
Limited English Proficient	56	62	55
Hispanic	52	55	48
Students with Disabilities	35	36	33

source: Virginia Department of Education

sultants, although the feeling in Alexandria was that most of the money should go to personnel. Budget documents show that some of the money was used to hire an assistant director of counseling and school counselors as well as new math teachers and reading teachers.

“Part of the requirements of the transformation model was that the school district had to seek outside consultants to come in and support the school,” said School Board Chairwoman Sheryl Gorsuch. “Our approach was to improve our student to teacher ratios, and get the guidance counselors and the math and English teachers supporting a tutoring program.”

BUDGET DOCUMENTS show that recent years have seen a reduction in the number

of teachers and an increase in the number of administrators. In the last three years, the documents show, three teaching positions have been removed from the school’s budget. Meanwhile, five new licensed administrators were added to the budget earlier this year. Administrators at the school say the reorganization was partially a response to the “persistently lowest achieving school” designation and partially a way to restructure the school to make it more responsive to students.

“The reorganization separates teaching and learning from overall student support,” said Peter Ballis, executive associate principal of curriculum and instruction. “That means the deans are there for anything the students need and not just for discipline.”

The new administrators are not the only

change at T.C. Williams. In her first year at the school, Maxey created a new tutoring program that uses students to teach other students before school, during lunch and after school. This year, Maxey has created another new program — the International Academy, which is designed to help students who speak English as a second language. The academy has its own social worker and its own counselor, both of whom are bilingual. Students in the academy attend classes in one part of the school, where all their teachers work as a team.

“We’re making these kids less invisible,” said Maxey. “We don’t want them on the fringes of our community. We want them right in the middle, engaged and connected to the school.”

TEST SCORES SHOW that the school failed to meet federal standards in eight categories, although most of those were improved so dramatically from the previous year that they were exempt through part of No Child Left Behind known as the “safe harbor provision.” One performance category did not improve enough to meet that standard — math performance for students with disabilities.

“You hate to single a group of students out because it makes it sound like we are somehow placing blame,” said Charles Pyle, spokesman for the Virginia Department of Education. “But that’s how the law is written.” The other area where the school failed to meet federal standards is the graduation rate, which fell well below the 80 percent benchmark. The four-year graduation rate at T.C. Williams is 67 percent. Even when students are given two extra years, the graduation rate is only 68 percent. Some of the groups have very low graduation rates — 62 percent for students with limited English proficiency, 55 percent for Hispanic students and 36 percent for students with disabilities.

“I don’t know that it’s any higher than any other school in our area,” said Maxey. “But any time a kid drops out of school, it’s a problem.”

Beauregard Widening To Create Transit Corridor

FROM PAGE 1

rapid transit. The \$48 million plan under consideration would install a bus-rapid transit system with 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. Last week, the Planning Commission recommended widening the street to make room for the dedicated lane and pedestrians improvements to the side of the road.

“We can’t need to keep accommodating everybody who wants to drive,” said Rosemont resident Katy Cannady. “It’s kind of like global warming — dealing with it is going to be hard, but the consequences of not dealing with it are terrible.”

The plan faces 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. Seminary Hill resident Jack Sullivan presented members of the Planning Commission with a cartoon that depicts a boa constrictor representing Corridor C — bulging in the middle at the six blocks that will be widened and narrowing at the tail end to represent the part of the corridor where there are no plans to widen the road.

“If I were sitting where you are, I would ask the people pushing this plan to describe how and when Sanger will be widened under I-395 and how does the corridor work north and south of the six blocks the snake has swallowed,” Sullivan told Planning

Commission members. “Otherwise they should go back to the drawing boards and bring us a real transit system — not a sham.”

OPPONENTS of the proposal under consideration say they are skeptical that the plan now under consideration is merely a way for city officials to open up six blocks of valuable real estate to developers rather than a vision for improving transportation. Supporters dismiss that criticism as shortsighted, pointing to the growing traffic concerns of the region. For those who favor the plan to widen Beauregard Street, waiting for another study would be shortsighted when traffic concerns near the Washington Headquarters Service threaten to plunge the region into gridlock.

“I don’t need a consultant to tell me what I can already see on a map,” said Dak Hardwick, a member of the High Capacity Transit Corridor Working Group. “Take a look at all the development that’s happened out there and tell me this isn’t needed.”

Many West End neighbors disagree. They say widening the road would diminish their quality of life, eliminating a bucolic tree-lined median and add space to sidewalks in a way that would push the corridor deep into the existing right-of-way. Opponents say widening Beauregard is counterproductive to the long-range goals of the city outlined in the transportation master plan, which is designed to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles in favor of mass

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Later Farmers Market

Does the Old Town farmers market shut down too soon? Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** says the city should consider the possibility of keeping America's oldest farmers market open later.

"It creates a hardship," said Hughes. "What the vendors and some of the folks who come there to shop are saying is that they would really like it if the market were open a bit longer."

The market opens around 6 a.m., and vendors start shutting down at 10:30 a.m. so they can be out by 11 a.m. Hughes, who describes herself as "notorious for vegetables and for flowers," says she's noticed that traffic at the market picks up around 10 a.m. just as the market is about to shut down. As a result, she says, she would like to see the city examine the possibility of opening an hour later so the market could stay open until noon.

"That's been a request made to me from different vendors at the market," said Hughes. "And I've heard from some of the residents."

Not so fast, say other members of council. Market Square is often used for other events that take place on Saturday, so moving the farmers market later could cause scheduling conflicts or frequent changes to the starting and ending times. Then there are concerns about parking in Old Town, with later hours causing visitors to use neighborhood spaces longer. And some Old Town merchants might object to longer hours at the farmers market. "We should not make this decision based on whether or not some members of council feel like getting up at 6 o'clock," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**. "In fact, it's quite busy at 6 o'clock." City officials have been directed to look into the issue and present a memorandum.

Thriving King Street

Many people gauge the vitality of King Street by counting the number of empty storefronts. By that account, according to Councilman **Rob Krupicka**, the city's commercial center is thriving.

"The local press likes to write when stores on King Street shut down," Krupicka said Tuesday night. "One of the things that struck me as I walked up and down King Street for the Art Festival was how many new stores we have right now and how few vacant storefronts there are."

Recent years have seen some high-profile store closings, including Olsson's Bookstore and Artcraft. Those locations were both vacant for a while, although they have now been filled. Krupicka said the lack of empty storefronts on King Street is an indication that Alexandria's economy's strength. He credited the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership and city officials for recruiting new businesses.

"It's much nicer to write a story about how National Harbor is stealing people away. It's not exciting, I guess, to write a story how we are filling our vacant storefronts with new businesses," Krupicka said. "My biggest concern is that my wife now has a desire to come to Old Town more frequently because there's a lot of new shops here."

History for Sale

Pieces of architect **Benjamin Henry Latrobe's** original design for the Capitol will go on sale in Alexandria later this month as the Potomack Company prepares to auction six items. The objects include two sandstone blocks from the original steps, two pieces of columns that were at the east front and two fragments from the original grand stairwell of the old Senate wing. The objects saw inaugurations of presidents ranging from **Andrew Jackson** to **Franklin Pierce**.

"These fascinating pieces of history," said **Elizabeth Wainstein**, owner of the Potomack Company. "If these objects could talk they would tell the story about all the inaugurations that have taken place at the Capitol."

Wainstein said the objects came from a Latrobe descendant, who was given the fragments 20 years ago when some of the Capitol's original columns were installed at the Arboretum. Placing a value on these kinds of items is difficult because they are so rare. But Wainstein says she expect the objects to go for about \$200 to \$400 each.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

BUSINESS



COURTESY PHOTO

ServiceMaster of Alexandria owners Jane and Greg Gandee, at right, are joined by family members after receiving top honors at the international ServiceMaster convention July 11-13 in Memphis. Pictured above: Jeff Coulter, Vice President of Disaster Restoration Services, SMC Corp, Charles Gandee, Megan Gandee, Chris Coffin, James Coffin, Charlotte Coffin, Amy Coffin, Mike Isakson, President, SMC Corp, Jane Gandee and Greg Gandee.

Top Honors for ServiceMaster of Alexandria Local franchise earns several awards.

ServiceMaster of Alexandria bested 4,500 franchises worldwide to take home top honors at the ServiceMaster Clean, AmeriSpec and Furniture Medic International Convention held July 11-13 at the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tenn.

Owners Jane and Greg Gandee received three awards, including the Achiever Award, the ServiceMaster Expert Award and the Marion E. Wade Master Award of Honor for their outstanding 2010 business performance and contributions.

The Marion E. Wade Master Award of Honor is

presented to the top disaster restoration franchise out of 4,500 businesses worldwide. The Marion E. Wade Founder's award, which is the largest and most prestigious given to a franchise owner, is based on financial success, growth, leadership and for exemplifying the ServiceMaster Commitment.

ServiceMaster of Alexandria, located on Richmond Highway, is the largest franchise in the greater Washington D.C. area and one of the largest in the country. For more information, visit www.servicemaster-dc.com



Business After Hours

About 50 members of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce met at Doctors Express Mount Vernon for the August Business After Hours. Curcio Law and Curcio Communications served as co-hosts of the event.

Earl Reed and others listen to Tina Leone.



Mike Anderson and Skip Maginniss.



Tina Leone and Tom Curcio.



Among those attending the ceremony were Alexandria's Fire Chief Adam Thiel, acting City Manager Bruce E. Johnson, Alexandria Fire Department spokesman and former head of the bike medic team Brian Hricik and bike team coordinator John Rule.

Supporting Bike Medic Program

Firehouse Subs donates bike equipment to city.

BY ORRIN KONHEIM
GAZETTE PACKET

The Firehouse Public Safety Foundation awarded the Alexandria Fire Department \$8,000 worth of bike equipment at a ceremony held last month at Firehouse Subs in Kingstowne Center.

The equipment, consisting of two mountain bikes outfitted with automated external defibrillators and emergency medical kits, will be added to Alexandria Fire Department's bike medic program. The team was initially slated to bring out the new bikes earlier this month but it was cancelled during the hurricane. According to Alexandria Fire Department spokesman and former head of the bike team Brian Hricik, their tentative debut will be at Arts on the Avenue on Oct. 1.

The bicycles utilized by the program are most commonly used at special events such as parades and races. "During a parade, it's not always easy to get access to King Street," said Hricik. "We're always able to get to the patient and rendezvous with the medic [for more thorough care] later on."

The bike medic team has also aided in races outside of Alexandria including the Wilson Bridge half-marathon and the George Washington Parkway Classic, organized by Pacers running store, where bike medics saved a runner who had suffered a heart-attack this past April.

"We were just a cog in the wheel," said Hricik referring to how the bike units were the first in a long line of respondents that led to the woman's successful treatment.

"The bike units are essential to our road races as they can react quickly to any runner in need during an event. We are proud to call them partners," said

Pacers marketing director Kathy Dalby.

According to Hricik, the bikes were at the top of the list of needs for the fire department because there is an increasing number of special events on the calendar in Alexandria. Founded in 1997, the bike team worked just three events in its first year of inception. That number has increased dramatically.

"There's multiple weekends where there's two sites at once and this allows us the opportunity to get multiple sites on any given weekend," said Hricik.

Approximately 17 percent of the fire department's roster is trained to operate as a bike medic. According to Hricik, the training consists of road riding techniques, evasive maneuvers and being able to scan a crowd from on high while riding at slow speeds.

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation awards grants to any public safety entity within 30 miles of the nearest Firehouse Subs restaurant. Alexandria obtained the grant through Mayuri Madough who works in the fire department's administrative department as a grants manager.

According to Kingstowne franchisee Dan Lowe and regional operations manager, the 30-mile rule is meant to ensure that the donations from each store go directly to their community and that those donors have a voice over where their money goes.

Firehouse Subs was founded by brothers and former firefighters Chris and Robin Sorensen in Jacksonville, Fla. in 1994. The brothers created the foundation in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The organization has doled out \$2.6 million to some 225 communities and counting, including over \$60,000 in Virginia.

The organization collects money from a number of creative sources including holding a charity tennis tournament, asking for donations during fire safety awareness month at the counter, and selling recycled containers called "pickle buckets" and selling those to customers as storage containers.

Firehouse Subs is planning to expand to three new locations in the Alexandria area over next 12 months including at least one in the city itself.

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Thursday, September 29, 2011, 5-8 p.m.
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Find out about design plans for the proposed high occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes between Edsall Road in Fairfax County and Garrisonville Road in Stafford County. Learn about the findings in the I-95 Environmental Analysis and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation's (DRPT) Transit and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan for I-95. Representatives from each of these projects will be available to answer your questions. Exhibits and a video will be available. There will be no formal presentation.

Review information at www.vamemaprojects.com and at the meeting. Plans are also available at VDOT offices at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, 6363 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, or VDOT's Fredericksburg District Office at 87 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg. Please call ahead on the project hot line at 1-855-895-4646 to be sure that appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

The environmental assessment will be available on September 9, 2011, on the project Web site and at the above locations. The transit and TDM plan will be available on September 26, 2011 at www.drpt.virginia.gov and at the meeting.

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing. Comments on the project design and environmental analysis may be sent to John Lynch, P.E., Regional Transportation Program Director, 6363 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22310 or e-mailed to info@i-95hotlanes.com by October 14, 2011 with "I-95 Joint Meetings" in the subject line. Comments on the transit and TDM plan can be sent to Public Information Office, DRPT, 600 E. Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or drptor@drpt.virginia.gov by October 26, 2011.

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At the conclusion of the signing of the official proclamation and at the prompting of council member Alicia Hughes, the students shared seats normally reserved for the Mayor, council, the city manager and staff. Mayor Bill Euille addressed the students and explained the role of local government in all of our lives.



Mayor Euille signs the official city proclamation celebrating Constitution Week.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Proclamation Spotlights Importance of U.S. Constitution

The following public officials, community members and students gathered Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the council chambers at City Hall to mark Constitution Week: Council members Frank Fannon and Alicia Hughes, former Vice Mayor Bill Cleveland School Board Chairman Sheryl Gorsuch; DAR members: John Alexander, Linda Greenberg, and Eve Stocker, Regent, Priscilla Roberts; Mount Vernon: Gail Eger, Regent; Nelly Custis, Donna Porcaro, Regent; Dr. Elisha Dick: Simone Fitzgibbon,

Constitution Week Chair; Ellen Tabb; Kate Waller Barrett; Lee McKenna, Parliamentarian, Louise Massoud and Pamela Dobson; Potomac: Andie Buel, Regent; Henry Clay: Helen Warren, Regent; Thomas Nelson Chapter: Linda Montgomery-Blair; students from Mount Vernon Community School: Emma Reynolds, Ellie Nebolsine, Serena Philipsen, Maya Carlino, Bridget Conlon, McKenzie Carmichael, Owen Grainger, Taylor Griffin, Colin Canady, Miguel Canates, Alisa Quinones, Victoria Waller, Ashley Sanchez, Derek Reyes and Charlie Martin;

students from Samuel W. Tucker: Anthony Leino, Corneil Carter, Yvette Bivins Sanchez, Eduardo Santos and Fernando Portillo and Tucker principal Rene Paschal and Abigail Townes from Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy. They all watched as Mayor Bill Euille signed an official proclamation celebrating Constitution Week which starts on Sept. 17.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was prompted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, the DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the obser-

vance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on Aug. 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The aims of the celebration are to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's heritage and the foundation for its way of life, and encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

'Father of the Constitution' Visits Alexandria

Gadsby's Tavern hosts "Presidential Salon with James Madison" series.

BY ABBY MARCUS
GAZETTE PACKET

John Douglas Hall describes himself as a "historical performer." He portrays James Madison and gives audiences a chance to discuss the issues from Madison's time. Now Alexandrians have a chance to talk with Madison at a series of four presidential salons hosted at Gadsby's Tavern.

Hall has immersed himself in the life of Madison by studying the Madison papers compiled at the university of Virginia's Alderman Library and reading the newspapers that Madison would have read. He has studied Madison's early years and portrayed Madison's life as it would have been 200 years ago to the day, following the journey from congressman to secretary of state and now in the first term of Madison's presidency. He presents Madison's life and opinions as well as "Madison's assumption and presumptions of the role as executive as the steward of the government rather than an aggressive policy maker such as FDR."

The first salon took place July 31 and fo-



John Douglas Hall as James Madison.

cus on Indian affairs, relations with European nations, and the dismissal of Secretary of State Robert Smith. Hall paints a detailed picture of 1811 when the nation was attempting to maintain neutrality in the conflict between France and England, negotiating treaties with many Indian nations, and in conflict with Spain over the incursions of Seminoles into Georgia.

Each salon will have a different focus and the emphasis given to the various topics

depends on the questions and interests of the guests. During Madison's administration, the two parties were the Federalists and the dominant Democratic-Republican Party. Madison's struggles with the factions within his Democratic-Republican Party and the personalities in his cabinet are among the subjects that may be addressed in the salons. Major domestic policy issues during Madison's presidency were the renewal of the charter of the National Bank and the admissibility of the territories of Mississippi and Maine and the New Orleans district.

There are two more chances to attend a salon, on Oct. 23 and Nov. 20.

The event is \$15 per person or \$10 per person for college or high school students. For more information on attending a presidential salon visit www.GadsbysTavern.org or call Gadsby's Tavern Museum at 703-746-4242.

Alexandria Names New Town Crier

The City of Alexandria has selected Benjamin Fiore-Walker as its new town crier, following tryouts and interviews last week. Fiore-Walker was one of a dozen candidates who competed in a "cry off" on Wednesday, Sept. 7 before panelists representing Alexandria tourism, historic resources, special events and the City government, who evaluated the candidates for their voice strength and clarity, department, verbal and nonverbal communication, and interest in

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transit.

"If you keep buildings lanes, they're all going to be full," said Lynn Bostain, a Seminary Valley resident. "If they're really trying to reduce SOVs — single-occupancy vehicles — there's only one way to do it: You have to take lanes away and make people go to another alternative form of transportation."

That's a view not shared by city leaders who have been pressing for a high-capacity transit corridor on the West End for years.

"If you don't widen the road and reduce it to one lane north and one lane south, you'll create absolute gridlock," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley. "That's not going to be sufficient to handle the density that's there today."

Alexandria. The public also had the opportunity to weigh in by voting for their favorites online.

A resident of Alexandria, Fiore-Walker has experience working with the public, appearing in period costume, volunteering at Gadsby's Tavern Museum and promoting history as a tour guide.

He will make his first official appearance as town crier at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

PEOPLE



PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Representatives of six nonprofits worked together on the inaugural Rock & Stroll event: Lissette Bishins, Carpenter's Shelter; James Barber, CEO of presenting sponsor Acacia Federal; Michael O'Rourke, Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless; Ken Naser, Alive!, Bonnie Baxley, Community Lodgings; Pam Mitchell, New Hope Housing; and Shelley Murphy, Wesley Housing.

Rock & Stroll

Nonprofits unite to end homelessness.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Hundreds of families and supporters descended on Cameron Run Park Sept. 10 for the inaugural Rock & Stroll, a community service and fundraiser for charities that work to end homelessness.

"Six community nonprofits that serve the homeless decided to come together as a group for this event," said Carpenter's Shelter Executive Director Lissette Bishins. "Fannie Mae is ending its national walk for the homeless in D.C. so we decided to partner in the Alexandria community and hold our own event." Sponsored by Acacia Federal, Rock & Stroll brought together six homeless service providers: Alive!, The Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH), Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, New Hope Housing and Wesley Housing.

The event was held on Service Saturday, a time of national service that honored the 9/11 victims, survivors and first responders. It included a Help the Homeless mini-walk, a BBQ lunch, entertainment by bluegrass band Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen, and various games and door prizes.

"This is the first time we have all come together like this," Bishins said. "It's been a great success and we are already looking forward to next year."



Destinee Lampman, an 11-year-old student at Hammond Middle School, wins the hula hoop contest.



Margot Cornelius and sons Ambrose, 4, and Levi, 2, enjoy the Rock & Stroll community event to end homelessness Sept. 10 at Cameron Run.



Alexandria Cupcake owners Kathy Taylor and Adnan Hamidi, pictured with son Josh, 9, donated cupcakes to the Rock & Stroll event Sept. 10.

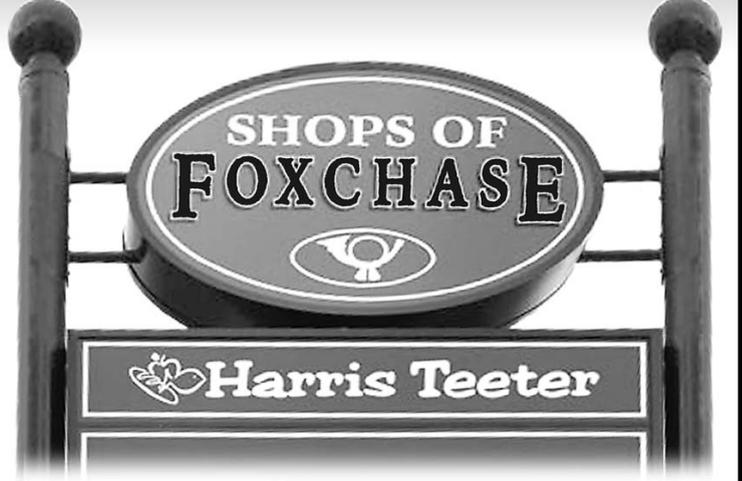


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OPINION

Tune in for Elections Vote early, but not before figuring out who, what, where, when and why.

Voting will be more complicated in some jurisdictions than others. In Arlington, for example, figuring out what state senate district you are in is important; there are three possibilities, each is contested, and all of the choices are new to you or new to the Senate. In the 30th, Timothy McGhee (R) vs. Adam P. Ebbin (D); in the 31st, Caren D. Merrick (R) vs. Barbara A. Favola (D); in the 32nd, Patrick N. Forrest (R) vs. Sen. Janet D. Howell (D).

EDITORIAL

In Fairfax County, what is arguably the most important race this year is also nearly incomprehensible in its size and scope: school board, especially the at-large race. There will be at least seven candidates on the ballot for the three school board at-large seats, and only one incumbent, Ilryong Moon, who is endorsed by Democrats. Two more candidates were endorsed by the Democrats, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen. There are three candidates endorsed by the GOP, Lolita Mancheno-Smoak, Sheree

Brown-Kaplan and Lin-Dai Kendall. Steve Stuban, father of a high school student who died of suicide earlier this year after being badly treated by the Fairfax County Public Schools disciplinary process, is also on the ballot. Technically, school board is non-partisan, but party endorsements have been important historically. FCPS controls more than 50 percent of the Fairfax County budget.

In the City of Alexandria, determining what Senate district you are now in and sorting out candidates will also matter. Could be 30th, Ebbin v. McGhee; 35th, Sen. Dick Saslaw (D) vs. Robert C. Sarvis (R) and Katherine Pettigrew (I); 39th, Sen. George Barker (D) vs. Miller Baker (R).

Virginia's state senate lines have changed dramatically, and all of Northern Virginia's races for Senate are contested by both major parties, so you'll have to tune in wherever you live.

Every voter should consider voting early via "in person" absentee voting. Given the traffic

Election Dates

Friday, Sept. 23 is the first day for in person absentee voting.
Monday, Oct. 17 is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration postmarked by that date.
Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.
Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person.
Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Alexandria Board of Elections, 703-746-4050, <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>

nightmares caused by earthquakes, flooding and man-made problems, anyone could find oneself unable to get to the polls if something goes awry on Election Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tourism Gold

To the Editor:
Captain John Smith explored the Alexandria waterfront and noted an Indian fishing village here in 1608. George Washington shipped his tobacco, wheat, and salted fish to England, the West Indies and Portugal from this port.

In the 1770s, Alexandria rivaled Boston and New York as one of the colonies' most vibrant ports because Virginia produced what England craved: Tobacco, intoxicating and addictive, was black gold. So why commercially overdevelop the Alexandria waterfront when developing the history and arts appeal of the waterfront would

attract more visitors spending a greater amount of money? Cultural/history travelers took an average of five trips in the past year compared with slightly less than four trips for non-cultural travelers, and these travelers spend more money on cultural trips (\$994 on average) than is spent on the average U.S. trip (\$611).

We have tourism gold.

Patty Sheetz
Alexandria

9/11 Memorial Service at Ivy Hill

To the Editor:
Something we all share as Americans is that each of us can remember what we were doing on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. I remember standing on the front steps of my fifth grader's school building, commenting to another parent who was dropping off his children a little late, "It couldn't be a more beautiful day. The sky couldn't be bluer."

By the time I reached home and checked my e-mail, there was a message from one of my sisters wondering if our eldest sister, an American Airlines flight attendant, was flying that morning. After what seemed like an eternity, we were able to reach her husband who asked if we wanted to speak with her; she was sleeping in after a long flight. Both of them then went to their back deck with its view of Manhattan across the river and watched as a World Trade Center tower collapsed. My sister knew people on two of the flight crews who perished that day. Since that time she has flown multiple trips ferrying soldiers home from the Middle East. All of our lives have changed; something else we, as Americans, all share. But some

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9/11 Remembrance

Students at T.C. Williams High School remembered the 184 people who perished at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, by placing 184 American flags on the front lawn of T.C. Williams facing King Street. Students placed the flags on the morning of Friday, Sept. 9 and they remained until Monday, Sept. 12. The T.C. Williams marquee commemorated the Americans lost on 9/11. The T.C. Williams Leadership students organized the tribute.

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Go Green

Kaela and Brianna Kuhn, Travis Randolph and Rodney Jones of the Montgomery Street Learning Center worked on a recycling project making pooper scoopers out of discarded laundry detergent canisters in an effort to go green. The recycled green scoopers were on sale at the Doggie Day Swim at Cameron Street City pool.

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thing better we all hold in common post-9/11 are our heroes from that day: the firefighters and first responders in NYC and at the Pentagon, and the crew and passengers of the final plane who gave their lives in Pennsylvania.

In the last decade many of us searched for ways to remember and honor all those who died on 9/11, as well as the heroes who gave their lives trying to save them. Official groups formed to determine memorials, to discuss what is appropriate to construct on the sites of the tragedies. However, I learned only recently that there was a local group who took action immediately to commemorate the sacrifice made by the Fire Service personnel who gave "the last full measure" on 9/11. The Friendship Fountain was renovated in 2001 to commemorate the 145th anniversary of the Circle of Honor at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Old Town Alexandria. They voted to rededicate this fountain as a memorial to those brave Fire Fighters and the ceremony to do so took place on Oct. 12, 2001.

The original Circle of Honor is an 1856 memorial constructed "by the grateful citizens of Alexandria" to honor seven Fire Fighters who lost their lives in the Alexandria fire of 1855. Each year in early October, Ivy Hill Cemetery and its Historical Society host the Alexandria Fire Department for a ceremony to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty in Alexandria. In 2001, this was expanded to include the 9/11 Fire Fighters. A visit to the fountain and Circle of Honor at Ivy Hill Cemetery would be a meaningful way to remember and commemorate 9/11. Ivy Hill is open to visitors daily. On Oct. 7, during its annual Memorial Service at Ivy Hill, the Alexandria Fire Department will commemorate the 10th anniversary of that dedication to

our heroes' last full measure. We are all invited to attend.

Tara Knox

Executive Director
IHC Historical
Preservation Society
Alexandria

Concern Bigger Than Old Town

To the Editor:

The recent letter in the Gazette signed by the "Waterfront4All" group contains both misrepresentations and a hostile, demeaning attitude toward some residents of this city, the people living in Old Town.

I live in Rosemont, not Old Town. I have a modest home on a large lot. I am not pining for public open space I could somehow treat as my private preserve. Neither are people in Old Town. Yet that is the ridiculous accusation lodged in that letter, that Old Town residents oppose the city's waterfront plan because they want more open space they could use in lieu of large private lawns.

I think Old Town residents are worried about what any neighborhood faced with a possible large increase in density in a small area, just eight blocks, would worry about traffic congestion, over commercialization and a diminished quality of life.

There's also the assertion that the city's planning staff listened to "all sides" in constructing this plan. Because of a recent freedom of information request, we know the

Planning staff held an extensive private exchange with the Washington Post Co., which owns two of the three sites. There may have been some give and take in those meetings, but landowners in search of higher profits are just one side.

I attended every planning meeting open to the public for two years. Those meetings just consisted of having the same plan presented over and over. Nothing ever changed in response to the complaints of the citizens.

Some changes occurred later, mostly at the direction of the Planning Commission. None was in response to the citizens who took the time to attend the public meetings. We wasted our valuable time.

Finally, the Waterfront4All drags out the bogymen of "by right development." I keep explaining "by right" because both planning staff and now this support group keeps misrepresenting it. By right is always the lowest level of development any landowner would consider building. A by-right office building built on one of the proposed development sites, if built today, would have a floor area ratio of one. It certainly would not dominate the streetscape or greatly affect the surrounding area. In contrast, the floor area ratio proposed for each of the possible development sites is three or only slightly less. Three developments of that size in an eight-block area would change the character of Old Town forever. That is why I oppose rezoning. For me it is about preserving the historic character and ambience of what remains of our colonial seaport.

Katy Cannady

Alexandria

Trade Lane For Rapid Bus

To the Editor:

Bad planning decisions such as BRAC at the Mark Center beget bad planning decisions such as widening Beauregard Street to have a special lane for a once every 8 minutes bus, but really to

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Senior Law Day: Aging Matters for Parents and Children

BY MONICA BELL
SSA BOARD MEMBER

Local seniors face complicated legal and financial challenges. On Oct. 15, a free Senior Law Day presentation and discussion with local professionals will be held at the First Baptist Church at 2932 King Street in Alexandria, from 9 a.m. to noon.

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

This informative morning is being co-produced by Senior Services of Alexandria and the Alexandria Bar Association. A panel of local experts will discuss and share information about the important aging-related matters you and your loved ones should be addressing now. There will be plenty of free resource materials available for you to read

and take home. Bring your parents, adult children, friends, and neighbors and join the panel of experts as they present valuable information and answer your questions.

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with a complimentary continental breakfast followed by the keynote address at 9 a.m. by Steve Gurney, publisher of the Guide to Retirement Living Sourcebook. Two panel discussions will follow.

The first panel will feature four Alexandria lawyers: Luke Lenzi, Kenneth E.



Bell

Labowitz, Deborah G. Matthews and Lonnie C. Rich.

The panel will address the consequences of failing to plan for aging — guardianships and conservatorships — as well as the tools you can use to ensure that your wishes are honored.

The second panel, moderated by Steve Gurney, will focus on care management, long term care, financial planning for long term care and Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans Benefits. Presenters are Vanessa R. Bishop, MSW, LCSW, CMC, C-ASWCM, Thomas C. West, CLU, ChFC, and attorney Robert A. Bullock.

The enlightening and informative morning will end with a special presentation about valuable resources available through the Senior Services of Alexandria Resource Center by Mary Lee Anderson, resource center director.

Please RSVP by Oct. 13, by calling Senior Services of Alexandria at 703-836-4414 x10, or at www.seniorservicesalex.org, so that there will be plenty of food and materials available for all who attend.

Please join us in thanking all of our generous sponsors for their support of this event especially BB&T Bank, McLaughlin Ryder Investments, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Parks & Schaffer, PLLC, Redmon, Peyton & Braswell, L.L.P., Speck-Caudron Investment Group of Wells Fargo and TD Bank.

Senior Services of Alexandria is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering independence and self-sufficiency, enabling seniors within the City of Alexandria to age with dignity.

The Senior Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar, together with the Alexandria Bar Association, works to protect the rights of all citizens.

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open up the area for further development — including for the developers who gifted us with BRAC. But if anyone believes folks are going to let city hall keep them off an open lane of highway to accommodate a once every 8 minutes bus during rush hour, they ought to buy a bridge to nowhere. Instead, sooner or later, the lane will be opened to carpools, etc.

Rather than play footsie with city hall, in order to save their tree canopy and stanch over-development, residents should instead insist transportation planners use an existing lane for rapid bus with “transit-priority” signaling and bulb-outs at rapid bus stops. Transit is supposed to take cars off the roads, so an additional lane isn’t needed because rapid bus will reduce traffic by getting people out of their cars.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Learning the Skills To Improve Grades

To The Editor:

I recently shared a conversation with Gwendolyn Lewis, executive director of The Concern Citizen Network of Alexandria.

Throughout the conversation, Ms. Lewis expressed her concern for our students throughout the City of Alexandria, hoping each student will increase their learning skills that then will help improve their grades.

The CCNA after-school program “Reach And Rise For Excellence” (RARE) will begin at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, Tuesday Sept. 27, Monday – Thursday, 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. For registration forms or information, contact Lewis by e-mailing to ccnalewis@gmail.com or call 571-268-9249. Parents also can contact their children’s math teacher at Hammond Middle school for after-school program information. The program serves children ages 12-14 or grades 6-8th.

The mission of the CCNA is to create a

comprehensive community-wide effort to increase students’ achievement and to reduce the dropout rate in our city schools.

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

Experience And Integrity

To the Editor:

Ed Semonian should be re-elected Clerk of Circuit Court in November. Alexandria needs him.

Being Clerk of Circuit Court is a demanding professional job. It requires detailed legal knowledge, good management skill, and sensitivity to users’ needs. Ed Semonian has given Alexandria all these qualities steadily for many years. Alexandria is lucky that Ed is willing to serve again.

The Clerk’s job is important. Do you want to know if the mortgage on your home was released when you made the last payment? Go to the Deed records the Clerk of Circuit Court office keeps. Want to know if someone has made a claim that could block the sale of your house? Check at the Clerk of Circuit Court.

Being Clerk of Circuit Court is not a political-party job. Ed Semonian is a Democrat in Alexandria (and, so am I), but the selection of Clerk is not about party. The choice is about skill, experience, integrity, and perseverance — all deep in Ed Semonian’s character.

This job is important. Let’s do Alexandria proud with a high turnout and a landslide vote for Ed Semonian in November.

Philip M. Hocker, Architect
Rosemont, Alexandria

Support Local Post Offices

To the Editor:

Although it has been sounding the alarm bell for years, it appears now that the Post Office may be closer than ever to its demise.

There’s a lot of chatter about the institution being the victim of technology, an old dinosaur cast in the same less-than-nimble frame as, say, the U.S. auto industry, pre-bailout, that failed to manage its money and respond to changing consumer wants and needs. And while there is some truth to that discourse, the real culprit, in my opinion, is overbought property, a problem that will not be solved by slashing jobs, reducing delivery, or shuttering proportionately few outlets. Sound familiar? Because it should, as we are still going through the exact same scenario with housing in this country on a residential level.

Ironically, I believe the Post Office could still survive and succeed ... under the principle of more: More numerous, more conveniently located, but smaller “stores” which are test leased for a short period of time before a longer term commitment is made. Kind of like rent to own, or living together before marriage. As with homes, it’s all about location, location, location. The facilities don’t have to be ubiquitous like Starbucks, on just about every corner, but

more saturation is needed to up USPS’s profile and create demand for the more attractive and innovative products which are sorely needed. That said, the significance of existing structures to their communities should not be overlooked, because in this evolution, it’s not “one size fits all.”

And while the Postal Service is transitioning to a viable contemporary form — and consider that the current incarnation could only be temporarily out of favor once the value of the personal touch for even business transactions comes back into vogue — perhaps to show our support, the least the rest of us can do is go out and buy — and use — some stamps! And think long and hard about what we would do without it ... particularly Federal representatives and senators who have the fate of the institution in their hands ... and who rely on their franking privilege, especially during an election cycle, to effect a mass mail outreach to all of their constituents.

Karen Ann DeLuca
Alexandria

Top in the Nation

Environmental Health Technical Specialist Stephen Hughes (right) of the Alexandria Health Department receives the Dr. Neil Lowry Memorial Award from Dr. Stan Pickens (left) of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals’ Recreational Water Committee at the APSP annual meeting. The Alexandria Health



Department’s Aquatic Health Program was judged to be the best in the U.S. by the APSP. The Neil Lowry Award includes a plaque and a \$5,000 award to support educational, technical, and operational activities by the winning program. Through the efforts of Hughes and Environmental Health Specialists David Weber and Tien Than, health and safety violations at Alexandria’s 135 privately-managed pools were reduced by 68 percent in two years.



Bart and Danielle James' dog Lilly takes a leap off the diving board.



Not as crowded as a warm summer day, though 100 or more dogs enjoyed the poolside activity at Cameron Street City pool.

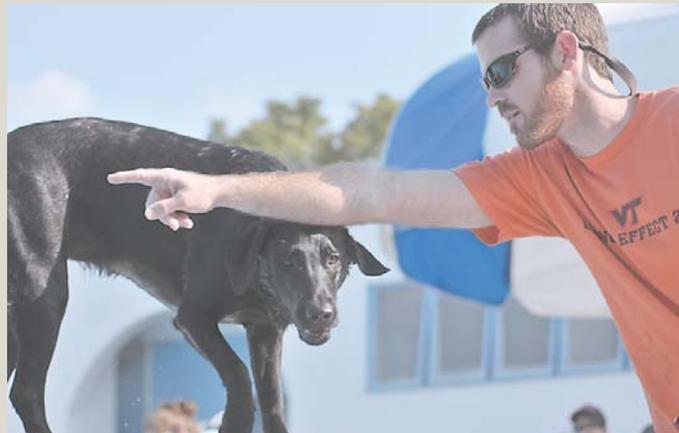
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The Dogs' Afternoon Out at the Pool

The annual dog swim afternoon, postponed from last week because of weather was held this past weekend at the Cameron St. City pool. Sponsoring the event was the pet daycare and boarding facility, My Dog's Best Friend on Jefferson Davis Highway.



Jimmy Nolan encourages his dog Drake to follow the ball off the diving board. Drake had other thoughts.



Doug Hawpe talks with his dog Zoe about the plunge.



Micah Able and Sam Weatherhead investigate the Art League's "Collective Puzzle" that is completed at the foot of Market Square.



Festival of the Arts

Hand-made bowls made by members of the Torpedo Factory were selling quickly throughout the day on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Festival of the Arts.

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Finn Leads Alzheimer's Chapter

BY HARRISON FALLON
GAZETTE PACKET



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Susan Kudla Finn

Alexandria resident Susan Kudla Finn has been named president and CEO of the National Capital Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

The new president, who took over in May, says she is excited to help "implement a plan that seeks to have a world free of Alzheimer's." Finn has called Alexandria home since 1978.

She says that her new job with the Alzheimer's Association is a "personal mission" after her father's struggle and death with the disease.

Her background ranges from being a global communications consultant to teaching leadership courses at companies such as Cisco Systems, Capital One and MetLife.

She also owned her own company, Finn Enterprises, for 14 years. The company offered strategic planning to organization such as nonprofits.

Finn says that experiences like these give her the ability to "think strategically and translate big picture thinking into a plan."

The National Capital Area Chapter provides information and support to the 500,000 people in the Washington D.C. area affected by the disease, including the 80,000 actually afflicted by it. Outside of the District, it serves 11 counties in Virginia and five in Maryland.

To contact the National Capital Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, call 703-359-4440.

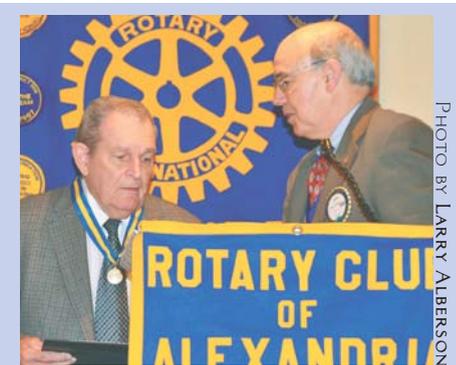


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A Lifetime of Service

Claude "Buzzie" Harris, left, receives the Cliff Docterman award from Alexandria Rotary Club president John Woods Sept. 6 at Belle Have Country Club. The award is presented in honor of outstanding service to the Boy Scouts of America and the Alexandria community.



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BY ORRIN KONHEIM
GAZETTE PACKET

Blockbuster Video was saved from the throes of liquidation with a \$320 million purchase by Dish Network earlier this year. With Netflix's recent price hike and Blockbuster's streamlined new business model, it's possible that Blockbuster could make a comeback although the number of its brick-and-mortar stores has reduced to three remaining in the area — Kingstowne, Annandale and Alexandria's Bradlee Center.

For a look at the changing landscape of home video viewing from residents' perspective, 20 random people were interviewed at the Bradlee Center parking area. Of the respondents, 20 percent said their primary method of watching home movies was Blockbuster, 5 percent said the Blockbuster kiosk, 35 percent said Netflix, 25 percent said cable-on-demand, 10 percent said cable TV, and 20 percent said Redbox. (Some respondents gave more than one answer)

Here is the breakdown of responses:

What's your primary method of home viewing and why do you prefer that method?

Of those who answered Blockbuster:

"We live around here, it's convenient and we like the staff." — Geena Gillis, Alexandria

"Redbox isn't that great. Sometimes you can travel to different areas and the Redboxes don't work or are broken. You'll go to Redbox to return a movie and it's broken. It's also in unsafe areas sometimes and the new releases come quicker to Blockbuster." — Michael Harrison, Alexandria

"The convenience of going to a movie store and browsing and seeing what's out there. It's a little more of a human connection." — Ahmed Taha, Alexandria

Of those who answered Redbox: "It's convenient and it's cheap." — Tamara Smith, Waldorf, Md.

"You can make a snap decision if you want to see a movie and it's about the same price [as Blockbuster]." — Linda S., Arlington

"There are more of them around since Blockbuster's playing catch-up now." — Dionne Williams, Alexandria

Of those who answered Netflix: "It's convenient. Coming right to my door." — Patrick Sanchez, Arlington

"I don't have to leave the house to return them or worry about late fees. I used to do Blockbuster but I just started using it less and less." — Kathleen Mullen, Mount Vernon

What would happen if the Blockbuster went out of business?

"Netflix Prices would go up. Or Redbox too." — Dionne Williams, Alexandria

"Besides unemployment for the employees, I can't think of any way it might change. It might even open the way for new independent video retailers. I can't say it's more likely but it's more likely [for independent retailers to succeed] than if it's still open." — Stephen Aquilla, Alexandria

"Not much. Sort of the buggy whip industry. It's over." — Joe Brennan, Alexandria

"Nothing, there's plenty to replace it" — Meredith Aquilla, Alexandria

"I think a lot of people would miss it." — Kathleen Mullen, Mount Vernon.

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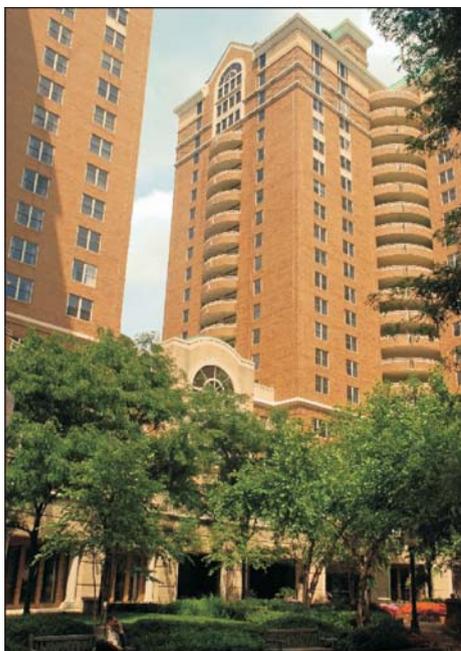


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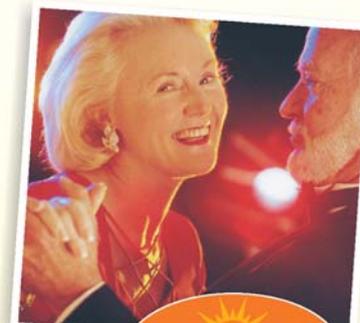
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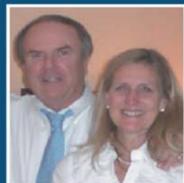


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PEOPLE

Alexandria Families Live with the World at Home

Hosting foreign students broadens families' outlook.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

If visiting Europe, South America and Asia seems like an impossible dream, look no further than a spare bedroom to welcome the global village.

International home stay programs are on the rise in Alexandria, and the benefits of adding a new member to the family can last a lifetime. For many families with children, growing up with a Brazilian, a German, or a Chinese can foster a wholly different outlook on life.

Brinda Westbrook, a docket manager with the D.C. Public Service Commission and longtime Alexandria resident, started hosting 8 years ago when her two daughters were only babies. "Our first student was a 19-year-old Japanese woman," said Westbrook. "My two daughters were babies, and I was amazed how a student could give them so much attention and become part of the family."

The benefits of living with an international guest go both ways. Exchange stu-



John and Michelle Pagan have welcomed internationals to their family for years, including a Brazilian couple.

dents learn the English language through total emersion and gain a firm understanding of American values and culture.

"We hosted a man from Saudi Arabia who was here over Ramadan," said Westbrook. "He was blown away that an American would respect his religion."

Jia Bin, a Chinese student from

Guangzhou, was amazed by the American freedom of speech. "Information is screened by the government in China," said Jia. "Many Chinese people are not fully educated."

Jia, like many international guests, also enjoyed the cheaper American goods compared to back home. "I love the big malls,"

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said Jia. "I bought so many Tommy Hilfinger shirts."

"International students are big consumers," said Andrea Grant, who runs the Just Like Home family placement program. "They shop in stores, go to restaurants and bolster the local economy."

That's good news for Alexandria, given that 70 percent of all international students with Just Like Home live with Alexandria families. Good ol' Southern charm could be the reason. "NOVA is more open to cultural exchange," said Grant. "The students come to D.C. because it's the capital of the United States, but they love Old Town and fall in love with Alexandria."

While international home stays may seem daunting, there are plenty of short-term programs that can introduce a family to the lifestyle.

"I was uncomfortable at first," said Westbrook. "Now I can't imagine life without an international element in the household."

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Big Design for Small Spaces

Alexandria-based interior designers share their suggestions for making diminutive spaces sing.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE

Lighting is important in any space, but is vital to a small space. “You don’t want [small homes] to feel cramped or tight,” said Laura Campbell of Peabody Architecture. “We alleviate that with lots of natural light.”

Elizabeth Todd saw the significance of lighting when she purchased a two story building in Old Town. She turned the top level into an apartment that she rents to her sister. Her biggest issue with the space was that it had only two windows.

“The first thing that I thought of when I got up there was ‘how do you make this place lighter?’ And that was the thing that we struggled with the most,” said Todd, who houses her store The Shoe Hive in the building’s bottom level.

Todd hired Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors. The design duo added recessed lights and skylights to give the space an airy feel.

“Whether it is achieved through table lamps, floor lamps, recessed lighting or chandeliers, a proper lighting plan adds to



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Designers David Peabody and Sarah Pak use built in shelves in Ann McCord’s Alexandria condominium to create a feeding space for her dog Tonka.

the ambience and mood that is set in a room,” said Deringer.

Another issue that Todd had with the apartment was the layout. “It was very chopped up and there was no flow,” she said.

The designers used color to create a sense of continuity.

“Using a common color though out threads throughout brings fluidity to the space,” said Deringer. “A common thread of color also adds a casual elegance. It is a unifier.”

That doesn’t mean that everything has to be beige. Vibrant colors can work in small spaces too. “Think of [furniture] as a little black dress,” said Deringer. “You can start with neutrals and always accessorize it with color through pillows or other accessories. Artwork can also be bold.”

Textures and patterns work in small spaces when used in moderation.

“To avoid a cluttered look in a small space, you don’t want a variety of patterns and colors that are fighting with each other,” said Deringer. Color adds depth to a space, but three or four patterns is enough.

SMALL KITCHENS

Just because a kitchen is small on space doesn’t mean that it can’t be big on style and efficiency. Just ask Ann McCord. After living in her Alexandria condominium for almost 20 years, McCord decided to

“By thinking through how a person really lives and designing creatively, you can make a small space seem bigger because everything has its place.”

— Designer Sarah Pak

purchase the adjoining unit and create one larger living space with a little more than 1,500 square feet. She enlisted the help of David Peabody of Peabody Architects and Interior designer Sarah Pak of SPI Design.

One of McCord’s top priorities was a kitchen that was open to the living and dining rooms. Pak suggested using integrated appliances that are covered with wood panels that match the wood of the custom cabinets.

“In this case, it was important to invest the money in an integrated refrigerator,” said Pak. “They are expensive, but in this space it is really important that this refrigerator not look like a refrigerator. Otherwise you’re sitting at the dining room table looking at [an appliance].”

The design team added built-in bookcases that face the living room, but serve double-duty as a kitchen counter that camouflages



Designer Alex Deringer keeps the colors in a small kitchen neutral and uses unexpected lighting to add elegance and glamour, as seen in this Alexandria kitchen.

the sink. “If you are in the living room, you aren’t necessarily aware of the fact that there are dishes in the sink because the cabinet is high enough to hide it,” said McCord.

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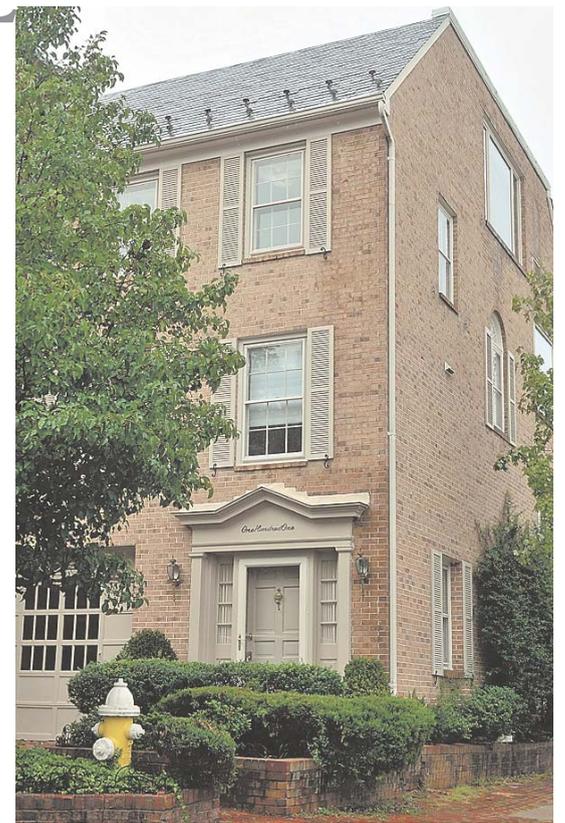
Designers David Peabody and Sarah Pak use built in shelves on the stairway wall in Ann McCord’s Alexandria condominium to create a wine rack. The designers stress the importance of using all available space in small homes.

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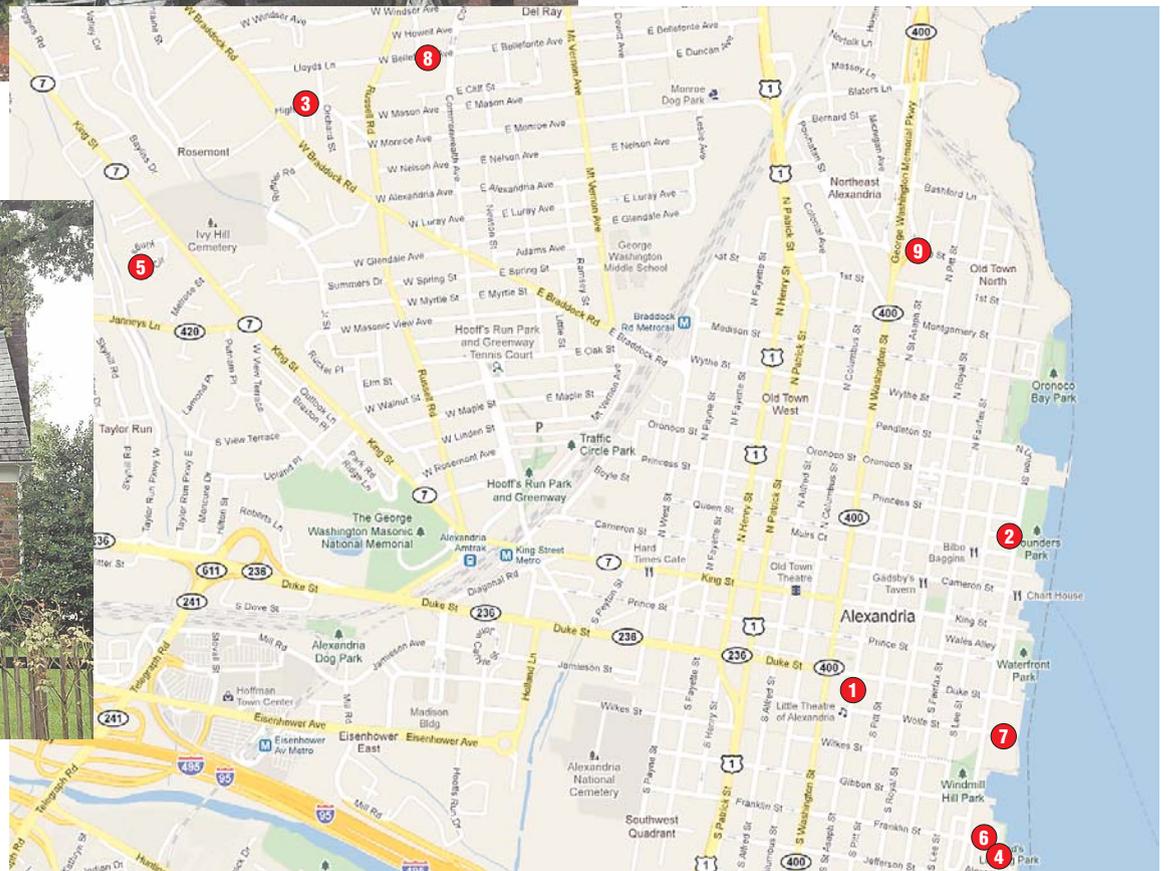


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Small Spaces

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"We [make use of] every possible inch in a small kitchen by using shallow cabinets," said Pak. "The type of cabinet you select in a small kitchen is very important, since storage is so often the biggest challenge. Frameless cabinets allow the most storage space."

Another key to maximizing space is the use of small-scale appliances. "Most manufacturers have smaller depth, smaller width appliances that can fit into smaller spaces," said Deringer. "There are dishwasher drawers [that fit easily into small spaces] as long as the amount of stuff you have to clean isn't big."

STORAGE, EVEN FOR PETS

A dearth of storage space is a quandary many people face, no matter the size of their living space. Peabody and Pak added extra storage space to McCord's condominium by using empty wall space to build shelving.

"We always try to use every bit of available space," said Campbell. "We add more built-ins or creative ways to use what space there is."

On the wall under the stairway that leads to the second floor, the design team built in a wine rack, book shelving and a cat bed. A similar pet space was added to the bottom of a half-wall that surrounds her kitchen. There are built-in spaces for pet food bowls and another space for a dog bed.

"[This keeps you from] having a big dog bed in the middle of the living room," said Pak. "By thinking through how a person really lives and designing creatively, you can make a small space seem bigger because everything has its place."



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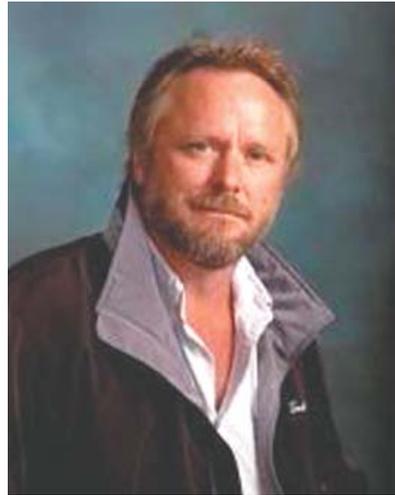
Nathaniel Hammerlund Hunt

Nathaniel Hammerlund Hunt, 47, died suddenly in a tragic swimming pool accident on Labor Day, 2011.

Born in Denver, Colo., Mr. Hunt had lived in Alexandria, Va. since 1965. He attended Alexandria public schools, and St. James School in St. James, Md. Mr. Hunt received a high school diploma from T.C. Williams and a bachelor of science in ornamental horticulture from Virginia Tech.

He is survived by his dearly loved daughter Dakota Kelso Hunt, age 10, his parents, Lois Kelso Hunt and Leon Gibson Hunt, his siblings Lucille Kelso Hunt, Rachel Gibson Hunt, and Charles Webster Hunt and his nieces and nephews Wyatt and Gabriel Qualiana, and Kincaid, Kelso and Keradwyn Hunt. Mr. Hunt's marriage to Rebecca Oxenrider ended in divorce 15 years ago.

Mr. Hunt had been the horticulturalist at Belle Haven Country Club for the past six years. While at Belle Haven Mr. Hunt obtained a certificate for wetland restoration and environmental remediation for the ponds on Belle Haven's golf course. Prior to joining Belle Haven, Mr. Hunt acted as an independent landscape designer creating beautiful gardens throughout the Washington metropolitan area. Before returning to the area seven years ago, Mr. Hunt was the owner and operator of Mountain Spring Nurseries and Landscape Design Firm in southern



Virginia where he resided for a time after graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in ornamental horticulture.

Mr. Hunt was deeply interested in plant propagation and developed many new varieties of day lilies, amaryllis and hardy hibiscus. An avid fisherman, Mr. Hunt taught his daughter and nephews to fish and they fished many of the rivers and trout streams in Virginia's piedmont and mountain regions.

As a child Mr. Hunt was a member of the Shooter's Hill Junior Players that raised money for Children's Hospital. As an adult

he was a faithful participant in the annual Shooter's Hill Ecumenical Carolers caroling event that over the years has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Children's Hospital. Mr. Hunt donated time and materials to install and maintain landscaping in public spaces and planted many trees to improve the region's beauty and air quality.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria, Va. A reception will follow at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Va. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in the memory of Nathaniel Hammerlund Hunt to Friends of the National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20002.



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Chief Judge Becky J. Moore of Alexandria General District Court welcomes Youth Academy student Kevin Vaughan Jr. to her courtroom. Judge Moore "robed" Kevin as part of the Alexandria Sheriff's Youth Academy.



Chief Judge Becky J. Moore and Chief Deputy Lenny George described how courts operate during the annual Sheriff's Office Youth Academy.

Sheriff's Youth Academy Ends with Diplomas

Participants in the annual Sheriff's Youth Academy completed their three-day study with a moot court in a fourth floor courtroom at the Franklin Backus Courthouse on King Street last month.

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, assisted by Alexandria City Attorney James Banks, presented diplomas to the 26 recipients as their parents, court staff and officials and sheriff's

deputies watched. Also on hand for the final session were Circuit Court Judge Nolan Dawkins and Circuit Court Clerk Edward Semonian.

On the final day of the academy, the youngsters, aged 9-17, also received a first-hand presentation by Chief Judge Becky J. Moore of the Alexandria General District Court. She described how the court system

works.

The program was conducted under the supervision of Commander Mondre Korngay, Deputy Audrey Eskridge and Chief Deputy Lenny George. The academy provided tours of the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center, the Sheriff's Office Public Safety Building as well as demonstrations by the Sheriff's Emergency Re-

sponse Team (SERT) and the security commanders of the facility.

K-9 "Deputy" Sherman, under the command of his handler, Deputy John O'Hara, performed his bomb-sniffing duties at the courthouse.

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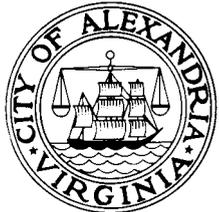
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the 1992 Master Plan (1998 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by City Council to the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-0003 and 2011-0004 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-0003 and 2011-0004 to amend Figure 4-10, "Development Controls CDD 11" to transfer certain density in South Carlyle; to revise the language describing the Alexandria Sanitation Authority property on page 4-17 and to add design guideline for Blocks 26A, 26B, 28, 29 and 30 on page 4-27 all shown with strikethrough and underline in Exhibit A.

Public Hearing on Receipt of Recommendation from the City Council Naming Committee on the Proposal to Name the Alley Behind 804 Duke Street in Honor of the Late Douglas Thurman.

Public Hearing and Consideration of the first stage of implementation for High Capacity Transit Corridor - C (Van Dorn/Beauregard).

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PEOPLE



Patrick Kirwin directs visitors in the art of painting with a 15-foot long brush.



Lisa Lettieri works with Eileen Powell on the potter's wheel.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

5th Annual Art Activated

Torpedo Factory artists and members of the Art League held artist demonstrations and hands-on projects to all who crossed the threshold on Saturday, Sept. 10. Lisa Lettieri worked a potter's wheel on the city dock and allowed visitors to try their hands at growing a pot on the wheel. David Norton demonstrated more on the potter's wheel inside the studio. Jackie Ehle demonstrated the creation of sculpture from recycled materials. Conrad's Furniture Gallery donated lounge furniture for the visitors on the main floor to sit and relax in. Lisa Schumaier carried on the tradition of the fine art of making art with bubble gum. This year it was Whistler's Mother that the guests chewed on. Patrick Kirwin of the Art League School engaged parents and children in experimentation with 15-foot brushes, squeegees, paintcombs and more.



Past president and current board member of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Mike Jankowski and Torpedo Factory artist Lisa Schumaier relax on the loaned Conrad lounge furniture in the Factory.

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Taney Avenue drivers know that there is always a good chance of seeing the Grosser brothers and their friends tossing around a football. Oldest brother Marc has moved on to college, but Alec Grosser, a junior, is T.C. Williams' starting quarterback this year. Just this last weekend, Alec led the team to a 51-7 victory against Wakefield High School. As a sophomore, Alec played in 6 games, going 4-2, helping the Titans to a playoff berth. It should be a great season. Come out to T.C. Williams' first home game against Robinson on Sept.

17 at 1 p.m. to root for Alec and the Titans.

Also making headlines is 12-year old Will Augustine, who captured the 2011 American Power Boat Association National Championship K-Pro Hydro in Lake DePue, Ill. Will, a rising 7th grader at Hammond Middle School, gets the honor of having "US-1" on his boat for the 2012 racing season. As noted in a previous column, Will is continuing a long-running family affair with power boat racing; his grandfather raced in the late 1950s and Will's uncle and cousins race as well. As well as boat racing, Will enjoys dancing, parkour, biking, snow-skiing and video and computer games.

One of our family's favorite activities is a walk to the Beatley Li-

brary. Come out to the Library's "Book Blast" on Sept. 8 through 11. The 8th is for "members only" (you can join "at the door" and activities start on the 9th and 10th at 10:30 a.m. There are many children's events scheduled for Saturday. The event wraps up on the 11th at 1:30 p.m. for more information, visit the library or go to www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

The mile-long yard sale is only a few short weeks away. Come out to Taney Avenue on Sept. 17 and hawk your wares (or get some new wares to sell at next year's yard sale). The event starts promptly at 9 a.m. (rain or shine) and there is a small fee collected by Civic Association volunteers.

The Civic Association is looking for folks to run for office. The elec-

tion is set for Oct. 12. If you would like to serve as president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, or one of the four members-at-large, contact Armi Mack at armi.mack@bsvca.net or call 703-370-3430. Don't forget that school has started. Please come to a full stop at all stop signs. Not every stop sign or crossing has a crossing guard to assist Polk, Patrick Henry, Hammond and T.C. Williams students get to their school or bus stop. Please allow some extra time over the next week to get to your destination, and follow our hard working crossing guards' directions.

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'Savage In Limbo'

MetroStage puts on Shanley play.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

You may not recognize the name, but you no doubt recognize the works of John Patrick Shanley, the Bronx-born playwright who won an Academy Award for the 1987 film "Moonstruck" and a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for the 2005 play "Doubt." "Savage In Limbo: A Concert Play" is one of Shanley's contemporary classic works, playing now at MetroStage.

Making its debut 25 years ago, the powerful play — despite the title, this is not a musical — peers into the very disparate and often desperate lives of a group of 30-somethings spending a lonely Monday night in a Bronx bar.

The "savage" of the play is 32-year-old virgin Denise Savage, played by Helen Hayes Award-winning actress Natascia Diaz. Limbo is the run down Bronx bar where she gets reacquainted with Catholic elementary schoolmate Linda Rotunda, brilliantly played to N'Yawk perfection by Veronica del Cerro. Together, the disillusioned duo makes plans to change course from the dreary routine of their lives.

Swept along in their alternating friend/enemy alliance is waifish barfly April White, another school-



Veronica del Cerro, left, is congratulated by actress Jennifer Mendenhall, who originated the role of Linda in "Savage In Limbo," now playing at MetroStage.

mate played by Jenna Sokolowski in a touching — and at times howlingly funny — display of self-medicated tragedy and vulnerability.

The bartender Murk, played with straight-faced precision and stony stoicism by Sasha Olinick, referees the verbal volleys.

Rounding out the cast is Michael Kevin Darnell as Linda's perfectly caricatured and conflicted commitment-phobe beau Tony Aronica.

As the play opens, socially back-



PHOTO BY COLIN HOVDE

Veronica del Cerro and Michael Kevin Darnell star in "Savage in Limbo."

ward Denise is looking to change her life and escape the apartment she shares with her mother. Ditto for heartbroken sexpot Linda. In the course of the evening, the two first align then clash as they betray, seduce and ultimately retreat to the safety and familiarity of the lives they are trying to leave behind.

Shanley's razor sharp dialogue alternates between hysterically energetic and heartbreakingly poignant as the characters struggle with their loneliness and disillusionment. Diaz and del Cerro in particular turn in mesmerizing performances.

Masterfully paced by director Lise Bruneau, the



Cast members celebrate following the Sept. 12 performance. Clockwise from back left: Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin, Michael Kevin Darnell, Director Lise Bruneau, Jenna Sokolowski, Sasha Olinick, Natascia Diaz, Veronica del Cerro and Jennifer Mendenhall.

execution of the dark comedy is astonishing at times and the exceptional acting of the superb cast should be on every theater fan's "must see" list. "Savage In Limbo" is an engaging and captivating show that is not to be missed.

"Savage In Limbo: A Concert Play" is playing now through Oct. 16 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. For tickets or more information call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

'Rabbit Hole'

LTA production funny, touching, gripping.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Few occurrences in life are more heart-rending than the death of a child. The grief lingers long after the funeral is over, leaving behind those caught between anger and despair, guilt and forgiveness.

But rather than a play about death, David Lindsay-Abaire's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Rabbit Hole" is a play about hope — touching, funny and gripping and masterfully executed by The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

The play opens less than a year since Becca and Howie's 5-year-old son was struck by a car and killed. Rather than bring the fam-

ily closer together, the grief isolates them as Becca seethes with anger and bitterness over her son's death.

While both Becca and Howie put up a good front, they are emotionally hobbled and the intimacy between them virtually non-existent. As their grieving travels on different trajectories, Becca's unwed younger sister Izzy inconveniently discovers she is pregnant while her hard-drinking mother Nat's attempts to help the family find closure only adds to the tension.

In the pivotal role of Becca is Karen Jadlo Shotts, a two-time Best Actress WATCH award winner. Shotts turns in a mesmerizing performance, capturing Becca's simmering rage and unyielding grief.

Andy Izquierdo, last seen as Billy Flynn in the LTA production of "Chicago," is Howie. The eight-time WATCH nominee and three-time winner shatters his on-stage razzle dazzle persona with an explosive performance as a father



Collin Chute (Jason) and Karen Jadlo Shotts (Becca) star in David Lindsay-Abaire's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Rabbit Hole," now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

grieving the loss of his son masked by the false bravado of a man barely in control of his emotions.

Rebecca Lenehan, another WATCH award winner and one of the finest actresses working, returns to LTA as Becca's hard-drinking mom Nat, and Rebecca Phillips is Izzy, the mercurial mother-to-be.

Native Alexandrian Collin Chute is a standout in the supporting role of Jason, the young driver who

accidentally hit Danny. Chute discovers the nuanced emotions of an awkward teenager trying to come to terms with his own guilt and sorrow.

Under the skillful direction of Joanna Henry, the superb cast negotiates the complex familial rhythms of fondness and frustration. With lighting design by Ken and Patti Crowley, costumes by Beverley Benda and sets by MYKE,

LTA pulls together a production that augments one of the most riveting acting performances seen on any stage.

"Rabbit Hole" is playing now through Oct. 1 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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Virginia Susan Bromley

Virginia "Ginny" Bromley, age 26, passed away on Friday,
September 2nd, 2011 of natural causes at her home in
Alexandria, VA.

Ginny was born with multiple disabilities September 17th, 1984
in Orange, CA to Bruce and Linda Bromley.

Ginny and her family moved to Alexandria, VA in 1999, where
she attended Sandburg Middle School, West Potomac High
School and graduated from Pulley Career Center in 2006.
While at Pulley she worked at many different job sites including
Greenspring Senior Living Community in Springfield, United
Community Ministries Back Porch thrift store, the Martha
Washington Library, Kaiser Permanente Springfield Medical
Center, and the Best Western Mount Vernon Hotel.

Ginny was an active member of the disabled community in
Fairfax County. She participated in Edies' Club, the Optimus
Club Fun Bunch Bowling league, and in the Special Olympics.
After graduation, Ginny was thrilled to work at the Service
Source center on Edsall Road in Alexandria where she met
many dear friends including her longtime boyfriend Robert
Nash. She became a resident of a group home run by the
Hartwood Foundation in September 2010.

Ginny's interests included playing computer games, talking to
her friends on the phone, listening to music, and visiting with
friends and family. She enjoyed traveling with her family both
domestically and abroad.

Ginny is survived by her loving parents, Bruce and Linda
Bromley; her twin sister, Elizabeth Bromley-Vogel and her
husband, Warren; her maternal grandmother, Louise Buechley;
and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Everyone who knew Ginny will miss her innocence and sense of
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— **Nicholas Spezia**, K-3rd grade teacher



"I'm not water soluble."
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— **Mary Shebchuck**, Alexandria resident who lived in Seattle for 13 years



"What the weather's like is always a toss of the dice whenever you have an art show."
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ENTERTAINMENT

The Twig

70th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour and Marketplace

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. Alexandria's own celebrated restaurant couple Cathal and Meshelle Armstrong are this year's honorary co-chairs. The Armstrongs own Restaurant Eve, The Majestic, Eamonn's, PX and the newly opened Virtue Feed & Grain. Their next restoration project, Society Fair, will be at the site of the old Alexandria Hospital on South Washington and will feature a bakery, butcher, wine store and specialty food shop.

This year's tour features six private Old Town homes rich in American history, built between 1775 and the 1840s. Each is unique and all tell a great story about the early history of our country as well as Alexandria. The current homeowners have restored and preserved these beautiful structures, keeping the historical integrity intact while updating them for 21st- century living. All of the homes have beautiful walled gardens and feature collections of fine art and antiques.

Highlights of the tour include Duvall's Tavern built by William Duvall in 1775 and the site of a reception for General George Washington in 1783, after he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. From 1788 to 1791 the building was the home of Charles Lee, collector of customs for the port of Alexandria, younger brother of Gen. Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, and George Washington's personal attorney. Duvall's Tavern served as the Bank of Alexandria from 1793 to 1807; George Washington was a stockholder and depositor. From 1963 to 1990, the structure was designer Frankie Welch's store, studio, and private home. Owned by a retired ambassador, this home currently houses a museum-quality collection of English and American antiques and art.

Another 200-year-old Federal style townhouse on the tour features original Flemish bond brickwork on the "flounder," original mantels, window sashes, staircases, and ornamental woodwork

on three levels. In addition to the elegant architectural features, visitors will enjoy Oriental and English antiques, silver, and the owner's collection of William Faulkner photographs and rare books.

A 19th century Greek Revival townhouse on the tour features a garden designed by the owner, a retired horticulturist from the U.S. Botanic Gardens. The bubbling Haddonstone fountain is surrounded by lovely Japanese cut leaf maple, gardenias, hellebores, tree peonies, Sweet Bay magnolia, Edworthia chrysantha, a miniature Japanese cherry, and many other unique plantings.

The Henry L. Simpson House retains original Greek Revival details that reflect the popular architectural style of the early Victorian period. A multi-unit rooming house through the 1900s, the structure suffered decades of neglect until the current owners began an extensive three-year restoration, converting it back to a single family residence. Brazilian craftsmen used the inspiration of the surviving architectural elements to create new detailing and restored the house to the grandeur that characterized its mid-19th century origins. All three levels of the Simpson House and the magnificent garden and pool will be open for the first time on Sept. 24.

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 beautifully handcrafted works by local artists. The sanctuary of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House will also be open to visitors during the Tour and light refreshments will be available for purchase at the Marketplace.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35. To purchase tickets online, visit www.thetwig.org. Tickets may be purchased at The Ramsay House Visitor's 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 Pineapple.



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A carved horn of ivory is one of the many pieces in the current owner's collection.



A 200-year-old Federal style townhouse features Flemish bond brickwork on the 'flounder.'



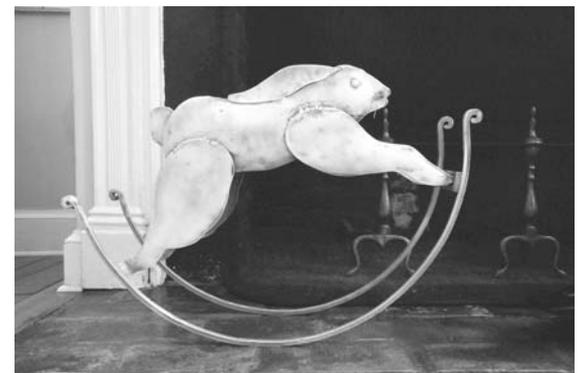
One of the pair of Ming vases that complement the original mantle piece in the Federal townhome.



A copper bubbling water fountain from a North Carolina craftsmen blooms in the walled garden.



Meshelle and Cathal Armstrong are honorary co-chairs of this year's Twig tour.



A whimsical antique rocking rabbit rests in front of the drawing room fireplace.

FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH OCT. 3

Red Dots: Drawings by Shanthi Chandrasekar. At the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, Old Town Alexandria.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 23

"The Fat Lady Sings." 7 to 9 p.m. Closing reception featuring fashion sculpture, photography and video by artist Deborah Lash. At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 25

So Yoon Lym: The Dreamtime. Artist uses hair and braid styles to make statement about immigration and diversity. 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. For directions go to River Farm's website, http://www.ahs.org/river_farm/directions.htm.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 2

Shades of Fall. At the Torpedo Factory Center's Scope Gallery. Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays until 9 p.m. At 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

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"Suburbia." A collection of impressionistic oil



OCT. 8 TO 31

Kimberley Bush, Ceramist. Sublime 2D forms that focus on positive and vibrant energy and combines encaustic painting with horsehair or raku decorating processes on handcut ceramic panels. Artist's reception is Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King St., Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

paintings by Parisa Tirnaz. At Gallery West, 1213 King St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

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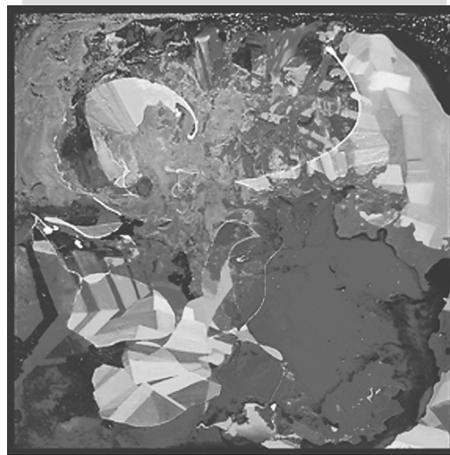
"Forgotton" and "Off Season." Works by photographers Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Eric Jonson. At Multiple Exposures Gallery, Suite 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center. Call 703-683-2205.

FRIDAY/OCT. 7

Get Sparked! Show Opening. 7 to 10 p.m. DRA and SPARK (getsparked.org) embark on an artistic journey that pushes boundaries. Experience a unique showcase of writing as inspiration, and artistic interpretations. Free. Details: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Get Sparked! 7 to 9 p.m. SPARK writers share



NOW THROUGH 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.

aloud the inspiration pieces that prompted the current gallery show's art. Light snacks and refreshments, open to the public! Donations accepted. Details: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

Exploring Watercolor and the Figure. 2 to 5 p.m. Join local artist Diana Gamerman as she demonstrates painting the figure in watercolor. A short talk on different types of watercolor paint, mediums, paper and brushes will be followed by a chance for participants to experiment with these different materials as the group paints from a nude model. All supplies provided. Register in advance: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/watercolor

FRIDAY/OCT. 21

Students Get Sparked. 7 to 9 p.m. Greenbriar



NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

"Diptychs, Triptychs & Tetrptychs." Art work by Maggie Stewart in the Printmakers Inc. Studio #325 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-683-1342 or www.tfpi.org.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

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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.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Explore the exciting world around us with favorite stories and songs. For ages 2 and under. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092.

Author Reception. 6 to 8 p.m. Adults only. Hop aboard the Matthew Hayes riverboat and wine and dine with some favorite authors. Cost is \$30/person. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Visit AlexStoryFest.org or call 703-299-9855 to RSVP.

9/11 Tribute and Military Appreciation Night. 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Mount Vernon High School is hosting a 9/11 Tribute and a Military Appreciation Night during halftime of its varsity football game against Centreville High School. At 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria. Call Bob Maxey at 703-619-3141.

Write. Speak. Live. 7 p.m. Free. Spoken word poetry slam with Shelly Bell. Attending the event is free, but for a \$10 entry fee, audience members can compete, slam style, for a \$100 prize at the end of the evening. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org.

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.

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 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

Sherwood Library 40th Anniversary. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free events, activities, storytelling, children's crafts and swing music. Tales of Adventure with Gary Lloyd at 11 a.m.; Mount Vernon Dixieland Band at 1 p.m.; Mount Vernon Swing Band at 3 p.m. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

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.

Audition for Spot-LYTE Company. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$237.50 per nine-week quarter. Ages: 16-21; must have two years of theater experience. The company gives performers ages 16-21 further performance and technical training and engages them in educational outreach with arts integration in public and private schools. At Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-11, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Contact Caren Hearne at 703-584-2961 or www.workhousearts.org.



SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Living History with Dorothea Dix. 2 to 4 p.m. Pat Jordan from the American Historical Theatre in Philadelphia will take on Dix's character (as head of the U.S. Army Nurse's Corps during the Civil War) and explore her experiences during the war in a two-part presentation. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.nvrpa.org.

The Great Grape Throwdown. 2 p.m. A dozen wines compete for the title — six Cabernet Sauvignons alongside six Cabernet Francs. At Planet Wine Shop, 2004 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Advanced reservations required. \$35 per person. \$30 For wine club members. Call 703-549-3444 to reserve.

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.

Virginia Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Native trees, shrubs, ground covers, ferns, and wildflowers will be offered for sale by the Potomack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Visit www.vnps.org.

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. The Allentown Band (America's oldest civilian concert band) and the Ringgold Band (the last organization conducted by John Philip Sousa) are saluted in a concert band extravaganza. At the Rebecca S. Wilburn auditorium at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 703-426-4777 or visit www.vgmb.com.

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.mcshinn.org.



SEPT. 18 TO NOV. 13

Brit Wit. Sundays 5 to 6:30 p.m. Join Maryland Public Television station's Afternoon Tea lady Heather Sanderson, who will help you explore the unique style of British comedy through hilarious short pieces that will remind you why laughter is the best medicine. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Call 703-683-5778 ext. 2.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Talk Like a Pirate Storytimes. 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Free. Join resident buccaneer Cap'n Patrick as he entertains children with pirate stories. For ages 3 and under. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092.

Scott Ainslie and Chatham Street. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.focusmusic.org. Info: 703-501-6061.

Ladies Tea at Gadsby's Tavern. Sip Gadsby's Tavern Museum's special blend of tea and eat period-inspired delicacies at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 138 North Royal St. Tea time is 3-4:30 p.m., with a tour of the museum at 4:45 p.m. Tea is \$30 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are required, call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org to attend.

The United Jazz Ensemble. 4 p.m. Meade Church, 322 N Alfred St., Alexandria. Donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the church's lot and on the street. Presented by Committee for Jazz at Meade.

Evening Prayer. 5 p.m. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4766 or visit www.wpc-alex.org.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the Smokin' Polecats with Marianna Previti. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

Audition for Spot-LYTE Company. 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$237.50 per nine-week quarter. Ages: 16-



SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Judgment of Alexandria. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100. Fall wine-tasting event — France Versus the World. Old Town-based Borvin Beverage is selecting the event's wines from vineyards in California, France, Germany, and Spain. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Old Town Alexandria. Sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria; ticket sales go to funding SSA's programs and operations. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org. Call 703-836-4414, ext. 14.

21; must have two years of theater experience. The company gives performers ages 16-21 further performance and technical training and engages them in educational outreach with arts integration in public and private schools. At Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-11, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Contact Caren Hearne at 703-584-2961 or www.workhousearts.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 22

Scurlock: Negro Leagues. 7 p.m. Dwayne Sims discusses his book. At the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. To RSVP, contact Audrey Davis at audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov.

An Evening with General Edward Braddock. 7 p.m. At The Lyceum Auditorium, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Performance tickets: \$12 per seat followed by a "Meet the Star" Reception (with cash wine bar). Reservations: 703-838-4994 (during business hours). Purchase tickets online through PayPal at: www.generalbraddockinterview.com

"Old Blue Eyes." 1:30 p.m. Free. The spirit of Las Vegas in the form of Steve Flynn as he sings the songs made famous by Frank Sinatra. At the Hermitage in the auditorium.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

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

Talk of the Town

Fall Fashion

The Wanderer admits to having very little fashion sense. As he sees the approaching season, he retires his flip flops under the bed and begins looking for the loafers. The khaki shorts are replaced by Levis. The only problem seems to be whether to match his socks and his many scarves. However, he will indulge the interests of his better half and stroll the streets in search of upcoming trends with her in tow. Because who doesn't enjoy the company of a well-heeled woman?



H GOSSYPYA
Dance to your own drummer? Find timeless, creative clothing at Gossypia. Amanda Lasker always has an inspiring selection of reasonably priced pieces at her jewelry and art filled boutique at the corner of Cameron and Royal Streets. Stop in to the shop where the trend is always clothing with an arty flair. 325 Cameron Street, 703.836.6969, gossypia.com

E DIVA, DESIGNER CONSIGNMENTS & OTHER DELIGHTS
Check with Diva for all your fashion-forward looks this fall! Cindy McCartney says maxis and midis are back and trendy. For those with the right complexions, mustard colors are very big (in fact vibrant colors as a whole are in). Plaids and polka dots are everywhere and chokers rule in the jewelry department. And who doesn't look good in this fall's elegant 40's-like looks! 116 South Pitt Street, 703.683.1022, divaboutiqueva.com

F AMERICAN IN PARIS
Joelle Solimano has seen many trends come and go in her 14 years as a boutique owner in Old Town. One trend that she says is making a comeback is Red. Trade in your LBD for an eye-catching red accessorized with bold, chunky jewelry. Her other suggestion for a fantastic wardrobe update: colored shoes with high heels-the higher the better! 1225 King St # 1, 703.519.8234, anamericaninparisoldtown.com

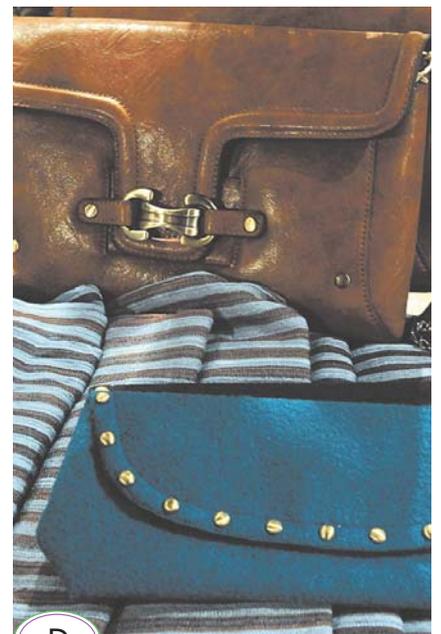


C ZOE BOUTIQUE
Add a splash of color to this Fall's neutrals of Grey and Oatmeal with this season's rich tones in Mulberry, Merlot, Raspberry or Jam. Sweater dressing and capes/ponchos offer numerous options to dress up or down. New this fall, Zoe is carrying Alice & Trixie, Beth Bowley and Alexandra Satine. Susan Gerock is eagerly awaiting the arrival of LiaMolly sweaters. 130 South Union Street, 571.970.6324, shopatzoeboutique.com



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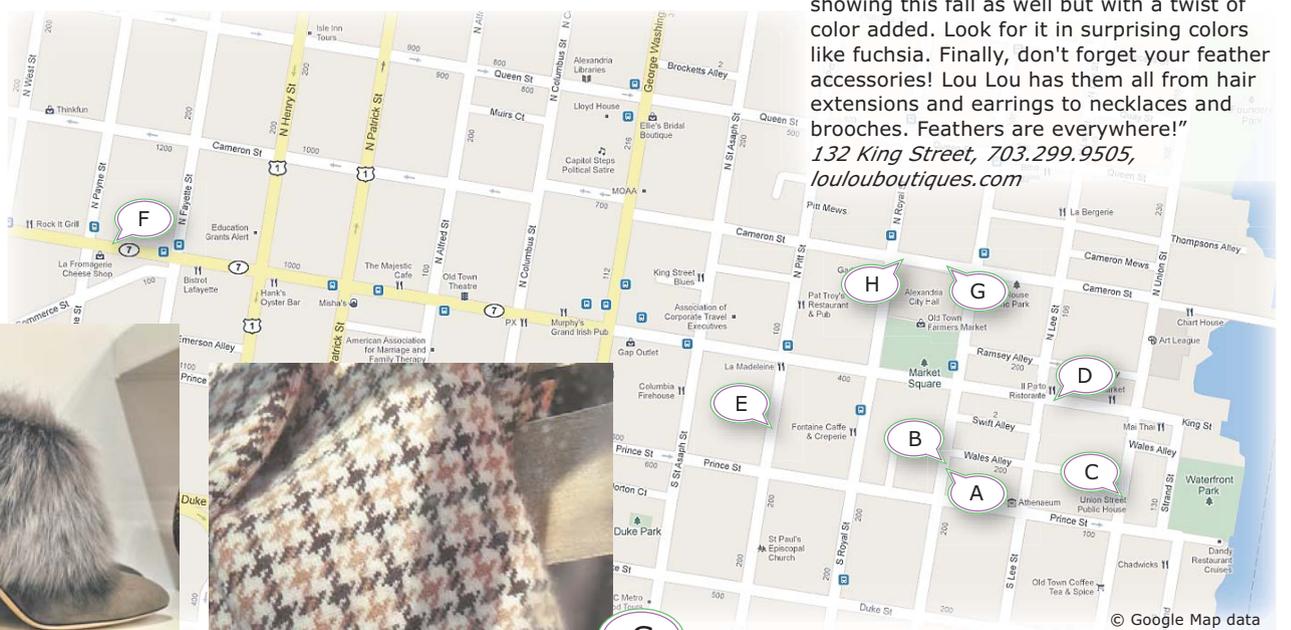
Alicia McCaslin knows the latest in this year's autumn styles: fur vests (faux and the real deal), longer skirts, red pants and bow blouses. A novelty knit sweater is this season's must to throw on with your favorite jeans and be effortlessly stylish. Don't be afraid to mix prints - chunkier tweeds with finer tweeds, fringe and chiffon. 125 South Fairfax Street, 703.548.1615, shophysteria.com



D LOU LOU
Wendy Palmer tells us, "Don't put away those fuchsias, teals and purples yet ladies! This fall we are seeing lots of bold colors mixed with neutral shades. Use accessories to add a pop of color to those winter browns and blacks. Purses and scarves are a great way to do that and you'll find plenty of both at Lou Lou. Leopard print is making a big showing this fall as well but with a twist of color added. Look for it in surprising colors like fuchsia. Finally, don't forget your feather accessories! Lou Lou has them all from hair extensions and earrings to necklaces and brooches. Feathers are everywhere!" 132 King Street, 703.299.9505, louloboutiques.com



A THE SHOE HIVE
According to Elizabeth Todd we will be seeing thicker heels - great news for all of us walking on the bricks in Old Town! Fashionable tootsies will also be wearing loafers, booties/shooties, plaids and fur, fur, fur! Yes, even on shoes! 127 South Fairfax Street, 703.548.7105, theshoehive.com



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ENTERTAINMENT

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Genealogy Workshop. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Genealogy Workshop: In Search of Mathew Henson's Roots. At the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. To RSVP, contact Audrey Davis at Audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov.

Charity Casino Event. 6 to 10 p.m. Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a 501 c 3 non-profit that provides free home repairs to in-need homeowners, is hosting Rock the Ante to help raise funds for its program. At Christ Church Fowler House, 111 N Columbus Street. Register online at www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org or call 703-836-1021.

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Largest native plant sale in D.C. Metro Area hosts 14 vendors from five states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade in historic Parkfairfax. At 3601 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Call 571-232-0375 or www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org.

Art Auction Fundraiser. Art preview at 7 p.m. followed by the auction at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/advance. Special guest artist John Stanisci will also be in attendance. Fund-raiser for the Alexandria Jaycees and King Street Cats. To purchase tickets, contact Amy at amy.alexjaycees@gmail.com or visit http://www.alexjaycees.org/art.php. At the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street in Alexandria.

Genealogist Char Bah Lecture. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5/person. Discover your own family history with expert techniques for tracing African-American ancestors. Bah will present "In Search of Matthew Henson's Roots," an illustrated lecture on how she traced the Alexandria family members of the great North Pole explorer. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St.,



SEPT. 21

NASCAR Event to Support Food Bank. Noon to 6 p.m. OneMain Financial's No. 2 Chevrolet Impala show car will be on display and fans are encouraged to stop by with canned goods for donation to the Capital Area Food Bank. At OneMain Financial, 6328 Richmond Hwy. in Alexandria.

Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Twig Homes Tour. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Twig, the Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital, is having its 70th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour & Marketplace. Six private residences and gardens in Old Town will be open to the general public. Tickets are \$35/advance; \$40/day of tour. 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.

American Balalaika Symphony. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/door. Scored for the Screen - Movie

Music from the U.S. and USSR. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

Belle View Annual Craft Show. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. DJ will provide Jazz music throughout the day. Food and refreshments. At 1204 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria. Rain date is Oct. 1. Call 703-765-8775.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Parking lot of Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6335 Little River Turnpike at Lincoln Avenue, Alexandria. Rain date Oct. 1. Info: 703-354-5176 or lincolniaumc@verizon.net. See www.lincolniaumc.org.

Museum Day. Three Alexandria museums are participating in the Smithsonian's Museum Day. On that day, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum will be offering free admission to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket which is available to download at www.smithsonian.com/museumday. Visitors who present the official pass will gain free admission for two people to participating museums and cultural venues.

SEPT. 24-25

Bead and Jewelry Show. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Northern Virginia Bead Society is hosting its annual Bead and Jewelry Show at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Admission is \$5, and parking is free on Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. For discount coupons, visit www.meetup.com/NVBS-Jewelry-Classes/ or www.nvabeads.org. Contact NVBS2002@yahoo.com.

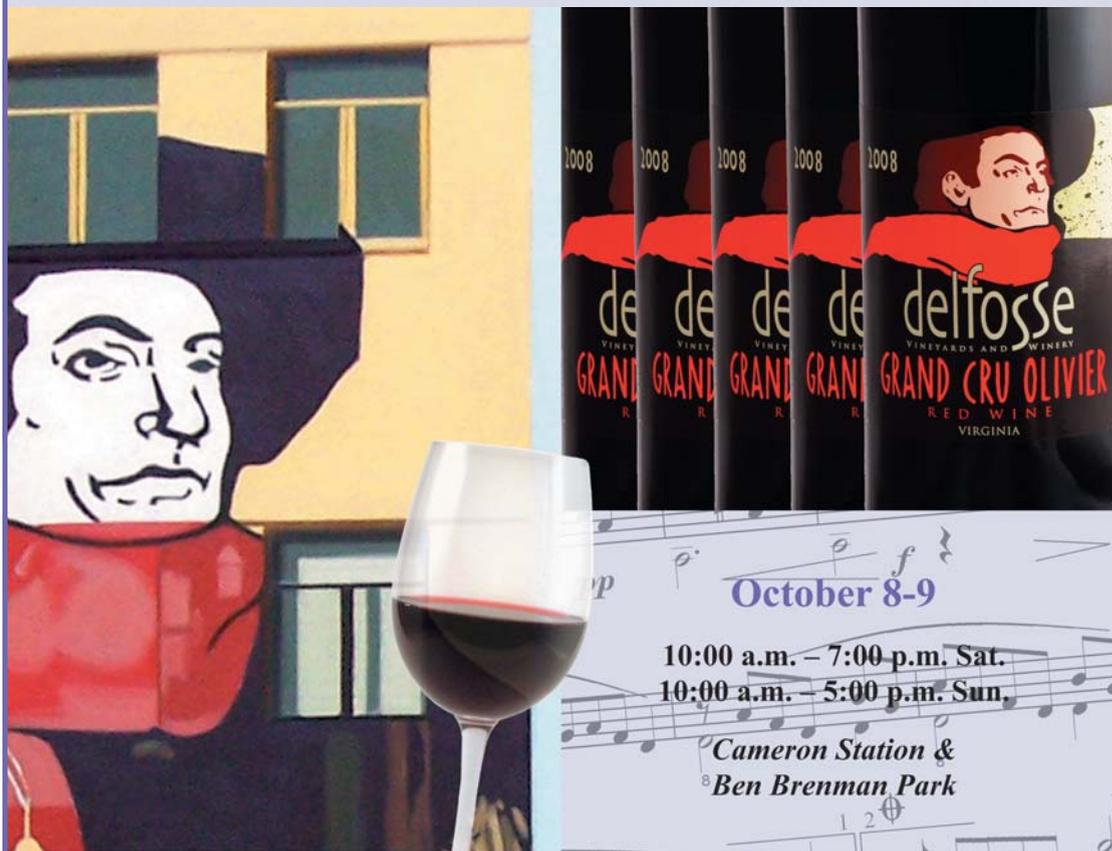
SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

"Inspired by Nature" Fall Concert. 3 p.m. Concert for Alexandria's Kaleidoscope Festival of the Performing and Visual Arts. Presented by EcoVoce Ensemble and Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. Admission is \$20/adult; \$10/students. At Huntley Meadows Park Visitors Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Visit www.ecovoce.org.

Olde Towne Dogge Walke. 9 a.m. Part of the Get Healthy Alexandria. Start a team or join us with Mayor Euille's "Get Healthy Team". You can sign up at www.doggewalke.com. At Market Square in Old Town Alexandria.

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T.C. Williams running back Za'Quan Summers rushed for 117 yards and a touchdown in 14 carries against Westfield on Sept. 10.



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Quarterback Alec Grosser and the T.C. Williams offense showed glimpses of athleticism against a tough Westfield defense on Sept. 10, but lacked consistency during a 28-13 loss.

Titans' Offense Stumbles Against Westfield

TC falls behind quickly against one of the Northern Region's top teams.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Facing fourth-and-short late in the third quarter, T.C. Williams quarterback Alec Grosser and receiver Landon Moss went for it all.

Trailing Westfield 21-0 in the third quarter, the Titans needed three yards to keep their drive — and chances of winning — alive. Head coach Dennis Randolph called a short pass play, but Grosser and Moss audibled to a deep pass down the left sideline. Grosser floated a perfect pass into Moss' hands for a 36-yard gain, setting up a 12-yard touchdown run by Za'Quan Summers.

Later, facing fourth-and-goal with 3 minutes left in the game, Grosser lobbed a jump ball for Moss, who snatched the pass over a Westfield defensive back for a 5-yard touchdown.

The T.C. Williams football team on Sept. 10 sporadically flashed the kind of athleticism that has the Titans thinking they can compete with the best in the Northern Region. But while facing a Westfield team ranked near the top of the Washington Post's top 20, the Titans didn't make enough plays to overcome their mistakes.

Westfield defeated TC, 28-13, during the final game of a tripleheader at Westfield High School. The game was originally scheduled for Sept. 9, but was moved back

a day due to issues stemming from inclement weather. Westfield scored a touchdown on each of its first two possessions, and on the opening drive of the second half to take a 21-0 lead. When the Titans' offense started scoring, it was too little too late.

"They're a good football team," Randolph said. "We made some mistakes that we shouldn't have and that cost us some more points. Defensively, they're pretty good athletes, too. I think we needed to score 28 points or 30 points to win the game."

Moss did his part to keep TC in the game. The junior has experience on the basketball court but is in his first season playing football. Moss is listed at 6 feet 2, 175 pounds on the football roster, but the

school's basketball roster has him listed at 6 feet 5. He caught a touchdown pass in the season opener against Wakefield, tallied five receptions for 58 yards and a touchdown against Westfield and has the size and athleticism to create mismatches wherever he lines up.

"He's a tremendous athlete," Randolph said. "He's a big-time college football player and he's only a junior. Alec puts it up there for him and he goes up and gets it, just like that last play in the end zone. That's a jump ball and he won. I don't think there's anybody who can cover him when you get like that because all he did was throw it up in the air."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Football Coaches Night

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will hold its annual High School Football Night Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Dominion Boat Club (1 King St.). Coaches from T.C. Williams, Bishop Ireton, Edison, Episcopal, Hayfield, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes and West Potomac plan to attend.

The coaches will discuss their programs and the ongoing football season. Following a question-and-answer period, the Athlete of the Month Awards will be presented. The evening wraps up with a complimentary pizza dinner from Philadelphia Cheesesteak Factory.

ASC meetings are free and open to the public. For more information call Frank Flaherty at 703-930-7165 or visit www.alexandriavasports.org.

Bishop Ireton Football Improves to 2-0

The Bishop Ireton football team defeated Bullis, 35-27, on Sept. 10, improving its record to 2-0.

Ireton rushed for 251 yards, with three players gaining at least 50 yards on the ground. Brandon Williams-Price rushed 10 times for 93 yards, Moses Webb carried 10 times for 77 yards and two touchdowns and quarterback P.J. Zingler rushed for 50 yards and a touchdown in eight carries. Andrew Bladen carried three times for 31 yards.

Zingler completed 13 of 21 passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns for the Cardi

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Area rowers and their parents descended on the Dee Campbell Rowing Center on Saturday morning, Sept. 10, to sign-up for the T.C. Williams Fall Crew program and the Old Dominion Boat Club select team for this fall. Coach Stephanie Patten is shown talking to a rower about the season ahead. For more information on the T.C. Williams Fall Crew Program, contact boys head coach Pete Stramese at pstramese@meicompany.com or visit www.tcwcrew.org.

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SPORTS

Titans Fall to Westfield

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Grosser completed 11 of 21 passes for 124 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted once. Percy Haskins caught four passes for 61 yards and Summers carried 14 times for 117 yards and a touchdown.

"When we saw them on film we could tell they're a really good team," Westfield quarterback Matthew Pisarcik said of TC. "They were a really good team

— really athletic. I think they're going to go pretty far this season."

After throttling an overmatched Wakefield team, 51-7, during the season opener on Sept. 1, TC ran into its first challenge of the season against Westfield. The Titans won't have to wait long before facing another tough task as they host Robinson at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. The Rams are off to a 0-2 start, but are allowing just 10 points per game in losses to Stone Bridge and West Springfield.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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nals. Matt McShea and Bladen each caught a touchdown pass. Webb caught three passes for 53 yards.

Ireton will host St. Stephen's & St. Agnes at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

SSSAS Football Loses Opener

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes football team lost its season opener to St. Christopher's, 34-13, on Sept. 10. It was the debut for first-year Saints head coach Bernard Joseph. SSSAS will travel to face Bishop Ireton at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Episcopal Football To Open Season

The Episcopal football team will travel to face Flint Hill at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17 for its season opener. The Maroon's first home game is Sept. 24 against Bishop Ireton.

TC Volleyball Beats Wakefield

The T.C. Williams volleyball team improved to 3-1 with a 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 25-19) victory against Wakefield. Kate Whitmire finished with 13 kills and seven aces. The Titans will travel to face Fairfax at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 and will host Yorktown on Sept. 19.

TC Field Loses To West Springfield

The T.C. Williams field hockey team lost its Patriot District opener to West Springfield, 4-1, on Sept. 13. The Titans had started the season 5-1-1, but the Spartans posted a season-high goal total for a TC opponent. The Titans will host Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15.

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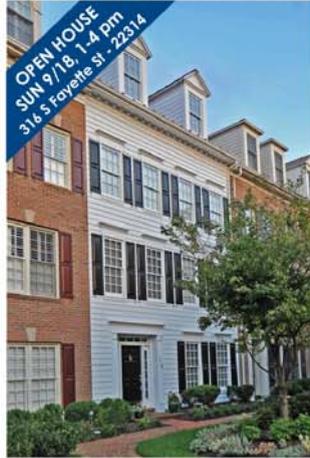
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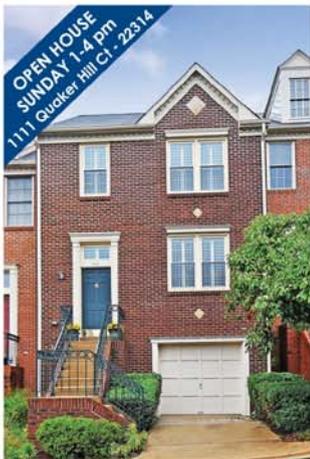
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