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Unregistered And Fun

Moped scooters logging record growth.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria residents tired of the high price of gasoline, the inconvenience of finding a parking spot and in search of adventure are embracing the moped scooter as the preferred form of transportation.

Mopeds travel on roads and can park on sidewalks. They cost next

to nothing in fuel and produce few emissions. Because mopeds are unregistered, owners pay no vehicle tax, and as part of a newly enacted law they can pass through red lights if they have

waited over two minutes.

Most importantly, mopeds are just fun.

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While the cost of a new car runs into the tens of thousands of dollars, asking price for most mopeds starts at \$1,000. More expensive

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"Scooters just work."

— Bernie Gratzl, owner of Mopedland in Alexandria



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Next Generation, 90 Percent Greener

The first passive home in the Washington region stays warm on the energy it would take to run two hairdryers, says Alexandria architect David Peabody, who designed the house. Story, page 27.

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BikeShare Coming to Alexandria

\$400,000 pilot project will have 54 bicycles at 6 stations in Old Town.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

It's going to be a red spring in Old Town, where dozens of crimson-colored bicycles will start sharing the crowded colonial streets with automobiles and pedestrians. On Tuesday night, the Alexandria City Council unanimously authorized the city manager to enter into a contract with Oregon-based Alta BikeShare that would spend \$400,000 to purchase 54 bicycles, construct six stations and operate the system for the first year. No public hearing was conducted on the program.

"We're feeling confident it will be success," said Carrie Sanders, pedestrian and bicycle coordinator for the city government.

City leaders were quick to explain that none of the money would be coming from the city's general fund. The initial \$400,000 has already been set aside from the last year's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding. Transportation officials have also identified another \$400,000 in the program this year that would expand the pilot, essentially

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Colleagues Honor Retiring Aide to Police Chief Cook

After 33 years, APD says goodbye to Wendy Maris.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

After 37 years in law enforcement — 33 with the Alexandria Police Department — Wendy Maris stepped down Sept. 30 from her position as aide to Police Chief Earl Cook.

"I learned early on not to do

anything unless Wendy says it's OK to do it," laughed Cook at a luncheon celebrating Maris's career Sept. 23. "When I first became chief, Dave Baker told me to just stay close to Wendy and it will get me through the first six months. I took his advice and am thankful to her for being such a loyal friend."

Held at Clyde's Restaurant at Mark Center, the luncheon featured several speakers and presentations thanking Maris for her service.

Assistant City Manager Michelle Evans noted that Maris has served under five different chiefs of police as well as five city managers.

"The entire performance of the organization hinges on the person who sits in Wendy's seat," Baker said. "I have never worked with a more thorough, competent, loving and efficient person. Not once did

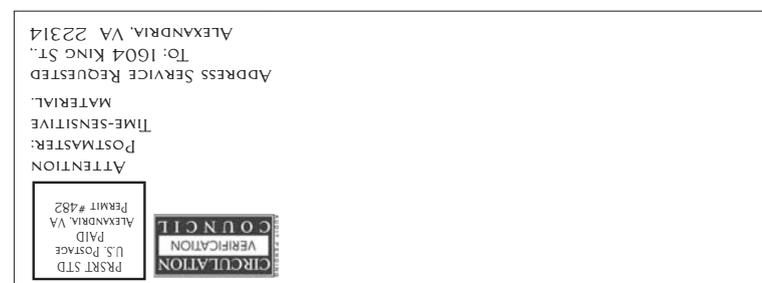
she ever let me down."

Maris, who joined the APD in 1978, worked her way up through the ranks to become the aide to

the Chief of Police.

"She joined the force at a time when it was not fashionable for

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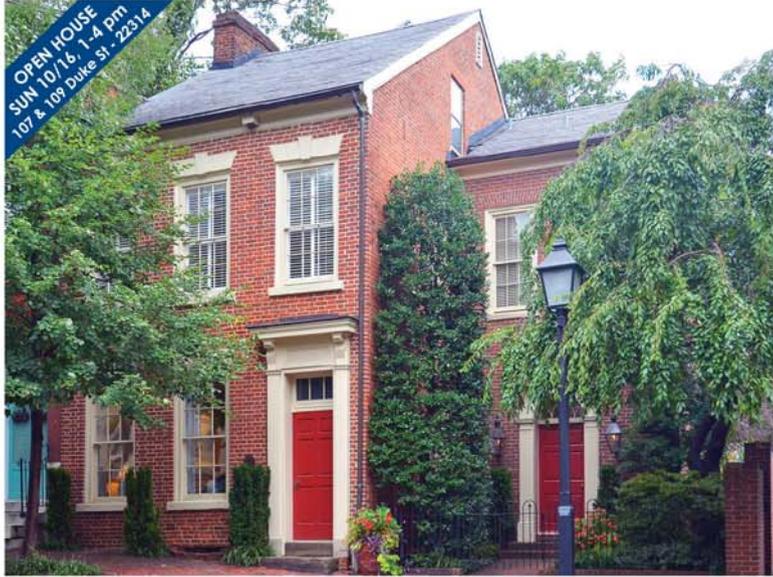


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Zoning Regrets

Regrets? City Council members have got a few. But then again, too few to mention.

That was the refrain heard at City Hall this week as members braced for the grim economic future. With the federal government looking at downsizing in the near future, Alexandria officials are bracing for the worst. As acting budget director **Laura Triggs** explained Tuesday, cautious optimism has turned to cautious pessimism.

"The federal government is not going to be as reliable a tenant as they have been in the past," said Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. "We may be walking down a road that's going to put increased pressure on homeowners."

Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** added that the changing dynamics of the real-estate market is going to put pressure on the city to rezone commercial property as residential. That's something the city should resist, he said, adding that he thinks a previous City Council made a big mistake by rezoning commercial property on Eisenhower Avenue from commercial to residential.

"It was easy and quick," said Donley. "But in the long run, it was probably not the best thing to do."

"I'm not quite certain I regret it," responded Mayor **Bill Euille**, adding that the properties would have remained vacant if the city didn't grant waivers to developers. "We were looking at the need to be responsive."

Smart Tech to Boot

People who have three unpaid parking tickets in Alexandria are stuck with "the boot," a yellow metal contraption that prevents drivers from moving the vehicle until the fines are paid. Then a city worker comes to remove it.

That's about to change.

Under a plan now under consideration, the city would install new smart boots on vehicles that allow the booted to swipe a credit card and remove the contraption themselves. The self-releasing immobilization devices come with a higher price, of course. The price of removing the boot will increase from \$75 to \$120. Failure to return the boot will cost \$500.

"Where do you return them to?" asked the mayor.

"They mayor's house," joked the vice mayor. "Didn't you read the memo?"

"Right next to the BikeShare," added Councilman Krupicka.

Unemployment Declines

Although the national unemployment rate has hovered at 9.1 percent in recent months, the city's unemployment rate declined from 4.8 percent in June to 4.5 percent in July as employment growth began to outpace growth in the labor force.

Alexandria's labor force grew 0.9 percent in July while employment increased by 1.2 percent.

But it's not all wine and roses at City Hall.

The office vacancy rate is higher than it's been in years, and it's one of the highest in Northern Virginia. New business licenses are flat, as are meals tax revenues. Commercial construction is nonexistent.

And a sense of malaise has settled over the city's financial outlook.

"The state of the local economy remains uncertain," warned acting City Manager **Bruce Johnson** in the monthly financial report.

At the end of the month, officials from Moody's Investors Service will be in town to examine the city's books.

Back in August, Moody's announced that Alexandria would keep its AAA credit rating, although it assigned the city a "negative outlook" because of the city's economic relationship with the federal government.

"We might want to give them a fruit basket," joked Donley.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



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Express Service

Alexandria Transit Company General Manager **Sandy Modell**, **Paul Abramson**, Mayor **Bill Euille**, **William Brazis**, Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**, Chamber of Commerce CEO **Tina Leone** and others cut the ribbon of the new **DASH Mark Center Express Service at the Mark Center Station to the King Street Metro.**



The new Mark Center Station.

Board Renews Sherman's Contract

Members cite superintendent's accomplishments.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria school board unanimously voted on Thursday Sept. 29 to renew Superintendent Morton Sherman's contract through June 30, 2015. But the unanimous vote didn't mean there wasn't lively discussion.

"Sometimes we vote unanimously if that's the will of the board but that doesn't always mean there wasn't spirited discussion or disagreement," said Charles Wilson, school board member.

School board member Ronnie Campbell agreed.

"There's always a lot of discussion about renewing any contract in the past as well as the present," said Campbell. "We have a lot to discuss. We have to take into account the community as well as the schools and the staff. It's time consuming but it's not something we take lightly."

"It's not a rubber stamp," said Wilson. "It's not automatic. We have plenty of discussion over the whole year. Our superintendent gets constant and frequent feedback. It's based on research and adherence to our recently developed strategic plan."

Board members cited many reasons for renewal. Chairman Sheryl Gorsuch said the turnaround results at T.C. Williams, great math scores out of Cora Kelly, strong writing scores since the Columbia writing project, and algebra participation and performance at middle schools were all taken into account.

Campbell pointed to the superintendent's adher-

ence to the strategic plan.

"He's really following it," said Campbell. "He's making it a working plan."

She also said, "his leadership ability, his community input, his relationship with the community, his professionalism in how well he plans and assesses things." Campbell also said that per pupil spending has gone down during the superintendent's term.

"The average city appropriation per student has declined from FY 2009 to FY 2012 by approximately \$850," said Campbell.

Wilson explained that change can be slow in a school system.

"School systems are like a big ship," said Wilson. "It takes an hour to make a U-turn in a big ship. It's similar for a school system. You can't make changes over night."

Wilson, Campbell and Gorsuch all pointed to the importance of continuity to accomplish goals.

"For meaningful gains to me to be made it's the long term commitment that matters," said Gorsuch.

"Once you've got a superintendent that knows the direction we're headed in, to change to another superintendent would be counterproductive," said Campbell.

The new contract gives the superintendent a salary of \$250,000 with an annuity payment of \$40,000. His base salary for 2009 and 2010 was \$240,000 with an annuity payment of \$10,000 in 2009 and \$27,500 in 2010.

"I, for one, have confidence in our superintendent going forward," said Wilson. "There's more that needs to be done. As long as we're going in the right direction and we're going fast enough I will support my superintendent. If it wasn't going right, I'd be the first person to say 'no.' And I think that's true of every other board member."

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Paul Linehan welcomes the morning YMCA aerobic class and neighborhood friends to the newly installed remembrance garden for Kate Wilson Daniels on East Monroe Avenue.

Remembering Kate Wilson Daniels

Del Ray honors civic activist with rose garden.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Roses are a symbol of beauty, courage, respect and passion. For Kate Daniels, roses also meant independence in body and mind, and serve as a fitting memorial for one of Del Ray's most engaged civic activists.

Friends and neighbors gathered on Sept. 30 at the Alexandria YMCA to observe the opening ceremony of the Kate Wilson Daniels Memorial Rose Garden.

"She reached out to make the community a better place," said Velma Tinner, director of the Alexandria YMCA. "She was a dear friend of the YMCA."

Daniels remained active in her water aerobics class at the Alexandria YMCA up until her last month before dying on Sept. 23, 2010 at the age of 94.

"She was such an inspiration, we came because she came," said Audrey Faden, a longtime friend who attended water aerobic classes with Daniels.

Originally from Bristol, Va., Daniels moved to Al-

exandria during WWII and contributed to the war effort by producing munitions. Her love for country soon expanded to her new home, fueling her drive to make the Alexandria community a better place.

Daniels had a vision for Del Ray that included a tight-knit community and neighborly love. She rallied support against mass townhouse development in Del Ray, fighting city government to maintain its neighborhood charm centered on single-family homes.

"Kate was not afraid to stand by her principals, she believed it was important to have single family homes, and that people would come to live there," said Paul Linehan, a longtime friend of Daniels. "She reflects the community we share everyday."

Kate Daniels touched the lives of many residents on an individual basis. Rudy Majek, store manager of the CVS Pharmacy on Monroe Avenue, first met Daniels 10 years ago when Majek moved to the area after college.

"Auntie Kate had a great sense of humor," said Majek. "I would see her walking down Monroe three times a day, and when I asked if she needed help carrying her things she would pretend to be snooty."

"Her passing was a great loss," said Majek. "Knowing Miss Kate was like winning the lottery."



YMCA District Executive Director Velma Tinner remembers Kate Wilson Daniels.



Patrice Linehan, a neighbor of Kate Daniels for 17 years talks about her late friend, Auntie Kate.

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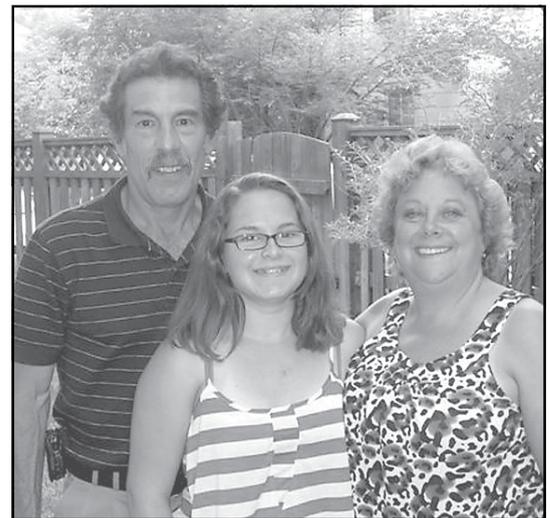
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Arthuretta Martin Burke performs in the Gazebo on Sunday afternoon.



Steel drum musician Doug Walker.

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West End Initiates Own Art and Wine Festival

Weekend of art, music and wine.

The streets of Cameron Station came alive Oct. 8 and 9 with the sights and sounds of the inaugural West End Art and Wine Festival.

"This is a beautiful community for a festival like this," said Mayor Bill Euille prior to the official ribbon cutting for the festival. "With outstanding corporate sponsors and WEBA [West End Business Association] working together with the community, this is a public private partnership that will help generate revenue for the city. It takes a village to raise an arts festival like this and that is what we have here today."

Organizers Sonia Agosto and Donna Kenley presented a check to Capital Caring, the official charity of the festival, and thanked the

many sponsors of the event, including title sponsor Hadeed Carpet.

"My father started this company in 1955 and giving back to the community is how I was raised," said Joe Hadeed. "I love Alexandria and what it stands for and am happy to be able to be a part of this festival."

The festival featured more than 100 juried artists, a wine tasting garden and three stages of live entertainment. A "Taste of the West End" featured 17 area restaurants.

"Cameron Station is the perfect community for this," Agosto said. "And as years go by, we will be just as viable to the city as the festivals in Old Town and Del Ray."

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Mayor Bill Euille, center, leads city officials and sponsors in the official ribbon cutting to open the inaugural West End Art and Wine Festival Oct. 8 at Cameron Station.

PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/CZETTE PACKET



Joaquin Evans, 8, and Mary Jane Garces enjoy their new balloon hats at the West End Art and Wine Festival Oct. 8.

PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/CZETTE PACKET



Cameron Station residents Chris and Ken Naser enjoy the afternoon in the wine garden at the festival.



New York artist Marina Reiter.

Eminent Debate on Eminent Domain

Candidates are divided about an constitutional amendment regarding eminent domain.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Should business owners be able to recover lost profits when government takes land through eminent domain? That's an issue that will be considered in the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly, and the two candidates running to replace retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30) have taken positions in stark contrast to each other.

Del. Adam Ebbin (D-46) says he would vote against the amendment, as he did earlier this year in the House of Delegates. Republican Tim McGhee says he would vote in favor of the amendment.

"Eminent domain is one of those issues that people don't like on a gut level," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "But it's been a few years since the furor over the Supreme Court decision, so I'm not sure this is the kind of issue that's going to necessarily move voters."

The politics of the amendment currently before the General Assembly tend to be partisan, although the vote this year included several Democrats crossing over to vote in favor of the amendment. It passed the House 35 to 5 and the Senate by 83 to 15. Ticer voted against the measure, as did Del. David Englin (D-45) and Del. Charniele Herring (D-46). Local governments across Northern Virginia say they are concerned that the amendment might be detrimental to the city's interests and will be recommending City Council members take a formal position opposing the amendment when they take up their legislative package this fall.

"This would hurt the city," said Bernard Caton, the Alexandria's legislative director. "It could end up costing us money to do things that most people would agree are sensible things to do."

AS A POLITICAL ISSUE, eminent domain was given new life in 2005 when the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 5-4 decision in *Kelo versus City of New London*. Essentially, the majority of justices ruled that the government taking of property from one private owner to give to another in furtherance of economic development constitutes a permissible public use under the Fifth Amendment. The ruling created a massive backlash, creating momentum in Virginia for 2007 legislation that defined "public use" in a way that significantly narrowed how eminent domain could be used.

"This is legislation that closed the Kelo loophole, but every year people come to Richmond and try to weaken it," said John Taylor, president of the Virginia Institute for Public Policy. "That's why a constitutional amendment is necessary."

Ebbin disagrees. He said he might consider voting for the effort if it was a change to the code instead of



Tim McGhee



Adam Ebbin

a constitutional amendment, although he said he was uncomfortable with how the amendment is worded because it doesn't define how the loss of profits would be defined. Ultimately, Ebbin said he was concerned the amendment could open the floodgates for businesses to sue municipal governments every time they try to construct an off-ramp or add a lane.

"We don't need to enshrine every left-hand turn lane into the constitution," said Ebbin. "I'm concerned the lack of definition on the loss or profits or access could lead to lots of lawsuits."

"Eminent domain is one of those issues that people don't like on a gut level."

— Kyle Kondik, political analyst, University of Virginia Center for Politics

WITH THE EFFORT having passed the General Assembly earlier this year, the next step is for the amendment to be considered again by the next session with an intervening election. Voters will ultimately have the final say if the amendment gets through the next round. But this fall, they'll have a way to indirectly influence the process

by selecting a state senator for the 30th District. The Democrat opposes the amendment and the Republican supports it.

"My campaign is about fundamental principles, and this is a fundamental principle," said McGhee. "This amendment is about protecting private property from the local governments that are putting other people's private interests ahead of the property owners."

In some ways, McGhee is attracted to the same thing that gives Ebbin pause — the undefined nature of how lost profits and loss of access is defined. McGhee likes this feature because it would give the General Assembly the ability to carve legislation that would be fair to all parties involved. Ebbin says leaving this part of the bill vague is asking for trouble, moving forward with an undefined amendment that would have unknown consequences. Although Ebbin voted against the legislation in part because of a lack of specifics, supporters say the incomplete nature of the bill was necessary to build support.

"We did that as a way to bring people on board to vote for it," said Taylor, who was one of the leading forces navigating the amendment through the General Assembly. "If Ebbin wants to help craft legislation for defining profits and access, he should give us a call and we can work together."

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Dr. Habal was born and raised in Sherman, Texas. She received her medical degree from the University of Texas, San Antonio and completed her residency at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas where she worked as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine for an additional year. Recently, she completed two years as Chief Fellow in Rheumatology at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. Dr. Habal is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Board-Eligible in Rheumatology. She has co-authored several articles in professional medical journals reflecting her interest in pustular psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

In addition to English, Dr. Habal speaks Arabic and Spanish fluently. In her free time, Dr. Habal enjoys scuba diving and cooking.

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Is Alexandria Comcastic?

This weekend, members of the Alexandria City Council will consider renewing cable giant Comcast's franchise in Alexandria. In a memorandum outlining the process, City Manager **Bruce Johnson** recommends that council members approve a five-year deal that would give the Philadelphia-based Comcast a franchise extension.

"The new franchise requires Comcast to maintain an office in the city to allow subscribers to request service, pay bills and conduct other business," Johnson wrote in a memorandum outlining his recommendation. "After normal business, Comcast is required to have phone service available 24-hours per day, seven days per week."

The city's history with cable television dates back to 1979, when City Council members approved the original franchise award to Alexandria Cablevision Company. That franchise was transferred to Tribune Company Cable of Alexandria in 1981 and ultimately to Jones Intercable in 1986. Eight years later, the city granted Jones a 15-year nonexclusive franchise to provide telecommunication services in addition to cable television, opening the door to what was then known as the Information Age. Jones was purchased by Comcast in 1999. Responding to more recent complaints, the new franchise agreement under consideration encourages speedier customer service.

"The franchise now must answer telephone calls within 30 seconds and transfer the caller to a customer service representative within 30 seconds," Johnson wrote. "This standard must be met 95 percent of the time, measured quarterly."

Accessing Duke

The access roads up and down Duke Street allow drivers to navigate through the corridor without getting stuck on one of the city's busiest thoroughfares. But those access roads may not be long for this world if advocates of Transit Corridor B have their say. Under a series of proposals now under consideration, those access roads would be eliminated to make room for widening the street in order to construct two dedicated transit lanes. Many neighbors oppose the plan because they say losing the access lanes would create more problems than the transit lanes solve.

"We need a monorail," said Wakefield Tarleton resident **Ronald Holder**. "It's time to get commuters up off the ground."

"Ain't going to happen," responded Planning Commissioner **Donna Fossum**. "The fact of the matter is that Duke Street is the only east-west corridor in the city, and it needs those transit lanes."

Sushi Comes to Carlyle

This weekend, members of the Alexandria City Council will take up a special-use permit that could bring sushi to the Carlyle neighborhood.

Jian Yi Pan filed the application for council members to approve Suno Japanese Restaurant, which would be located 2016 Eisenhower Avenue across from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The building where the proposed restaurant would be located is a one and two-story mixed-use office and retail complex that has two existing restaurants, a day-care center and office space soon to be vacated by the Alexandria Police Department.

The 160-seat restaurant would include a sushi bar and a cocktail bar near the front entrance. The space where the restaurant would be located is an old warehouse, which was renovated to become a restaurant three years ago. But the property has been vacant until now. But don't expect the restaurant to be around for long.

"The proposal is a good interim use for a retail center building that is slated for eventual redevelopment but has largely been vacant for the past few years," according to the staff report from city planners. "The addition of a restaurant also helps achieve a better balance between full and quick service restaurant options in the Carlyle area."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

BUSINESS



Chamber CEO Tina Leone and Peter Converse, the 2011 Business Leader of the Year.



Overall Alexandria Business of the Year: Hadeed Carpet, Joe and Mike Hadeed.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Honoring Excellence

Chamber names 2011 Businesses of the Year.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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The stars of Alexandria turned out Oct. 6 for the annual Chamber of Commerce Business Awards dinner, which served as a good-natured roast of Virginia Commerce Bank President and CEO Peter Converse, who was presented with the 2011 Business Leader of the Year Award.

"Peter has been a great leader at the bank," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, a senior vice president at VCB and close friend of Converse. "But look at him. He looks like a Ken doll approaching his golden years."

Held at the U.S. Patent and Trade Office, a sold out crowd of more than 300 people turned out for the event that recognized several businesses for their contributions to the city.

The Overall Business of the Year Award went to Hadeed Carpet, with Joe Hadeed accepting the award on behalf of his father, who started the company in 1955 and was at home recuperating from a recent fall.

"My father would be so proud to be here tonight," said Hadeed. "He built this company on integrity, honesty, hard work and quality of service and my brother Mike and I are proud to continue that tradition today."

Other awards included Association/Nonprofit of the Year (Inova Alexandria Hospital), Eco-Friendly Business of the Year (Wheel Nuts), Medium Business of the Year (Speck-Caudron Investment Group) and Large Business of the Year (B3 Solutions). For the first time, two awards were given in the Small Business of the Year category, with Artfully Gifts and



Medium Business of the Year: David Speck of Speck-Caldron Investment Group of Wells Fargo.

Chocolate and Web Development Group/GovTrends taking home the honors.

A new category was added this year - the Rising Star Award, SEE CHAMBER, PAGE 25



Rising Star Award: Bill Butcher and Port City Brewing Company



Association/ Non-Profit of the Year: Inova Alexandria Hospital, President/CEO Christine Candio.



Disability Awareness Award: Intercontinental Hotel Groups, Lyn Locke

PEOPLE



Brooke Omia-Ann Henley and Edwin Lawrence Lombard III

Henley, Lombard Engaged

Mrs. Kim Boston-Robinson, of Alexandria, Va., and Mr. Jeffrey Cornell Henley of the District of Columbia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Brooke Omia-Ann Henley to Mr. Edwin Lawrence Lombard, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lawrence Lombard, II of New Orleans, La.

In addition to their secular careers as graphic artist and commodity technician, respectively, they both engage in volunteer work weekly to improve the lives of the people in their communities as ordained ministers.

The engagement took place at a restaurant in the city of New Orleans, when Edwin proposed to his 'Intended' with a ring on bended knee. Brooke accepted; for he'd made her 'an offer she couldn't refuse': a sparkling ring and the best of New Orleans cuisine. Family was on hand to celebrate the cheerful event. A Spring wedding is planned. Brooke's family have been residents of Virginia for over 150 years.



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Hidden History

Mayor Bill Euille, right, talks about the vibrant history of Alexandria at the launch of Michael Lee Pope's book "The Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C." at the Athenaeum Oct. 7. Pope, at left, penned the book focusing on the 50-year period that Alexandria was a part of the District of Columbia.

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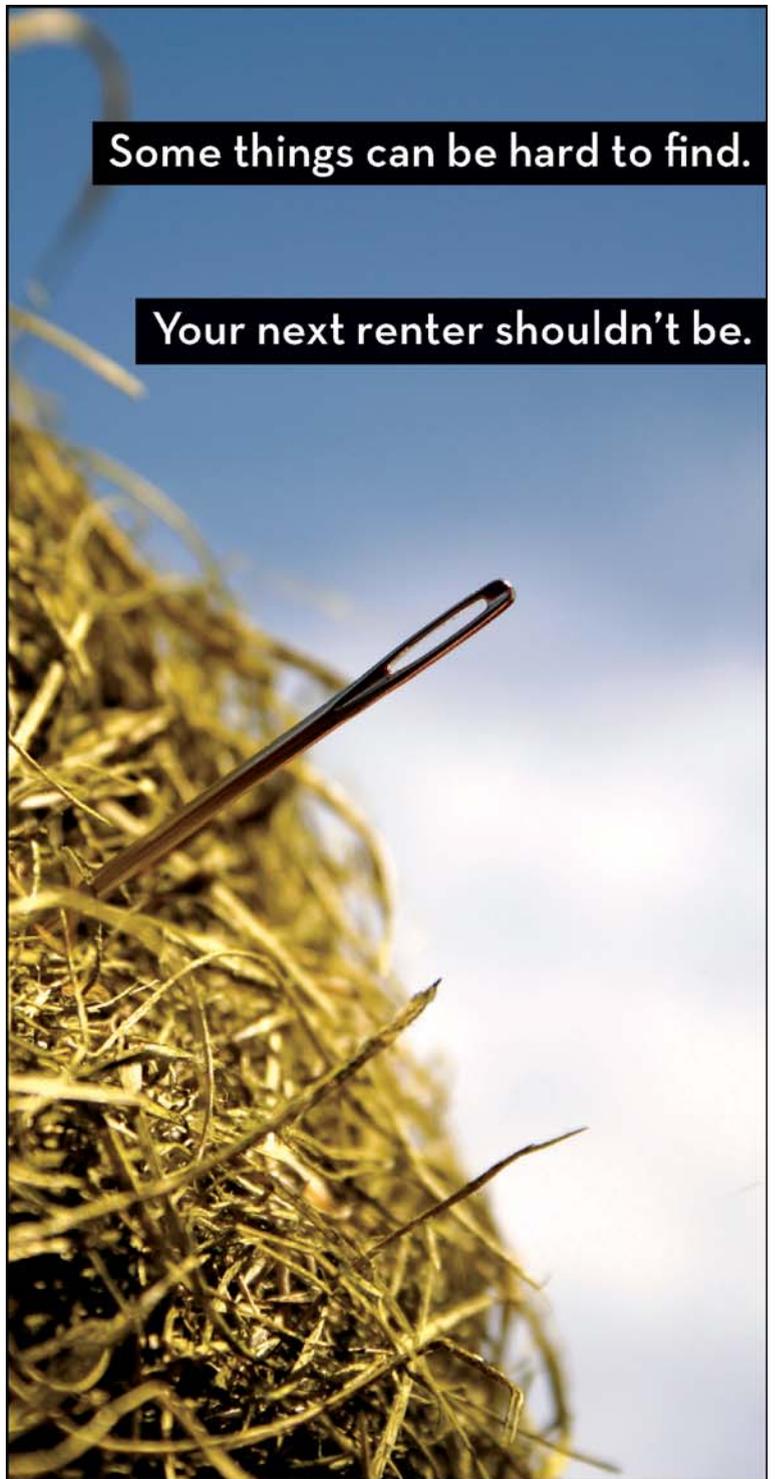
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OBITUARY

Officer Steven Pagach IV

Steven Pagach IV, born March 19, 1968 in Washington, D.C., died Oct. 8, 2011. He grew up in Arlington where he attended Wakefield High School. Thereafter, he attended Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.



COURTESY APD

APD Officer Steven Pagach IV

Pagach found his true calling with the Alexandria Police Department. He first joined the Department as a parking enforcement officer in 1995. He held that position for two years before graduating from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy in January 1998. He worked in the Patrol Division for 14 years and during that time he acquired various skills, one of which was being a member of, and trainer for the Crisis Intervention Team. He was a multiple receiver of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Medal of Valor Award and had several Department commendations.

He is survived by his three children, Jimmy, Alec and Kasi. He is also survived by his mother and

step-father, Sandi and Jim Colantuoni of Alexandria; his father, Steven Pagach III of Alexandria; his brother, Marty Pagach and wife, Correna; nephew, Logan and niece, Alyssa, all of Manassas; and many close aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition,

he is survived by his many friends and "family" at the Alexandria Police Department.

Visitation will be held Oct. 13 at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. with interment at 2 p.m. at Mount Comfort Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations in his memory to the United States Senate Federal Credit Union, c/o of Patricia Minniefield, where a college fund has been established for the benefit of his three children.

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The lighting of the Holiday Tree officially opens the holiday season in Alexandria. The City's Holiday Tree will be lighted during the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, at Market Square, 301 King St. The ceremony will feature a special visit by Santa Claus, along with entertainment and caroling.

Persons in the Washington metropolitan area who are interested in donating a tree should call John Noelle, City Arborist, at 703-746-5499 or e-mail john.noelle@alexandriava.gov.

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

Starting Dec. 1 through Dec. 25, 2011 each day at sundown, the store will reveal "advent art" featuring a variety of local artists holiday creations. All art will be placed either in the windows or on the brick of the building on the front side facing Union Street.

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More Riders Embracing Scooters

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moped scooters, such as the famed Italian Vespa, start at \$2,500 and up.

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— **Matt Leopold, an environmental attorney with the Justice Department**

how can you pay a vehicle tax or afford gas? With a scooter that money goes to kids and food." Mopeds are different than motorcycles because of the size of their engines. Scooters with a 50cc engine or lower do not have to be registered, insured, titled, and can be ridden straight off the lot.

"Mopeds are not motor vehicles according to the state code," said Melanie Stokes, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. "It comes down to personal responsibility. You have to know how to operate one safely, and know the law."

Virginia law considers mopeds that ride faster than 35 mph as motorcycles and must

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Matt Leopold, who lives in Del Ray, rides his 50cc moped to the metro and avoids an extra 20 minutes of walking and taking the bus.

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BUSINESS



COURTESY PHOTO

Mayor Bill Euille, center, and ACVA president Stephanie Brown, left, honor the staff of Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants of Alexandria as Tourism Partner of the Year at the ACVA annual meeting Sept. 30.

Visitor Spending Up 6.7 Percent

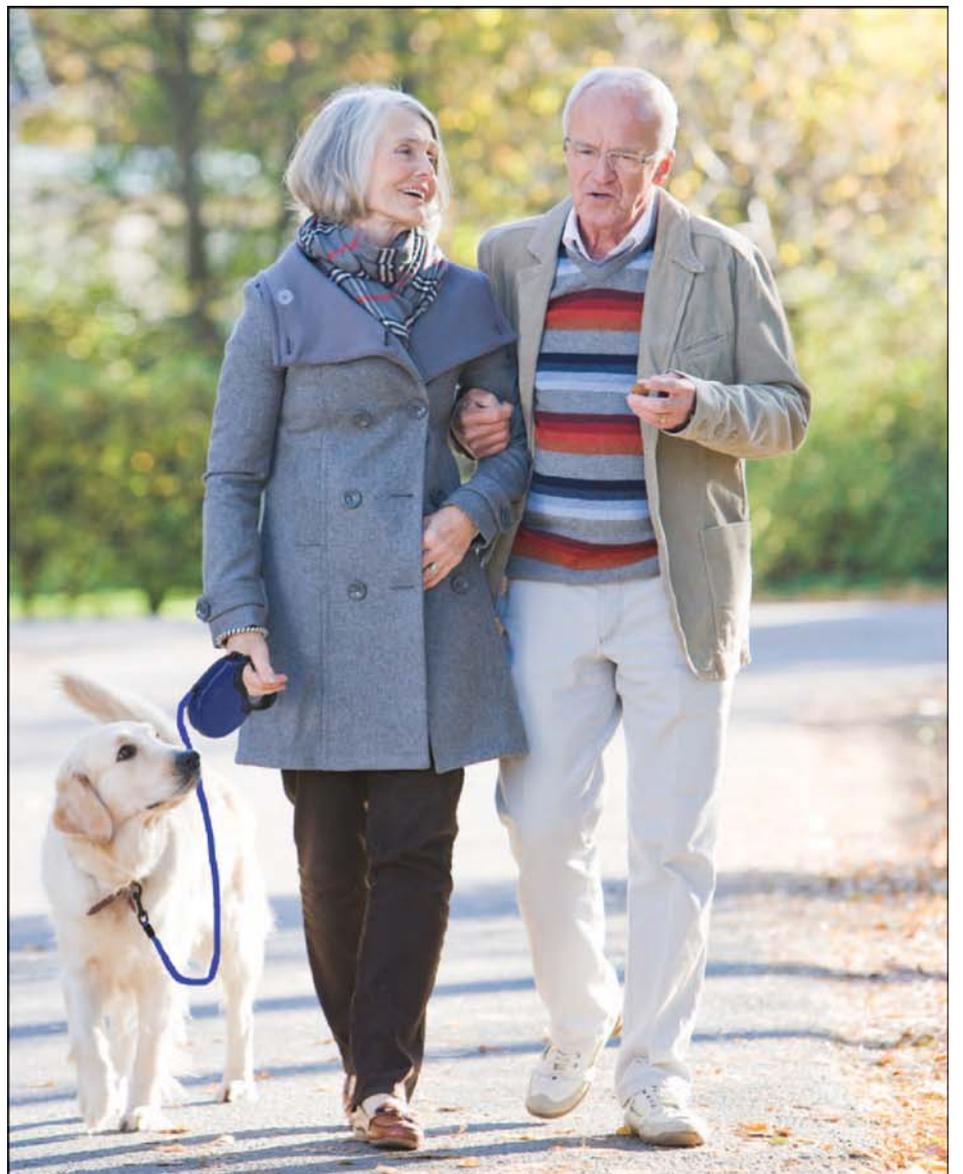
ACVA names Kimpton Tourism Partner of the Year.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association held its annual meeting Sept. 30, announcing an

increase of 6.7 percent in visitor spending in 2010 and naming Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants of Alexandria as Tourism Partner of the Year. "Tourism is good for Alexandria," said City Councilman Paul

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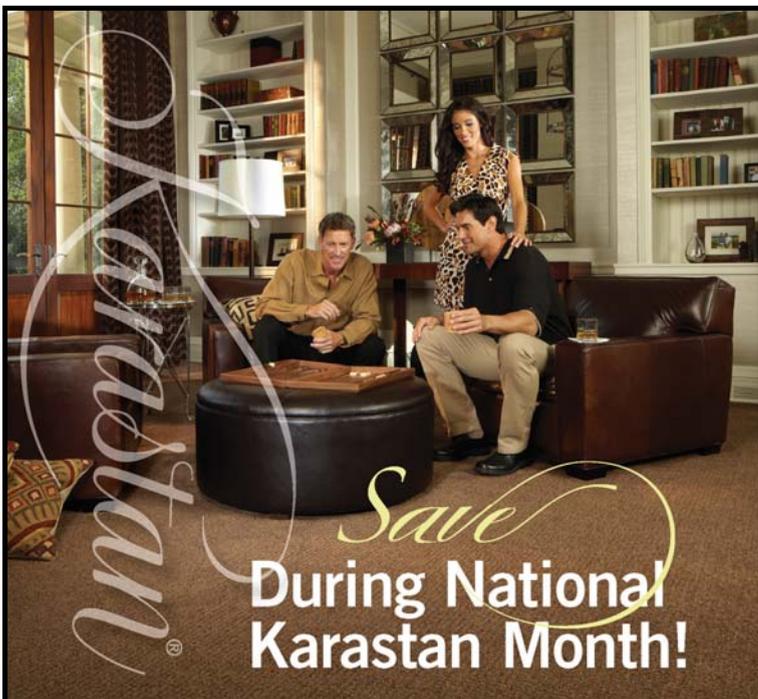
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Colleagues Praise Retiring Aide

FROM PAGE 1

women," Baker said. "She had to struggle to get what her male counterparts already had. She earned her dues on the street and has become a teacher, leader and friend to all of us."

Cook joked that the department had to scramble to pull together the luncheon.

"A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make something like this happen," Cook said. "Unfortunately, it's usually Wendy doing that work so we did as best we could without her help."

Two of Maris's sisters traveled from out of state to attend the event.

"She's still the sister who carries a gun so I have to be careful what I say," laughed Cindi Stone.

Following her career in law enforcement, Maris said she has no specific plans for her retirement.

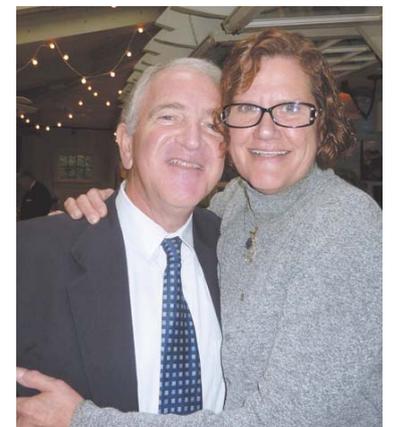
"I'm just going to decompress for a while," Maris said. "I've made some wonderful friendships and I've done my best. I hope I've done it well."



Chief of Police Earl Cook makes a presentation to Wendy Maris at a retirement luncheon in her honor Sept. 23 at Clyde's Restaurant. Maris retired after serving 33 years in law enforcement.



Assistant City Manager Michelle Evans, Wendy Maris, Chief Earl Cook and acting City Manager Bruce Johnson.



Willem Polack congratulates Wendy Maris on her retirement.

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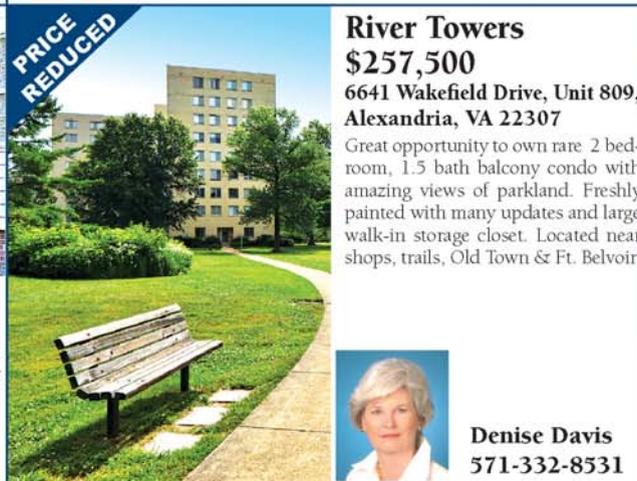


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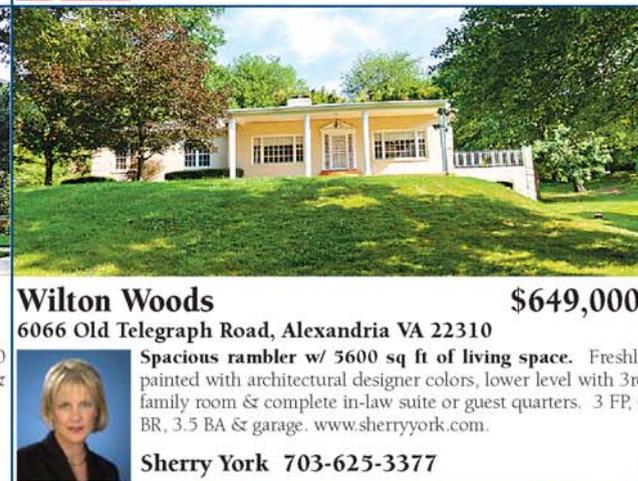


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OPINION

A Few Days Left To Register To Vote

Vote now, who knows what Election Day could bring.

The turnout was so miniscule for Primary Election Day that you might not remember that it was also Earthquake Day, and that if you were planning to vote when you got home from work, you probably wouldn't have had the chance. Traffic came to a halt, and many commutes took many hours.

EDITORIAL Imagine what would happen if we had a repeat of a historic early snow: On Nov. 11, 1987, a foot of snow fell at National Airport. On Nov. 6 and 7, 1953, this area had more than seven inches of snow, according to the National

Weather Service. Seven inches fell in November, 1938. In November, 1904, the area had three inches of snow; November 1910, the area had five inches of snow.

So far, 2011 has been a year of extremes, so is it worth preparing for the great Election Day blizzard? Or possibly just the great Election Day traffic jam?

You can vote in person from now until Nov. 5 if you think that there is any chance you could be away from home for 10 hours on Election Day. Remember that some people spent 10 hours on the GW Parkway one day last winter.

There are only a few days left to register to vote to participate in the Nov. 8 general election if you have not already done so.

Some important dates to remember:

Monday, Oct. 17, 2011 is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration postmarked by that date to vote in the Nov. 8 General Election.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to vote early, absentee ballot in-person.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

For more election information:

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Errors in Judgment?

To the Editor:

The current debate over city planning and parceling happens to focus on the Alexandria waterfront, but this is only the latest sad episode in recent years in a saga of irretrievable, misguided decisions taken by city leaders, both elected and appointed.

Let me count (some of) the ways.

Fantasizing somehow that there was tax revenue to be made or perhaps federal employee lunch

money to be gained, the city's leaders recruited the Patent Office and later the Mark Center mega-centers, when those prime properties could have been made available instead for lucrative, tax-paying, non-government entities. The federal government pays neither property taxes nor business lunch-level salaries. The city's revenue from either massive site, if any, is negligible. These big mistakes are now compounded by BRAC-induced transportation nightmares threatening to gridlock I-395. Never ones to miss a beat, in the most historic part of the city, Alexandria's purported leaders

deemed it essential to remove functioning parking meters in favor of high-tech, marginally functioning meter pay boxes, another waste of taxpayer time and money.

Now it's the waterfront's turn to face the ill-considered, commercially-enraptured city leadership as they seek to commercialize the jewel in historic Alexandria's crown and desecrate it with un-historic, unneeded hotels and restaurants. Is this to compensate for their earlier massive errors in judgment on the Patent Office and the DOD monstrosity along I-395? Or is just the continuation of a series of irreversible, unrepresentative

moves that are decidedly neither in the city's nor in the public's interest? Perhaps the Boat Club in the city's crosshairs could improve the looks of its long-held parking lot, if only it were not spending bundles fending off an unrelenting legal onslaught by city fathers and alleged planners who covet its long-established, historic, and natural location on the Potomac's shoreline.

Others can no doubt add to this sorry litany. Much of Old Town sports signs rejecting the threatened waterfront rezoning. The time is overdue for the "city leadership" to start to heed enlightened public opinion, as well as "lead." Failing a dramatic rethinking of such misguided "leadership" priorities, changing those leaders appears to be the electorate's only other option.

Bowman (Bo) Miller
Alexandria

More Roads, More Traffic

To the Editor:

If no one else will say it, I will: the plans to widen Duke and Beauregard will only make traffic worse, not better.

It is incomprehensible that our elected and appointed officials are preparing to divert our tax dollars to exacerbate the problem of roadway congestion on these two Alexandria transit corridors. Every traffic specialist knows more road capacity in urban areas only increases traffic.

Yes, there are lots of cars traveling in Alexandria, and more to

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Snapshot

3:38 p.m., Oct. 11: A work in progress.

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Three Ideas To Strengthen Education in Virginia

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VICE CHAIRMAN, HOUSE DEMOCRATIC
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cause they are poor, at-risk, or non-native English speakers.

For poor and at-risk students, there is growing evidence that the more days each summer children are out of school, the farther behind they fall compared

to their peers. This “summer learning loss” has a cumulative effect, so the achievement gap becomes more difficult to address with each passing academic year.

For students who are academically gifted or have unique athletic, musical, or artistic talents, the current law makes it more difficult to attend various enrichment opportunities because it pushes our school year to the end of June.

During the coming legislative session, I will sponsor legislation to repeal this restriction entirely, and also — as a fallback option — to allow the existing “innovative or experimental program” waiver (which permits the handful of year-round schools in our community to operate) to apply to entire school districts.

Second, the General Assembly must expand access to quality early childhood education, especially for poor children and children from non-English-speaking families. Research from the Pew Center on the States demonstrates that high quality pre-k: increases high school graduation rates, im-

proves standardized test scores, reduces grade repetition, reduces the number of children placed in special education, reduces crime and delinquency, lowers teen pregnancy rates, contributes to more stable families, and improves efficiency and productivity in the classroom.

If these benefits aren’t reason enough to make pre-k a priority, consider the economic case: For every one dollar invested in high-quality pre-k, taxpayers save up to seven dollars by reducing the need for remedial and special education, welfare, and criminal justice services.

One study in Michigan revealed that adults who attended pre-k as children were more likely to be employed and had a 33 percent higher average income than their peers who did not have pre-k.

I am working with a group of Alexandria business and community leaders and policy experts on a new idea to fund expanded access to high-quality pre-k for at-risk students using a portion of the savings pre-k generates by lessening the need for special education.

This Alexandria Smart Beginnings Capital Partnership will require a collaborative effort between local, state, and national government, business, and community leaders. At the state level, I will propose adjustments to the Virginia Preschool Initiative to help empower this effort, which we ultimately intend to be a model for communities across Virginia.

Third, with college tuition on the rise, we must do more to ensure that students have access to quality, affordable higher education. Therefore, I have been looking around the country for successful ideas we should consider here in Virginia.

Last year, Indiana enacted legislation requiring its public colleges and universities to grant college credit towards their degree to students who earn a score of 3 or higher on Advanced Placement tests. This includes all two- and four-year schools and any accompanying satellite schools. The public institutions of higher education may require a score higher than 3 to award credit for a course that is part of a student’s major, but students will still receive elective credit that counts toward their overall degree requirements to graduate from college.

Given the expanded emphasis on Advanced Placement courses and testing in high schools in Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax, implementing this kind of policy for Virginia’s public institutions of higher education has the potential to effectively reduce tuition costs for many in our community. Therefore, I will put forward such legislation when the General Assembly convenes in January.

In Virginia, a quality public education is not only a good idea for a stronger shared future; it is a right enshrined in our state constitution. I look forward to working on these three ideas to improve education during the 2012 General Assembly session.

Protecting and strengthening Virginia’s education system has been a top priority throughout my service in the General Assembly. As the parent of a child in public school, I have seen the great work of our teachers and the challenges they face firsthand, and I offer three ways the General Assembly could improve education in Virginia.

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First, we must repeal the existing law that forces schools to remain closed each summer until after Labor Day. Proponents of the law believe it protects Virginia’s tourism industry. However, other tourist-dependent states, like Florida, do fine without such restrictions, and giving communities power over their own school calendars would give them the flexibility to best meet the needs of their students.

The current law does allow for weather-related waivers, which is why more than half of the state’s 132 school divisions can already set their own calendar. Unfortunately, that has created an inequity where the half denied that flexibility — including Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax — is home to a higher proportion of children who are more challenging to educate be-

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come thanks to our elected officials penchant for evermore; for their refusal to set limits. When BRAC appeared, blinded by the prospect for additional tax revenue for city coffers, they overlooked the traffic snarls BRAC will create in West Alexandria.

The colossal wastes of time, gasoline and money due to traffic congestion BRAC will cause will vastly offset the trivial sales tax revenues from Federal employees wandering out of the BRAC building to buy lunch in Alexandria. To thoroughly curdle the cream in your coffee, toss in the additional cost of the new firehouse for this area. We now need one to address the expanded potential hazards our elected and appointed officials enabled with their develop-at-any-cost mentality. Since more roadway capacity in congested areas attracts more, not less traffic, it would be illustrative to know how many vehicles our existing roads can accommodate. Future planning boards can use this number as a gauge to evaluate development proposals. Had this number been known when BRAC was proposed, I can only hope that BRAC would have been located somewhere more conducive to public transportation.

Regardless, if traffic congestion is your concern, then the solution is not to widen Duke and Beauregard. Doing so will use your tax dollars to make congestion worse.

Jim Roberts
Alexandria

Stepping Up

To the Editor:

Too often we read about bad news, people who commit crimes or fail to do the right thing when given the choice. This letter is about a person in our community, a young man named Will Rainey, who has set a good example by doing the right things.

Will is a 10th grade student at St. Stephens and St Agnes School, and lives in the Beverley Hills neighborhood. He is earning his Eagle Scout badge as a Boy Scout, and a big part of that achievement involves community service.

Over the past two weekends Will and his friends and supporters toiled in the mud and the rain to tear down the old steps at Beverley Park (aka “The Pit Playground”) and replace those rickety stairs with solid new steps. The hill down from street level to The Pit is steep, and without the steps it would be difficult, particularly for younger patrons, to visit the playground.

Will and his many volunteers worked for three, 10-hour days, often in the rain and the resultant mud left behind, to build new stairs. These are not just a replacement of the old creaky stairs, these steps are an upgrade: rebar pilings buried into the marine clay, five feet wide and leveled off from step to step. In sum, these stairs will be around a while!

As the photos show, Will and his fellow volunteers did a great job! And they showed all of us what civic involvement and com-



The steps at Beverley Park before the community service project.



The steps at Beverley Park after the community service project.

munity service is about. Thanks Will, you are a step above!

John Reardon
Alexandria

Virginia Vs. NOVA

To the Editor:

I really appreciated your editorial about NOVA footing the bill for infrastructure so the state can then take the enhanced retail and income tax revenues and spend it outside of NOVA. In business, if you make the investment, you get the reward. We have a real imbalance right now in how NOVA manages and invests in its economic vital-

ity only to see much of the tax revenue benefits flow south.

I think we all understand that we have an interest in the overall success of the state and investing in schools and roads outside of NOVA benefits the entire state. But I also think we have to push back against the current balance of taxes and spending that has NOVA invest and not get a fair share of the reward for that investment.

I am working to develop a transportation funding approach for regional mass transit corridors (Route 1, Columbia Pike, Route 7, etc.) that would have some of the new revenues that come from transit investments flow back to the locality making the investment. The biggest opponents so far are NOVA legislators that want to protect

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Warner: A Bipartisan Center Forms in U.S. Senate

BY MARK R. WARNER (D-VA)
U.S. SENATOR (D-VA)



I am hopeful this new commission will succeed, despite my belief that even \$1.5 trillion in additional debt reduction is not nearly enough to truly begin fixing our nation's finances. That's why I have encouraged the 12 members of the Joint

thing with the creation of this Joint Select Committee, but we will never be successful unless we finally break out of our partisan trenches and agree to work together.

That's why Sen. Chambliss and I in recent weeks have been reaching out to our Senate colleagues, on both sides of the political aisle, in a bipartisan effort to broaden and expand our Gang of Six. And I can tell you that the response from our colleagues has been remarkable.

On Sept. 15, more than one-third of the 100 members of the United States Senate stood with us to encourage the members of the Joint Select Committee to go beyond their mandate and reach for more than just \$2.2 trillion in debt reduction.

In fact, 39 Senators in all — 20 Republicans, 18 Democrats and one independent — have now joined us to issue a strong, bipartisan appeal for the so-called super committee to "go big." It was an impressive demonstration of bipartisan support and encouragement for their efforts.

"We know that this debt is choking this country. We feel it is time to check our political hats at the door," Sen. Chambliss said.

"We're with you," said Senate Budget Chairman and North Dakota Democrat Kent Conrad. "Be brave. Be bold. Go big."

"Let's set expectations much higher than where they are," echoed New Hampshire

Republican Kelly Ayotte. "Show some courage. We will be with you."

"If you take a look at this picture of the gathered senators, it's exactly the opposite of what the American people think is going on here on Capitol Hill," said Illinois Democrat Richard Durbin. "What we're trying to tell you is there is a real honest conversation taking place between Democrats and Republicans on tackling the biggest financial challenge this country has ever faced."

This bipartisan statement by more than one-third of the members of the U.S. Senate may have been summed-up best by Alaska Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski:

"If you don't leave here today feeling a little more confident that this Congress, or at least this Senate, can act together, not for the good of our respective parties but for the good of the American people, then I would suggest you didn't pay close enough attention to those who are gathered here today."

So yes, Virginia, I can tell you there is such a thing as a "radical bipartisan center," and I am very proud to be one of its founding members.

Warner, a former Virginia Governor, was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2008 and serves on its Banking, Budget, Commerce and Intelligence committees. He can be contacted at <http://warner.senate.gov>.

When I asked Virginians in 2008 for the privilege of serving them in the U.S. Senate, I pledged to go to Washington to try to lead a "radical bipartisan center" that would work together to find common ground to solve our nation's biggest challenges.

As our country's \$14.7 trillion national debt grows by more than \$5 billion each day, and as a divided and dysfunctional Congress seemingly punts

COMMENTARY on responsible solutions to many of our toughest problems, is it any wonder that close to 9-in-10 Americans in a recent opinion poll said they strongly disapprove of the partisan gridlock they see in Washington?

At the beginning of August, Virginians witnessed an especially ugly and embarrassing political fight over raising the nation's debt limit. The deal ultimately reached by Congress cut nearly \$1 trillion in federal spending in the current budget, and created a bipartisan commission of six senators and six representatives to identify by Thanksgiving an additional \$1.2 - \$1.5 trillion in savings over the next decade.

Select Committee to build upon the solid work and recommendations already proposed by several other bipartisan groups, including the Senate's so-called Gang of Six, which I was proud to have formed earlier this year with my Republican colleague, Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia.

Every independent, bipartisan analysis, including the Gang of Six, has concluded it will require at least \$4 trillion in debt reduction to begin responsibly tackling our fiscal challenges. Every independent and bipartisan analysis also has concluded it will require a balanced approach that includes a blend of spending cuts, tax reform that eliminates some deductions while lowering overall tax rates, and phasing-in rational reforms to entitlement programs to protect and strengthen programs like Medicare and Social Security over the long-term.

We have a second chance to do the right

Senior Citizens Law Day 2011: Starting the Conversation

BY BARBARA S. ANDERSON, ESQ.
PRESIDENT, SENIOR SERVICES
OF ALEXANDRIA



Anderson

aging grandfather, Steve created a comprehensive publication to help others in the same situation. He moved into an assisted living facility last year with his family to better understand the experience and reports that it is important to start the conversations about post-retirement needs early.

A panel of Alexandria attorneys will explain what happens when people fail to plan effectively for their estates and the possibility that they might be unable to make medical or financial decisions for themselves at some time during their lives. A second panel will explore options for long term care with a geriatric care manager,

how to plan for the financial impact of care needs with a financial planner, and how to protect your assets and apply for benefits that can help pay for your long term care, presented by an Elder law expert.

Senior Services of Alexandria is working to meet the needs of Alexandria's citizens, both young and mature, through the creation of a Resource Center.

Seniors, their adult children, neighbors and friends worry about loved ones and, quite frankly, we frequently don't know who to call for help.

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Steve Gurney

professionals and agencies to assist in meeting those needs, particularly for families trying to help long distance.

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Senior Services of Alexandria and the Alexandria Bar Association present Senior Citizens Law Day on Saturday, Oct. 15, at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Get factual information about the legal issues in planning for aging, retirement, long-term care and services — and how to pay for those services.

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA The free continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a presentation by Steve Gurney, publisher of the Guide to Retirement Living Sourcebook, which he founded in 1990. Drawing from the experience of observing his family caring for his

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the General Fund and see new revenue growth from NOVA investments as theirs to distribute to the rest of the state. Now, I appreciate the desire to look out for school and health funding. There is no question that Virginia can do better in those areas and I'm certainly not opposed to some of the rewards for smart investments to flow to those needed services. But we have to find a more equitable way to reward localities in NOVA and elsewhere that invest in infrastructure that creates jobs and economic opportunities.

The current system, as you point out in your editorial, isn't working. The state and local communities should have a shared interest in economic growth and the investments needed to support it. And we should have a shared interest in the rewards. Without a fair alignment of investment and revenues interests we hamper our ability to create jobs and to support the economic success of the state.

Rob Krupicka
Alexandria City Councilman
Virginia Board of Education Member

Pursue Renewables

To the Editor:

Re: "Entering the Lion's Den" [Gazette Packet, Oct. 6]:

It is certainly interesting that Gov. Bob McDonnell regards environmentalists criticism as "disingenuous" when his "all of the above" energy policy regards renewable sources as a sort of side show to oil, gas, and nuclear energy. I was demonstrating with the Sierra Club last Tuesday precisely because the Governor's energy plan gives no more than lip service to offshore wind,

solar, or any of the other promising new sources of energy. On the heels of GenOn's recent decision to shut down its coal plant in Alexandria, Dominion Power filed plans with Virginia's energy regulator, the State Corporation Commission (SCC), to close two of its oldest and dirtiest coal plants. If McDonnell wanted show a real commitment to an "all of the above" plan, he would publically support replacing these plants with offshore wind farms in order to start using renewable energy to its full potential as a central part of Virginia's energy policy.

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Virginians can be a leader in developing new energy technologies. We should demand that Dominion Power make real investments in renewable energy, and the SCC should support these investments. While the current price of energy from renewables is higher at the meter than oil or gas, the price is decreasing every year as we make investments in these technologies. Renewable energy will avoid the external costs from oil spills, or chronic lung problems like asthma caused by coal pollution. Building wind farms off the Virginia coast is essential to our energy future, and not a side show to be upstaged by fighting with the EPA.

Daniel Walfield
Arlington

Get Involved

To The Editor:

Pastor Rev. Dr. Howard John Wesley of the Alfred Street Baptist Church will be hosting a Pastor's Luncheon. Several pastors of our community will be attending and speaking on issues that concern the education of our youth on Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the lower level multipurpose room of the Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred St. A Town Hall meeting — Partnering For Progress — will be held on Nov. 9, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at the Charles Houston Recreation Center 901 Wythe St. The Concern Citizen Network of Alexan-

dria along with the Alexandria City Public School and the Tenants and Workers United will be hosting this forum. Its guest speaker will be Reginald Weaver, immediate past president of the National Education Association. This forum is for all those interested in the learning and progress of our children

I encourage all to get involved, to try and attend either or both events for the future of our children. For information on either of the two events please contact Gwen Lewis, CEO of the Concern Citizen Network of Alexandria, at 571-268-9249.

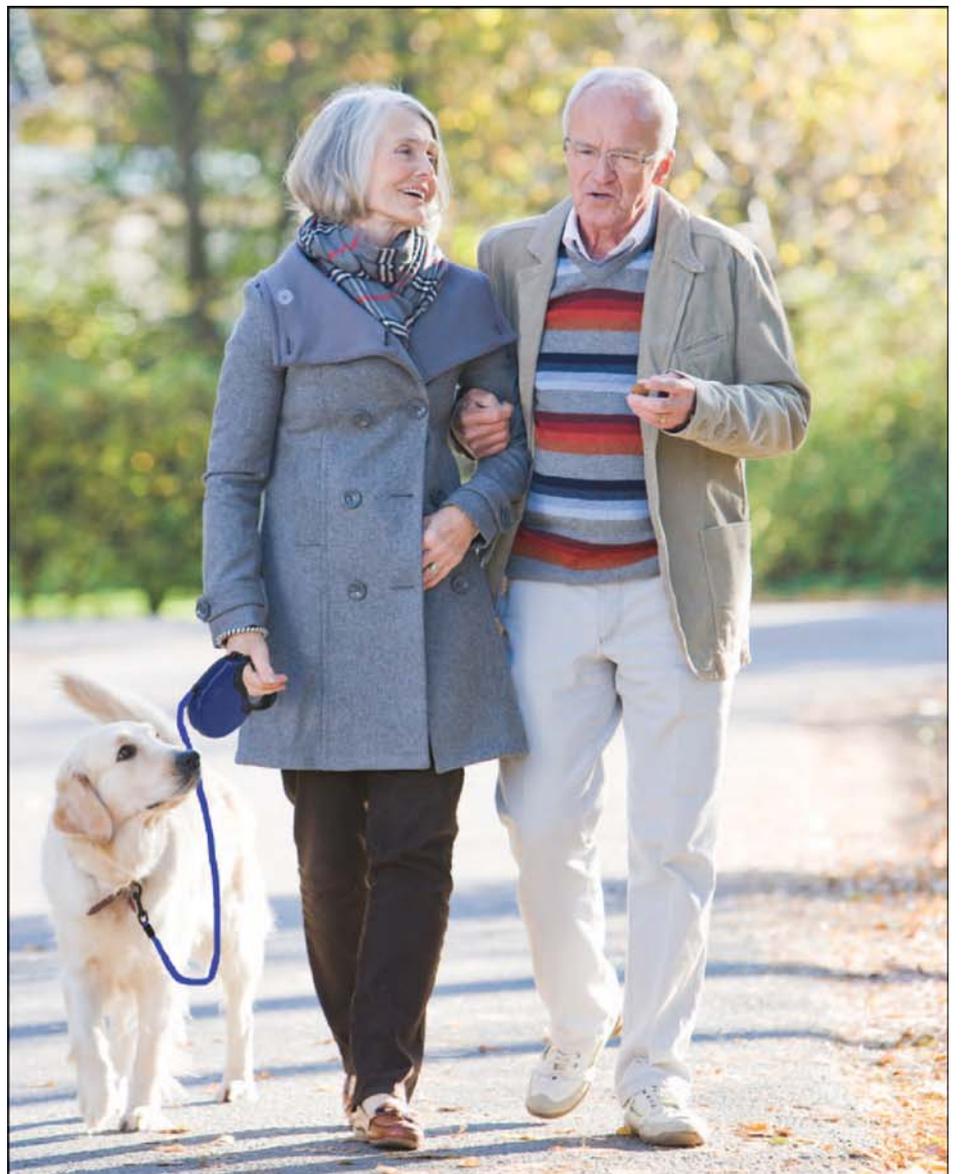
Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

Re-elect a Proven Leader

To the Editor:

Voters in Virginia's 39th district have a clear path to follow when choosing to vote for experience and leadership as they head to the polls on Nov. 8. A Fairfax County resident for over 35 years, George Lincoln Barker established early in his senate career that his priorities are clearly the priorities of his constituents and all Northern Virginia residents. In 2011 alone, he successfully pushed through 20 significant initiatives, working with colleagues of both political parties to pass legislation that will improve the quality of life here in Northern Virginia. George Lincoln Barker opposed the

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Membership in Capital BikeShare costs \$5 for one day, \$15 for five days, \$30 for 30 days and \$75 for an annual pass. The first 30 minutes of every trip is free, and a fee is charged for every half hour after that. Daily memberships can be purchased at any station, and longer memberships can be purchased online or over the phone. Cyclists can pick up a bike from any station in the system and return it to an empty dock at any other station, allowing for one-way trips. The average trip on a Capital BikeShare bike is 1.2 miles, and most trips are under 30 minutes.

Pilot Project To Have 54 Bicycles at Six Stations

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doubling the size of the program to 12 stations at 108 bicycles in the first year. None of the money from the pilot program will come from the city's general fund, although the city would eventually be responsible for maintaining the program and replacing the bikes.

"I don't want to be the Grinch that sneezes on Christmas," said Councilwoman Alicia Hughes. "But I don't want us to ignore the cost to the city."

Other council members criticized this point of view, prompting Hughes to respond that elected officials shouldn't be "sarcastic" when she raises questions about how city operations are financed. Ultimately, Hughes voted for the program, which passed unanimously. Yet council members are clearly divided on how the cost-benefit analysis should be calculated when city taxpayers are asked to fund operations and maintenance in the out years. In Arlington, for example, revenue has been able to cover 65 percent of the operating cost.

"Let's not look at this as if it were a business," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley. "We are not in the business of breaking even."

"Our buses aren't self-sustaining. Our airports aren't self-sustaining," said Councilman Rob Krupicka. "I'm not sure why a bicycle share program needs to be self-sustaining."

CAPITAL BIKESHARE is the largest bicycle-sharing program in America. It began in Arlington, and the District of Columbia later piggybacked onto the original contract through the Metropolitan Council of Governments. The system currently has more than 70,000 daily and weekly memberships and 15,000 annual memberships. Alexandria's pilot will begin with six stations in Old Town rather than Del Ray.

"We feel that we need to build a strong core," said Sanders. "Successful programs are ones that have stations within a quarter mile."

The bikes cost \$1,000 each and need to be replaced every six years. The stations, which are operated by solar energy, cost \$10,000 each and need to be replaced every decade. When a new member joins, 100 percent of the revenue from the membership fee goes to the jurisdiction where the member resides if that jurisdiction is part of the Capital BikeShare network. Fees generated from individuals who live outside of membership jurisdictions are pro-rated among the participating municipal governments. Usage fees are distributed based on the origin of each revenue-generating trip.

"BikeShare helps solve the last-mile problem of commuters getting to their destination by co-locating BikeShare stations with transit," wrote Rich Baier, director of the Department of Transportation and Environ-



The first six stations will be located throughout Old Town.

mental Services, in an April 6 memorandum outlining the pilot program. "If successful, expansion should be considered outside of Old Town, heading north to Del Ray and Arlandria, connecting to the existing Arlington BikeShare network."

FINDING THE RIGHT location for the stations isn't just about making sure they're convenient. The stations also have to be in a spot with lots of sun because they are solar powered, a feature that makes them much easier to install than hooking them into the grid. But it also limits where they can be situated. The solar-powered stations

range in size from six to 14 bicycles. The pilot program currently under consideration would spend \$124,500 to construct three small stations and \$147,900 to build three large stations. Installation labor would cost \$27,000, and the annual operation costs would be \$100,000.

City officials estimate the stations will be up and running by spring or summer at the latest.

"The sooner the better," concluded Mayor Bill Euille, adding that he received more emails in favor of Capital BikeShare than any other issue during his time on City Council.

Moped Scooters Provide Alternative Transportation

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be titled and registered. Scooters can be operated by residents 16 years old and up, and can be driven without a driver's license as long as the rider has some form of identification. Riders must also wear helmets, may not ride if convicted of a DUI, and follow all traffic laws. All laws, that is, except when stopped at traffic lights.

One exceptional law relating to mopeds, motorcycles and bicycles, went into effect throughout the entire Commonwealth last July. The law, sponsored by Del. "Tag" Greason (R) of Potomac Falls, allows moped riders stranded at stoplights to ride through them after waiting for 120 seconds, or two complete cycles.

"An association of motorcycle riders approached me and said we have a problem," said Greason. "A large percentage of intersections are monitored by a closed loop circuit, and because motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles are not heavy enough to trigger the cycle they might get stranded with few safe options."

"I don't break the law, but I was doing that anyway," said Officer Kevin Jiannotti of the Alexandria Police Department, who owns

'Larry Crowne' of Alexandria

Just as in the film "Larry Crowne," Alexandria moped owners can join meet up groups with fellow riders for joy rides around town. For more information visit www.meetup.com/despindoctors/

three mopeds. "When a rider is stranded behind a red light at night, like at Huntington Avenue, police officers in Alexandria understand the circumstances."

Virginia is the ninth state to enact red light leniency legislation. The law was passed unanimously in the Senate, and by a landslide margin in the House, after state police officers presented statistics that showed moped crashes fell in every state with similar legislation.

According to police records in Arlington and Fairfax counties, in the last three months since the legislation went into effect there has been no increase in moped-related accidents since the same period last year. This, despite a growing number of moped riders hitting the roads.

Although tracking the exact increase in mopeds is made difficult due to their nature as unregistered vehicles, anecdotal evidence reveals they are on the rise.

"Every year there is a 15-20 percent increase in sales and new customers coming in for repairs," said Hung Pham of HP Mopeds. "Scooters really took off since China entered the moped market back in 2006."

"China is coming into the market with a vengeance," said Bernie Gratzl of Mopedland. "They took the quality scooters coming from South Korea, Taiwan, Japan and Italy, reengineered them and can sell them for half as much."

Import statistics from the Foreign Trade Division of the U.S. Census Bureau show 50cc engine moped imports were at an all time high of 220k in 2008. Although moped imports dropped significantly following the great recession, there was a 40 percent growth between 2010 and the first half of 2011. Such numbers are to be expected considering the benefits of riding a moped scooter.

Matt Leopold, an attorney with the Justice Department who practices environmental law, uses his 50cc moped to get from his home in Del Ray to the metro. "Taking a scooter saves me 20 minutes of hassle getting to the metro," said Leopold. "They're economical, with 100 miles to the gallon,

they're convenient because they can park anywhere, and they're good for the environment because a family of four only needs one car.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Taylor Run

A LOST PERIOD

Michael Lee Pope has written and published a very entertaining book, "Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C.," about the period when Alexandria was in the District of Columbia. Some of the guests at the launch party were Mayor Bill Euille, Councilman Frank Fannon, Del. Charniele Herring, School Board members Sheryl Gorsuch and Ronnie Campbell, Judge Becky Moore, Libby Garvey, Eileen Rivera, Tim McGee and many more. I was surprised to learn of the wild behavior and many duels that happened in our city at that time, when we were floating loose, not really in Virginia, not really in anything else. Henry Clay and John Randolph fought a very famous duel here; fortunately no one was injured. In fact the only damage was to Randolph's coat which got a bullet hole in it.

The book points out that the relocation of Alexandria in Virginia, rather than the District where it started out, enabled the institution of slavery to continue, as a result of which Alexandria was the center of the slave trade in Virginia. Thousands of slaves were sold and sent down south from the large building still standing on Duke Street.

RETURN OF BUTLER

Historian Pat Butler was honored at

They're also great to just have a joy ride. Scooter riders are happier, have less stress, more fun, and can smell the fresh air."

a party given by Dorothea Peters where he discussed 45 sermons recently discovered. The sermons were written by William Douglas, the rector of St. James Northham in Goochland. The letters were inspected by Julie Randle, the archivist at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

The main topic of conversation at the party seemed to be the troubles likely to result from the addition of two traffic lanes on Beauregard Street, the loss of trees, and the loss of low income housing, much increased traffic and more congestion in the middle of our city.

Among those present were Diane and Bob Crawford-Batt, Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Davis Jr., Ed Semonian, Lynn Humphries, Leslie Hagan, Richard and Andrew Hagan, Connie and Poul Hertel, Janet Spence, Elizabeth Campbell, Dottie and John Eisenhower, and Mary Alyce Delaplane.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

ANNUAL MEETING

The Taylor Run Citizens Association will be holding its annual meeting on Oct. 19, in the theater of the Masonic Memorial Building. The Association will be hearing from Alexandria Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Morton Sherman, T.C. Williams Principal Suzanne Maxey, and Alexandria Councilman and member of the State Board of Education Rob Krupicka.



2011 Chamber Golf Tournament chairs Roger Parks and Joe Collum and committee members Oscar and Bill Wiygul donated all the proceeds of this year's tournament to ALIVE!. They are joined by Ken Naser, ALIVE! executive director, and Chamber CEO Tina Leone.



Small Business of the Year: Web Development Group/Gov Trends, Ab Emam.



Large Business of the Year: B3 Solutions, Brenda Bearden and William Almas, flanked by Chamber CEO Tina Leone and Chamber Chairman Mike Anderson.

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Chamber Names 2011 Businesses of the Year

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which went to Port City Brewing. "When we shipped our first kegs in February, we had no idea what the response would be," said founder Bill Butcher in accepting the award. "But we found a welcoming market and are now in more than 180 restaurants."

But the focus of the evening was Converse, and Chamber board chairman "Mango" Mike Anderson and Laura Mechanic joined Donley at the microphone. Anderson read a letter from McEneaney Associates founder John McEneaney while Mechanic mused on Converse's well-known idiosyncrasies like pocket squares and punctuation.

But it was Donley who stole the show with his remarks.

"Peter has done a great job leading the bank through this recession," Donley said. "He is always trying to find ways to stay current in the market and recently came up with the idea to rename VCB to 'Viagra Cialis Bank - the bank that's there when the moment is right for you.'"

Converse then took to the stage to accept his award.

"What a night," Converse said. "This is quite an honor and I am humbled to be considered among such an impressive group of business leaders."

Converse attributed the success of VCB to the employees and their commitment to the community.

"It's the employees of this organization that make the difference," Converse said. "Through their community involvement, they are good corporate citizens and deliver community banking at its best in Alexandria."



2011 Chamber Chairman Mike Anderson.



Small Business of the Year - 2: Artfully Gifts & Chocolate, Eric Nelson.

Aiding City's Economy, Visitor Spending Up 6.7 Percent

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Smedberg, who announced the economic impact figures at the meeting held at the United Way Mary M. Gates Learning Center. "We understand that investing in tourism promotion generates revenue to pay for services needed by the citizens of Alexandria and supports businesses that enhance the quality of life we all enjoy."

Visitor spending in 2010 increased to \$657 million, generating city tax revenues of \$22.4 million, an increase of 4 percent. Visitors to the city support nearly 6,000 jobs with a payroll of \$114 million, up 3 percent from 2009. Additionally, the number of room nights sold was up more than 25,000 in 2010 — on top of the 65,000-room night increase in 2009.

ACVA President and CEO Stephanie Brown announced several new programs, including the "Alexandria Green Business" recognition program in

partnership with the city's Environmental Policy Commission, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and Alexandria Economic Development Partnership.

Mayor Bill Euille joined Brown in presenting the 2011 Tourism Partner of the Year Award to Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants.

"In working with the ACVA, Kimpton has been a partner whose spirit of cooperation and generosity has allowed ACVA to stretch its budget and extend its reach," said Brown, who noted Kimpton's collaboration with the ACVA and Office of Historic Alexandria in promoting Alexandria's Civil War history, and commended Kimpton's community activities including the Hotel Monaco's Doggie Happy Hour and "Morrison House Presents" lectures series partnership with the Torpedo Factory Art Center and the Alexandria Archaeological Commission. "With everything they do, they support the Alexandria brand of historic ambience and contemporary flair."



Claire Mouldoux, Lorraine Lloyd, Carol Supplee, Linda Hafer, Jody Manor, Stephanie Brown, Anna Jones and Kristen Golden at the ACVA annual meeting.

As Alexandria Grows, So Must Our Infrastructure

BY KAREN PALLANSCH
GENERAL MANAGER
ALEXANDRIA SANITATION AUTHORITY

President Kennedy once observed that “the time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.” However, when it comes to modernizing our nation’s aging and stressed infrastructure, there are already storm clouds on the horizon. The City of Alexandria is no exception.

In the past, the term “infrastructure” typically conjured up images of highways, railways, bridges, dams, airports, seaports and other bricks and mortar projects that conveyed people and goods. The Eisenhower Interstate Highway System, begun in 1956, is still considered the crown jewel of our nation’s infrastructure.

Today, infrastructure brings to mind electricity and communications, such as smart power grids or fiber optic networks where messages and business transactions race across countries and oceans at the speed of light.

But let’s not forget that our infrastructure also includes wastewater treatment plants, such as the award-winning advanced facility operated by the Alexandria Sanitation Authority.

For almost 60 years, investments in ASA have helped make Alexandria a livable and healthy community where families and businesses have grown and thrived and will continue to do so for decades to come.

However, infrastructure like ASA’s is not static, it’s dynamic. It must evolve and change to reflect the ever-changing world

where we live and work, where we want to go as a people, and what we want to achieve in the future. Nothing ever stays the same and that includes ASA and the citizens it serves every day of the year.

Just think of the City of Alexandria in the mid-1950s, when ASA treated its first wastewater. In many respects it was a sleepy, small town with a population of only 81,000; steamships still calling at its docks, mom-and-pop stores dotting street corners, and a few traffic lights.

ASA’s first treatment plant, intercepting sewer system and pumping stations were designed to accommodate the then-immediate and short-term needs of the people and businesses of the City and portions of Fairfax County. It may seem like something out of “Back to the Future,” but over the past few years, one of our major priorities has been restoring and extending the useful life of the original Commonwealth and Holmes Run Sewer Systems that were showing the wear and tear of 50 years of continuous use.

By today’s standards, the treatment of wastewater then was also antiquated and woefully inadequate. ASA’s stated goal was to “afford a nuisance-free effluent discharge” into Hunting Creek and the Potomac River — a far cry from today’s stringent and enforceable environmental requirements to help restore the declining health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Yet even as the finishing touches were being applied on the blueprints, ASA’s first board of directors had the foresight to project that 20 years down the road the first treatment plant would reach its designed

capacity due to the anticipated growth of Alexandria and neighboring Fairfax County — and grow they did. Today, ASA serves approximately 350,000 people and businesses. ASA had to expand and upgrade its facility in the mid-1970s to accommodate this burgeoning population and the businesses that served them, but also to comply with the new federal Clean Water Act. A subsequent expansion took place in 1997 when today’s award winning Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility was designed to meet the then “gold standard” for removing 80 percent of nitrogen from its treated wastewater — one of the prime culprits behind pollution in the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

And a mere six years later, wastewater treatment plants across Virginia — including ASA — were given new orders to clean water to an unprecedented higher legal level. To meet these requirements, ASA embarked on a new expansion and modernization of its infrastructure.

However, these new investments in ASA’s infrastructure are not just about preserving and protecting the health of the Bay — as important as that is. These investments are part of a larger conversation about economic growth and the future of Alexandria. They are about providing tangible benefits and value to the people who live and work there.

Not even ASA’s first board of directors could have foreseen the ongoing and proposed development in the Carlyle District, Eisenhower Corridor and Potomac Yards. None of this could take place without a robust and reliable wastewater treatment in-

frastructure that can meet increased growth and capacity.

It is also no great secret that businesses take a hard look at infrastructure, including reliable and affordable wastewater treatment, when deciding where to locate. Investing in ASA’s infrastructure can make investing in Alexandria and for residents an attractive business proposition.

However, investments in ASA’s infrastructure always come back to the same point, whether it’s 1952 or 2011: the people we serve and the value we deliver to them. ASA has provided an incredible return on investment for the people of Alexandria that can’t always be measured in dollars and cents but in other things that we as a community value just as much, but sometimes take for granted, such as health, safety and service you can always depend on.

Our latest expansion allows us to give back again by helping create a more sustainable, living urban community. Through innovation, ASA is providing an additional sophisticated odor control systems, using reclaimed water in our equipment, capturing energy from our process, and employing attractive design features. These changes and others will contribute to and enhance the quality of life for the people of Alexandria.

ASA may be your invisible neighbor, but from that first day of service almost 60 years ago, we have been honored and proud to be your partners in progress. We look forward to ensuring your health, safety well-being and prosperity for generations to come. That is our mission, and that is our promise.

LETTERS

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Mark Center BRAC location even before he was elected to the Virginia Senate. When the government ignored location recommendations of Senator Barker and other legislators, he immediately began work to delay the opening of the building and to secure federal funding to address traffic concerns in the area, an issue he will continue to work on until an adequate solution is reached.

His record speaks for itself. Initiatives passed this year under his guidance include:

Job Creation:

❖ SB 1050/1379: uses funds from the Governor’s Opportunity Fund for investment and job creation.

Education:

❖ SB 1074/1391: allows state veterans settling in Virginia and members of the national guard to receive in-state tuition.

❖ SB 1077/1448: allows students enrolled in International Baccalaureate and Cambridge courses to receive AP-equivalent credit.

❖ SB 1038: allows a child placed in foster care to remain at his original school if determined to be in the child’s best interest.

Public Safety:

❖ SB1049: requires contractors conducting business in the state to ensure that their employees are here legally.

❖ SB1222: permits those in relationships beyond the immediate family to obtain protective orders in situations where violence or harm is threatened.

Government Efficiency:

❖ SB 1032: increases size of rainy day fund, forcing government to save money to maintain core services in tough economic times without raising taxes.

❖ SB 1036: allows localities to modify voting machines to meet legal requirements for accessible voting equipment.

As you can see from just a portion of his record, George Lincoln Barker works for us. A vote for him on Nov. 8 is critical to allow him to continue working in the best interests of all Northern Virginia residents.

Becky Arnold

Alexandria Democratic Committee

NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Town

THE END OF AN ERA?

This is not good news, “Townners. But someone has to let all of those passionate preservationists out there that all is not well in our community.

For the first time in more years that I can remember, there will not be the annual antiques show next month sponsored by the Historic Alexandria Foundation next month. And that’s serious stuff. The worker-bees who have worked so hard and so long to put together this wonderful four-day affair each November won’t be doing it this year.

The culprit is the economy — certainly not lack of interest or dedication on their part. The quality dealers who for so many years supported the show didn’t sign up this time. I’m told that less than a dozen dealers were aboard — hardly worth the toil and expense of putting a show.

The saddest part of this is that the show over the years brought in tens of thousands of dollars for preservation and restoration projects in Alexandria. It has been by far the largest fund-raiser for HAF and, by itself, brought in thousands of big spenders to town for a few days each November.

The hugely successful Preview Party — which for years I’ve described as the best party in town

— by itself reaped big-time bucks for preservation projects ranging from “bricks and mortar” restoration to conservation of artifacts in our museum buildings to scholarly research on aspects of the town’s cultural and architectural history.

The high-quality show catalogue (a slick and professional class act) also reaped thousands for HAF projects.

Lastly, the antiques show seemed to serve as a catalyst for bringing together hundreds of like-minded preservationists under one roof for a few days each November. The show will be missed. Big time.

LEE-FENDALL BRUNCH

A favorite venue for your hard-working correspondent has always been the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden at the corner of Oronoco and N. Washington Street — one of the stalwarts marking Lee Corners in Old Town.

You couldn’t have a better chance of a close-up view of the place on Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a brunch in the museum’s historic garden. Tickets are \$35 and include drinks and a tour of both the house and garden. All proceeds go to the Lee-Fendall House and it’s ongoing restoration. I’m told that the Richard Henry Lee himself will be on hand to greet guests. Really!

— BOB FELDKAMP

Home Life Style

The Next Generation of Green Living

Cutting edge green home design emerges in the region.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Imagine a home that is so well insulated that a furnace is obsolete. Picture the elimination of rooms that run hot during the summer and basements and tile floors that are frosty during the winter. Visualize trimming your energy bill by 90 percent.

Meet the passive house, dubbed the next generation of green living, and named one of the top green building trends of 2011 by the Earth Advantage Institute, a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable building practices.

The region's first passive house, a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half bathroom home in Bethesda, was designed by Alexandria-based architect David Peabody of Peabody Architects and built by Potomac-area builder Brendan O'Neill Sr. of O'Neill Development. The home, which sold recently, had a price tag of \$1.4 million.

"This home gets all the heat it needs on the same amount of energy it would take to run two hairdryers," said Peabody. "We wanted to demonstrate that an approach that reduces basic energy demand is far more cost-effective than an approach that relies on adding expensive technology."

The project began when Peabody, an award-winning pioneer of green architecture, approached O'Neill. Skeptical at first, O'Neill and his son Brendan O'Neill Jr. flew to Illinois to tour the first passive house ever built in the U.S.

"As luck would have it, my son and I arrived during a snow storm," said O'Neill. "We were blown away by the warmth and temperate conditions inside that house. It was incredible. We said, if this is what a passive house can do under extreme conditions, we're going to try one."

MOUNT VERNON-based architect Christine Kelly of Crafted Architecture and Falls Church-based contractor Tom Chapa of Potts and Chapa Con-



The first passive home in the Washington region runs on the energy it would take to run two hairdryers, says architect David Peabody, who designed the house.



Mount Vernon architect Christine Kelly of Crafted Architecture designed an addition for the Fairfax County home of Enid and Laing Hinson. She salvaged stone from the original home and incorporated it into the new design and used large, energy efficient windows to maximize the natural light. Passive solar energy contributes to the comfort of the home.

"This home gets all the heat it needs on the same amount of energy it would take to run two hairdryers."

- David Peabody,
Peabody Architects

Mount Vernon neighborhood for 20 years when they decided that it was time to remodel. The couple decided to go green.

"We've always been interested in recycling, and we also knew that we would be living in this house for the next 20 years, so the additional cost that we might have incurred to ensure that it was energy efficient was probably going to be worth it to us in the long run," said Enid Hinson.

"[Passive solar design entails] designing walls, windows and floors to collect or reflect solar energy and then distribute it as heat during the winter months and shade against the heat in the summer months," said Kelly. "[The Hinsons] had a sun room that had a slate floor, and we took up that slate during the demolition, salvaged it and then designed a new sunroom with large windows that are facing south so that as the sun comes into the room, the floor is heated and retains heat and makes it a very comfortable space in the winter time without the use of mechanical systems. A stone floor can be designed to collect heat during the day and then radiate it into the room at night to help keep the space warm."

The Hinsons noticed a difference.

"As the weather got chilly and it was going down into the high-40s at night recently, we didn't have to turn our heater on at all. The house never got below 71 degrees," said Enid Hinson.

The Hinsons' remodel received a National Green Building Certification from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for meeting NAHB green building standards.

"A green certification is not necessarily a certification that comes with a ton of expenses," said Chapa. "The important thing about certifying a project green is building smart, not necessarily building expensive. The green inspection is basically certifying that all of the applications [e.g., windows, insulation and duct work] are done tight, efficiently and without any air gaps so that everything can perform at its optimal level."

Kelly says that when it comes to green design, she begins with the basics. "I like taking what was already in the house and repurposing it that so that a lot of materials don't go into the landfills. And then I like to move to insulating. Not only do I like to insulate the new addition, but I like to go back and examine the existing house and figure out how to make that just as tight as well."

The Hinsons were pleased that they did not have to compromise aesthetic appeal for energy efficiency. "Our house is not bigger; it is just flows better," said Enid Hinson. "The windows are really energy ef-

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Alexandria architect David Peabody designed the Washington region's first passive house. The home runs on 90 percent less energy than a traditional home.

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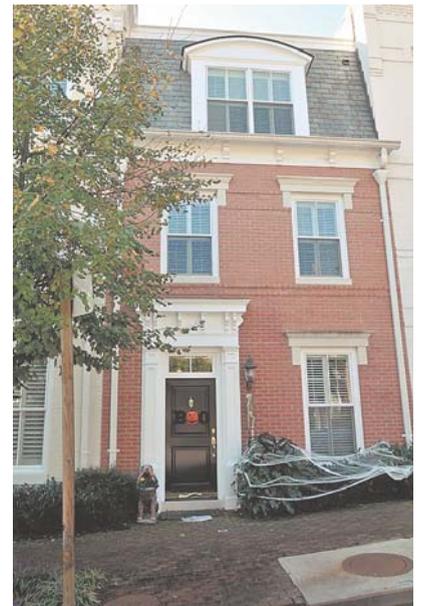
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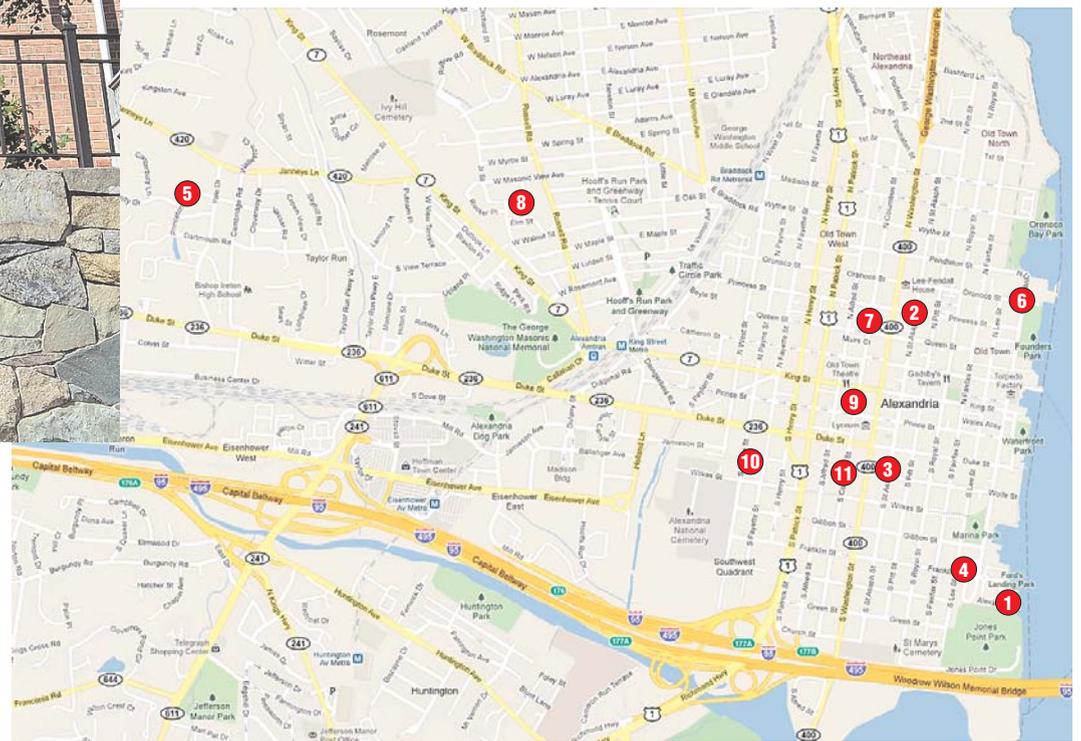
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4 104 FRANKLIN ST	3	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,250,000	Townhouse	0.03	...	22314	BACKYARD BOATS	08/08/11	
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Benefits of Green Design

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ficient. We have the [George Washington Parkway] behind our house, and if the doors and windows are closed we cannot hear the traffic noise at all."

O'NEILL SAID his one condition was that the design of the passive house be consistent and compatible with the rest of the homes in the neighborhood. "David hit a home run. We would not have proceeded if the style had not fit in with the others architecturally. It is designed as an integrated system, with site, energy, ventilation, air quality, humidity, health and comfort all taken into account. And yes, you can open the windows."

Peabody, who is now designing smaller and less expensive passive house models, acknowledges that such homes are more costly to build. "But we're finding that the marginally higher costs of construction are more than offset by savings in monthly energy bills," said Peabody. In fact, he says, affordable housing organization Habitat for Humanity is building a passive house in the Washington, D.C., area.

Even though the home is airtight, it is well ventilated. "During heating and cooling seasons, when you don't want to open the windows, there is an imperceptible but constant flow of fresh air to all the living spaces and exhaust air from all the bathroom and kitchen spaces. Air essentially makes a one-way trip through the house, as opposed to being churned around and around as with standard heating and cooling systems," said Peabody.

While there are only 23 passive houses in the U.S., in Europe more than 20,000 homes, apartments, offices and schools have been built to passive house standards.

Although solar orientation is a factor, it is not the same as a passive solar house. Instead, it uses a robust building envelope to achieve as much as 90 percent savings in energy use.

While the passive house concept is still emerging, passive solar design is more prevalent in the region. Solar orientation is a factor in both, but the passive house uses a building envelope to save energy.



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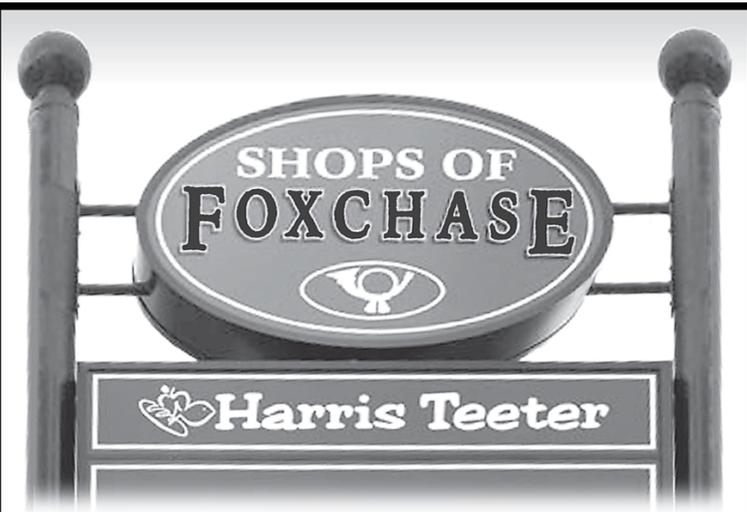


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522 NELSON AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301	LINDEN GARDENS	
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THEATER

'Nine:' A Primo Performance by The Arlington Players

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Guido Contini is a wreck. The famous Italian director just turned 40 and is facing a career as stalled as his marriage. Torn between his wife, mistress and the star he needs to make a blockbuster film, he runs off to Venice. Clutching at women like straws, he desperately tries to salvage what he can of his life in The Arlington Players' production of "Nine," now playing at the Kenmore Performing Arts Center.

Based on Federico Fellini's semi-autobiographical film "8 1/2," the original 1982 Broadway production was directed by Tommy Tune and starred Raul Julia, Karen Akers and Anita Morris. Nominated for 12 Tony Awards, it took home five, including Best Musical. Subsequent London and New York revivals starred such luminaries as Jonathan Pryce, Elaine Paige, Chita Rivera, Sergio Franchi, Antonio Banderas and Eartha Kitt. With a robust score by Maury Yeston, it is a theatrical extravaganza that TAP admirably brings to life on the community theater stage.

Eric Kennedy tackles the tour de force role of Guido, a man who

possesses the charismatic charm that attracts women but also the arrogance that drives them away. Most recently seen as Billy Flynn in the St. Mark's Players production of "Chicago," Kennedy is captivating in the demanding role with vocals that soar through a range of emotions.

"I loved working with all the women," Kennedy said during a talkback with the cast following the Oct. 9 performance. "The show is all about Guido's connection to the women in his life."

Evelyn Trester, with a crystal soprano voice that is at once powerful and poignant, is Guido's long-suffering wife Luisa, who long ago forfeited her own dreams for the sake of her crumbling marriage.

In the sultry role originated on Broadway by Anita Morris, Lauren Palmer Kiesling sizzles as Guido's scantily-clad mistress Carla while Anne Marie Pinto is his star actress and former lover Claudia.

"This is not your typical musical," said director Lisa Anne Bailey during the talkback. "It's because of the women that I wanted to do this show. They are the ones that make Guido lovable."

Propelled along by the pace of the 17-song score, 'Nine' follows Guido as he struggles to come up with a long-overdue script while juggling the women in his life —



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From left: The cast of "Nine:" Kristin Magee as Sarraghina; Evelyn Trester as Luisa; Anne Marie Pinto as Claudia; Eric Kennedy as Guido; Lauren Palmer Kiesling as Carla; Lorraine Magee as Lilian LaFluer; and Barbara Porter as Guido's Mother.

all the while oblivious to the heartache he has caused those who have loved him the most.

Flashback scenes of Guido's youth feature his mother, played by Barbara Potter, and his 9-year-old self, played by Colin Cech. Kristen Magee is the voluptuous Sarraghina, the prostitute who gave young Guido his first taste of the unspoken carnal pleasures forbidden by his Catholic school upbringing.

Lorraine Magee is a standout in the supporting role of Liliane, Guido's shark-in-stilettos producer, with Montana Brown as her assistant.

Masterfully paced by Bailey, a nine-time WATCH Award nominee and four-time winner, the performance of the talented cast is augmented by the skillful musical direction of Paul Nasto and his 15-piece orchestra. With costumes by Grant Kevin Lane and

sets by Amanda Acker, TAP pulls together a tender and captivating performance that musical theater lovers should not miss.

The Arlington Players production of 'Nine' runs through Oct. 21 at the Kenmore Performing Arts Center, Kenmore Middle School, 200 South Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Call 703-549-1063 or visit www.thearlingtonplayers.org.

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some Sunday evenings 7:30 p.m. Box Office: 800-494-8487 or www.synetictheater.org.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 16

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

OCT. 19 TO NOV. 6

"Othello." Tickets are \$45 to \$55. Part of "Speak No More" — The Silent Shakespeare Festival. Wednesdays 7:30 p.m., Thursdays – Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. with some Sunday evenings 7:30 p.m. Opening: Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. At Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St., Arlington. Call 800-494-8487 or www.synetictheater.org.

NOV. 25 TO DEC. 23

"Romeo and Juliet." Tickets are \$45 to \$55. Part of "Speak No More" — The Silent Shakespeare Festival. Wednesdays 7:30 p.m., Thursdays – Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. with some Sunday evenings 7:30 p.m. Opening: Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

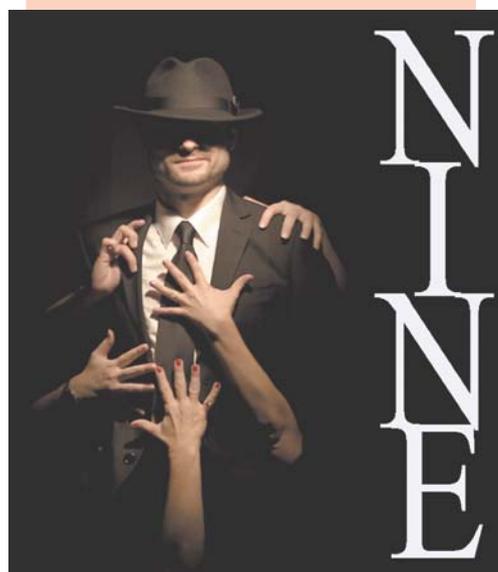
At Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St., Arlington. Call 800-494-8487 or www.synetictheater.org.



A SECOND CHANCE

NOV. 15 TO DEC. 11

"A Second Chance." Tickets are \$41. Starring Broadway's Brian and Diane Sutherland. Fuses jazz and musical theater stylings, with musical direction by Zak Sandler. At Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave., in Arlington. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or visit www.signature-theatre.org.



NOW THROUGH OCT. 21

"Nine." Tickets are \$20/adults; \$15/seniors and juniors. Performance dates: Oct. 14, 15, 16, 21. Curtain times 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3:30 p.m. Sundays. By Arthur Kopit with music/lyrics by Maury Yeston. Directed by Lisa Anne Bailey. At Kenmore Middle School Theatre, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington.

NOV. 14 TO 19

"Angel: A Nightmare in Two Acts." Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/seniors and students; \$14/groups of 10. Opening night is Friday, Nov. 4, with further performances on Saturday, Nov. 5; Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-12 and Nov. 18-19; and Tuesday, Nov. 15. The evening performances on Friday, Saturday and Tuesday begin at 8 p.m. In addition, there will be matinees on Saturday, Nov. 12 & 19 at 2 p.m. Presented by Port City Playhouse, which performs at The LAB at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

OCT. 19 TO NOV. 6

"Speak No More" – The Silent Shakespeare Festival. Tickets are \$45-\$55. "Othello." At Synetic Theater at Crystal City. Wednesdays 7:30 p.m., Thursdays – Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. with

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NOW THROUGH OCT. 16

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

NOW THROUGH OCT. 16

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



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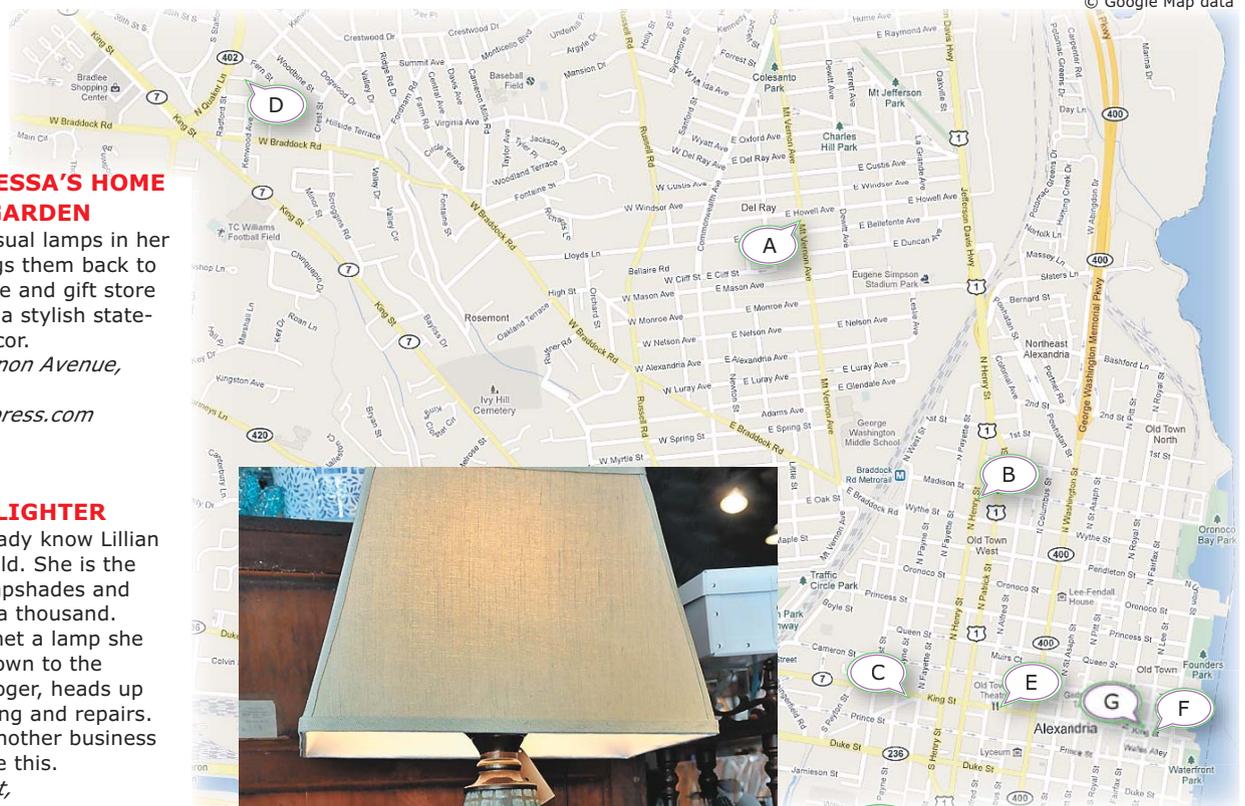
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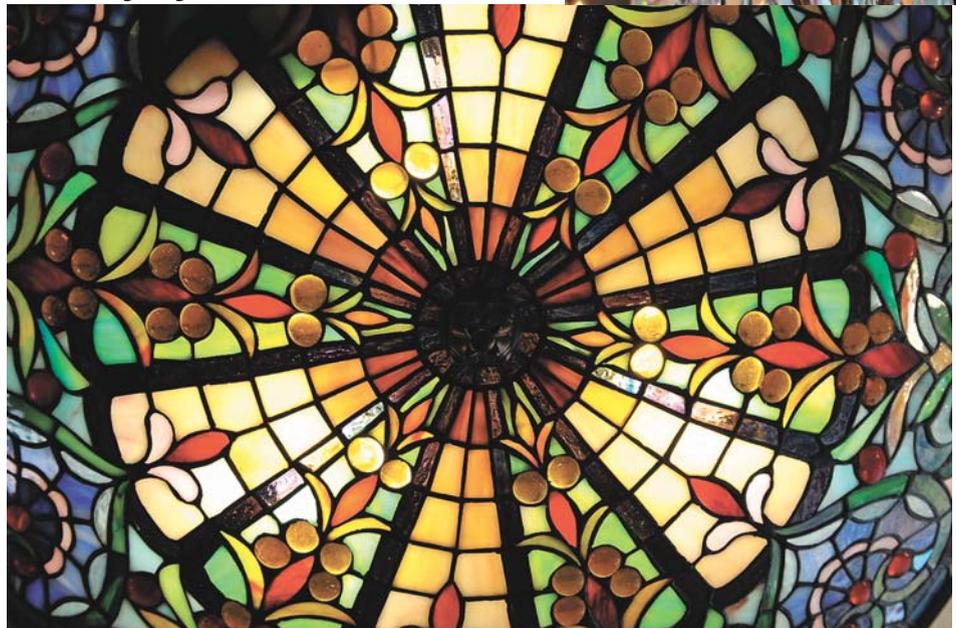
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Talk of the Town

Let There Be Light!

Of course The Wanderer loves the brilliance of Fall. But shorter days and the absence of sunshine can bring on the blues. If he's not careful, by winter he could be a grumpy, hibernating bear. So, while we still have our precious daylight, The Wanderer is busily inspecting his indoor artificial light sources, aka "lamps." He suggests you do the same because no one likes a grumpy bear.



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NOW THROUGH OCT. 31

Pumpkin Sale. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Fundraiser that benefits local charities. Autumn crafts and cookies, brownies, cake, candy, hearty soups, gourds, mini pumpkins, apple crisps, Indian corn and cornstalks are also available. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, corner of Seminary Road and Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 31

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

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

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

NOW THROUGH DEC. 19

Tavern Toddlers. Mondays between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Cost is \$7/group of three. A five-visit pass is \$30. A weekly open playtime and a new craft activity each week. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

OCT. 13 TO 15

Fall Book Sale. Thursday, Oct. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

OCT. 13 TO 16

National Harbor Restaurant Week. Featuring 14 participating restaurants. Lunch is \$20; dinner is \$35. Visit www.NationalHarbor.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 13

Lynn Hollyfield. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Spanish Wine Tasting. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Focusing on wines from the wines of Spain. Tasting will be led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar; tickets \$25/person. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

OCT. 14 TO 30

"Twelve Angry Men." Staged by the Aldersgate Church Community Theater. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Special dinner show on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. (Must be pre-purchased by Oct. 16.) Tickets online are \$14/adults; \$11/youth/senior. Or \$15/\$12 at door. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd. Alexandria. Visit www.acctonline.org or 703-660-2611.

OCT. 14, 15, 16

"Don Giovanni." Presented by the Repertory Opera Theater of Washington. Friday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. Admission is \$30/general; \$20/seniors; \$15/students. At Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Rd., Alexandria. Visit www.repopera.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Civil War Wine Dinner. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100. Savor Civil War history and Virginia wines with a menu inspired by the 19th century at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. This five-course meal with wines from Gray Ghost Vineyards takes place at 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Alexandria Rotary's Taste for Giving. 7 p.m. Hosted by the Alexandria Rotary Foundation, the event will feature 15 local restaurants, a winery, music and entertainment, and both a live and silent auction. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit www.tasteforgiving.org



The Columbia Firehouse at 109 South St. Asaph Street.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Firefighting Walking Tour. 1 p.m. Tickets are \$6/adults; \$4/youth. The Friendship Firehouse Museum is offering a new tour exploring Alexandria's firefighting history. The walking tour, "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting Past," begins at the Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred Street, in Old Town. Tickets may be purchased at www.friendshipfirehouse.net or by calling 703-746-4994.

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the exciting world with some favorite stories and songs! Ages 2 and under. Free. At Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

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Oktoberfest. 3 to 7 p.m. German food, beverages, German band, silent auction. A Kidfest with moonbounce and games for children from 3 to 5 p.m. At St. Aidan's Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Visit www.staidanepiscopal.org

Barbecue Lunch and Yard Sale. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Barbecue in the "Dixie Pig" tradition with cole slaw and baked beans. At St. James Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road, Alexandria.

Fall/Winter Kids' Rummage Sale. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Good Shepherd Mother's Support Group is holding its 7,200 sq.ft. rummage and bake sale. Door admission is \$1. There are a few tables still available if you would like to sell children's items. Contact Jen at jakelley19@gmail.com. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria.

Author Kathleen Churchyard. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Meet Kathleen Churchyard, author of *Bye for Now: A Wishers Story*. For ages 9-12. At Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

Jones Point Trash Cleanup. 9 a.m. Meet at the end of S. Royal Street and Jones Point Drive, near the recycling bins. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeves. Plastic bags and gloves will be provided.

Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Entertainment features the Beale Street Puppet Theatre and the sounds of "Boy's Night Out." Also activities by the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, face painting, pumpkin painting, hayrides and more. At Armistead L. Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd., Old Town Alexandria. The event will be held rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, the festival will move indoors to the Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Dr. Call the City's Special Events Hotline at 703-746-5592 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Big Top Country Market. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alexandria Country Day School celebrates its 21st Annual Big Top Country Market with carnival games and rides, airbrush tattoos, spin art crafts, cake walk, clowns and balloon animals. Marketplace with local vendors and BBQ cafe from Famous Dave's. At 2400 Russell Road, Alexandria. Visit www.acdsnet.org.

Steven Gellman in Concert. 8 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.stelmoscoffeepub.com or call 703-739-9268.

EYA Concert. 7:30 p.m. "Stella Serena: Celestial Hymns to the Virgin", and features music of 12th-14th century England, France and Spain. Admission is \$20/adults, \$15/seniors, \$10/students and teachers. Call 703-765-4342. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

Comedian Paula Poundstone. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$39.50. "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 800-745-3000 Visit: www.ticketmaster.com.

Genealogist Char Bah. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. The Ft. Ward & Seminary African American Descendants Society Inc. is sponsoring a presentation and discussion entitled: "Their Families were there: Families of the Fort." At Oakland Baptist Church, 3408 King St., Alexandria.

Rock n Roll Flea Market and Guitar Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors with musical instruments, accessories, luthier supplies, vintage guitars, vintage speakers, custom guitars, vinyl records, used basses, rare and collectible DVDs & CDs, guitar parts, necks and bodies, mixers, racks, speakers, subwoofers, DMX lighting. Tables for rent are available at \$25. At Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale. Visit www.rockfleamarket.com.

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Oktoberfest 2011. Noon to 5 p.m. Rustico House will hold its fifth year of brewed bliss with 50 domestic and international craft beers on draft. Plus German-inspired foods. At Rustico, 827 Slaters Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-224-5051 or visit www.rusticorestaurant.com.

Mega Bazaar and Craft Show. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 30 crafters, a huge silent auction with services and new merchandise, a bake sale, door prizes and lunch. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. At the Colecroft Community, at the intersection of Oronoco and North West Streets, in Alexandria.

Fall Festival. 1 to 5 p.m. Pie-baking contest, moon bounces, rock climbing wall, face painting. At Hollin Meadows Elementary School. At 2310 Nordok Place, Alexandria.

Burgundy Fall Fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Includes live performances, local artisans, delicious food, a used book sale, and games and prizes for kids. At Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org.

TAG Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. T.C. Williams High School is having its annual fund-raiser for its band program. Funds raised will be used for instruments, equipment, music, clinicians, scholarships for private lessons, transportation, competition fees, uniform maintenance and more. Students go in pairs door-to-door seeking donations.

Fall Tree Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The City's tree supplier, Denison Landscaping and Nursery of Fort Washington, Md., will provide a variety of trees, shrubs and annuals that are hardy and successful in this area. The goal is to promote the preservation of the Alexandria's tree canopy by encouraging the planting of trees on private property throughout the City. At Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot, 3001 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. To reserve a tree, call the City Arborist Office, at 703-746-5496 or email City.Arborist@alexandriava.gov.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Fall Colors Walk. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Led by

Friends of Dyke Marsh Board member Pat Salamone. Meets at the Haul Road entrance at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria.

Anna Mwalagho & the Afloetry Band. 4 p.m. Admission is \$15. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria.

The Big Meow! Children's performance and dance workshop presented by Jane Franklin Dance. 1:30 p.m. performance; 2 p.m. workshop. Cost for children: \$7/performance; \$10/workshop; \$15/both. Cost for adults: \$12/performance; \$10/workshop; \$20/both. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit www.janefranklin.com or call 703-548-0035.

Fall Colors Nature Walk. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh. Meets at the entrance to Dyke Marsh, south of the Belle Haven parking lot, off the GW Memorial Parkway south of Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.fodm.org.

NOVA Community Chorus. 3 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20/\$10. Dr. Mark Whitmire, director, presents Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6097.

Big Wide Grin. 7 p.m. With Nick Peters and Steve Erickson. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard St., Alexandria. Visit www.focusmusic.org or call 703-501-6061.

Fall Festival. 3 to 6 p.m. Pony rides, petting zoo, moon bounce, games, crafts, live music, silent auction, book sale by Hooray for Books, storytelling and refreshments. Sponsored by Fort Hunt Preschool, at 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-768-7584 or visit www.forthuntpreschool.com.

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

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



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visit www.gadsbystavern.org to attend.

Lee-Fendall House Brunch. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$35. The Board of Directors of the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden is hosting a brunch to focus on membership. At the corner of Washington and Oronoco Streets in Old Town. Attendees can pay at the door. They can also pre-register, sign up for membership or donate on the website, www.leefendallhouse.org and click on "Online Store" for tickets or "Support the Lee-

Fendall House" for membership.
Life Membership and Awards Banquet. 6:15 p.m. Sponsored by the Alexandria Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Tickets are \$75/person; \$700/table of 10. The theme is "Affirming America's Promise." The keynote speaker is Dr. Lonnie G. Bunch, director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. At the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Tickets can be purchased on line at <http://alexfreedomfund11.eventbrite.com/>.

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Employment Fair. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Centura College is hosting a career fair at 6295 Edsall Road, Alexandria. Participants are expected to dress for success, and with copies of their resumes, be prepared to network and possibly interview. Call 703-778-4444.

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Sharon Hodges presents "Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears — The Story of Ellis Island." Meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/> or call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920.

"The Last Mountain" Film. 7 p.m. Learn about what mountaintop removal is and why it's so destructive to the environment, health and communities. At Metro Stage Theater, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

"Gifts to Our Presidents." 9:30 a.m. Free. Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club presents Claire Kluskens, a long-time archivist with the National Archives, will speak on "Gifts to Our Presidents." At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With JP McDermott and Western Bop. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

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Beverly Hills Garden Club Meeting. 10 a.m. Presentation by Master Gardener Anne Alexander on Shade Gardening and a plant swap. Members and guests are encouraged to bring flowers and plants you have divided from your gardens to share. Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Rd, Alexandria.

"The Mud March." 7:30 p.m. The Alexandria Civil War Round Table presents Frank O'Reilly, historian. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-231-2596 or visit www.alexandriacwrt.org.

Fashion Show and Luncheon. 10 a.m. The Yacht Haven Garden Club is presenting its 28th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Girls Just Want To Have Fun." Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Bloomingdales. At the Fort Belvoir Officers Club in Alexandria. Contact: deborah.alea@verizon.net or 703-447-1315.

Colonial Republican Women. Social time at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting 7 to 9 p.m. At the Virginia Hills Administration Center (Old Virginia Hills School), 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria. Contact Debbie at 703-768-1934 or dbodlander@hotmail.com.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

King Street Brass Quintet. 7:30 p.m. With organist Thom Robertson. If you enjoy the heroic sound of organ and brass, you'll enjoy this evening. A free-will offering will be received to help defray expenses. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Contact www.gracealex.org or call



SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Big Wide Grin. 7 p.m. With Nick Peters and Steve Erickson. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.focusmusic.org or call 703-501-6061.

Show." Limit of three items per person. At Broadway Gallery, 5641 General Washington Dr., #B, Alexandria off Edsall Road inside the Beltway.

Fall Mini-Festival. 3 to 6 p.m. Live music, carnival games, food and candy. Sponsored by Eclectic Nature, 1503 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.engiftandgarden.com.

Mousequerade Ball for Kids. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Author Cheryl Barnes will sign her book, "Alexander, the Old Town Mouse," and read the story of Alexander and his ball at Gadsby's Tavern. Then kids can create masks and enjoy a ball of their own, in the same ballroom where Alexander – and George Washington – danced! For kids ages 4 to 7. Admission is \$10/child. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Rummage Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Great deals on toys, clothes, bikes, electronics, household items and more. At Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, 7719 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria. All proceeds benefit the school. Visit www.tauxemont.org.

Fall Festival at River Farm. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Bring a picnic, with arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, story time. At River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-768-5700 ext. 126.

703-549-1980.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Alexandria Seaport Foundation Riverfest. Come enjoy three bands, Port City's famous brew and food from Union Street Public House, Chadwick's and Bittersweet as apprentices cook up sausage and brats. From noon-3 p.m. enjoy an ASF open house at 2 Duke St. and tour a display of wooden boats, toy boat decorating and gutter races. From 4-7 p.m. enjoy the music, food and fun! Free T-shirts from Vineyard Vines to the first 100 ticket buyers. Visit www.alexandriaseaport.org.

Free Appraisal Day. 1 to 5 p.m. Broadway Gallery invites the public to its Free Appraisal Day. Ben Hastings will give free verbal appraisals at their "Antiques Road

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Electronics Recycling

Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. All electronics from computers, hard drives, monitors, modems, faxes, printers, TVs, microwaves. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

Autumn Open House.

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia are holding an Open House at Simpson Park Gardens. Observe the basics of garden design, layout, focal point and more while Master Gardeners lead you through the waterwise, scented, tufa, flagstone and butterfly gardens. The gardens are located between Route 1 and Mount Vernon Ave in Alexandria.

Green springs Gardens

Lecture. 9 to 10:15 a.m. "Nature's Artifice — Reintroducing

Ecology Back into the Urban Environment." Scarfone's lecture will be part of a daylong Garden Design Symposium: Designing Tomorrow's Garden from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tickets for the Garden Design Symposium are \$75 per person. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Del Ray Chili Cook-Off. 4 p.m. To enter a chili: Bring \$10, your best batch of chili, a table, and a clever name for said chili. Set up early at 3:45 p.m. Winner takes all the loot and bragging rights for what could be the last chili cook-off. There is also a cornbread contest. Held at Bellefonte and La Grande. Awards ceremony at 6 p.m. Call 703-518-9918 or 703-836-3092 or visit www.delraychilicookoff.com

Aged Rye Whiskey Released. 10 a.m. Historic Mount Vernon releases its first batch of aged George Washington Rye Whiskey. Three hundred of the limited edition 375 mL bottles will be available for purchase for \$185 each. Visit MountVernon.org.

Troop 996 Anniversary and Reunion. Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Fort Hunt will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 996. The evening will include a dinner and an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Contact Bill Darrough at 703-660-6048 or wdarrough@verizon.net.

Suede Performs. 7:30 p.m. With Alan Blackman and Max Murray, and comic Vickie Shaw. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Frog Pond's Fall Fun Festival. 10 a.m. to noon. The festival will feature entertainment, seasonal food and drink along with arts, crafts and other kid-friendly activities, including pumpkin decorating, face painting, natural henna tattoos, tire rolling and more. Suggested donation: \$5. At 7205 Harrison Lane, Alexandria.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With the Alturas Duo. Sibelius' Tapiola, Farias' Commissioned Concerto, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, "Eroica." Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

Holiday Mart. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get a head-start on holiday shopping at the 2nd annual holiday mart featuring all handmade, original crafts and artwork. At Calvary Presbyterian Church, 6120 North Kings Hwy., Alexandria. Visit info@calvarypres.org, 703-768-8510, www.calvarypres.org.

Foster Parent Orientation. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-5858 or email Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov.

Fall Mulch Sale. Price per bag is \$5. At Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria.

OCT. 22 AND 23

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mount Vernon welcomes the autumn season with Fall Harvest Family Days! The entire family enjoys autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, 18th-century dancing demonstrations, a straw bale maze, farrier (blacksmithing) demonstrations, apple-roasting, corn husk dolls demonstrations and early-American games and music. Potomac River sightseeing cruises are half-price. Fall Harvest Family Days is included with admission to the estate: \$15 adults; \$14 seniors; \$7 children 6-11; free for children under 5. Visit MountVernon.org. At Historic Mount Vernon estate.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

Bishop Ireton Cardinal 5K Run. 9 a.m. Cost is \$30/\$35. Packet pickup is Saturday, Oct. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30



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different teas provided by the Spice & Tea Exchange of Alexandria. Tickets can be purchased at www.HistoricAlexandria.org or by calling 703-746-4242.

"Bravo Mozart" All-Mozart Concert. 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20/adults; \$18/seniors; students free. Featuring Aaron Goldman and Dotian Levalier in Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp. At the Ernst Community Cultural Center, NVCC, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Call 703-758-0179 or www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

Fall Open House. 1 to 3 p.m. At Bishop O'Connell High School. Tour the school, meet faculty and students, learn about financial aid, and discover extracurricular programs. At 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington. Call 703-237-1433 or www.bishopoconnell.org.

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

TUESDAY/OCT. 25

Mount Vernon Quilters Lecture. 12:30 p.m. Free. "Stack-n-Whack" originator Bethany Reynolds will demonstrate easy ways to create quilt blocks with kaleidoscope designs. MVQU meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact MVQUPresident@gmail.com

James Farmer on Gardening. 7 to 9 p.m. James Farmer teaches respect for the age-old rules of flower and vegetable gardening, in a fresh voice that resonates love of life and entertaining at home. Part of the Woodlawn and The Pope-Leighey House Lecture Series. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Admission is \$15/\$10. Call 703-780-4000, ext. 26327.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

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

Baseball Author Talk. 7:30 p.m. Gary A. Sarnoff, a local baseball fan and historian, will be at Alexandria's Duncan Library to introduce readers to his book, *The Wrecking Crew of '33: The Washington Senators' Last Pennant*. At 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Art on the Rocks. 6 to 9 p.m. The Art League has challenged six local mixologists from Austin Grill, Chadwicks, Columbia Firehouse, Hank's Oyster Bar, The Light Horse Restaurant, and RedRocks Pizza Napoletana to each select a juried piece from one of the October exhibits as inspiration to create the most artistic cocktail and then compete at Art on the Rocks. Ticket holders may sample the cocktails and vote for their favorite at the event. Appetizers from the restaurants and drawings for prizes will complete the evening. At The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St. (in the Torpedo Factory Art Center), Alexandria. Buy tickets either by phone, 703-683-1780; online; or in person. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact The Art League Gallery: 703-683-1780, galleries@theartleague.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 27

Colonial Beer Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Historic Mount Vernon and Philadelphia's own, Yards Brewing Company have partnered to bring history and food together. The evening will begin with a beer reception, featuring Yards' Brawler, a classic British Mild Ale, paired with appetizers from Mount Vernon Inn Chef Richard Thompson, and guided after-hours tours of George Washington's Mansion. During the four-course dinner in the Mount Vernon Inn, Tom Kehoe, founder/ president of Yards, will discuss the pairing of Yards' Ales of the Revolution with the menu featuring venison tenderloin, duck, and hoecakes. Tickets are \$95 and can be purchased at MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

"Masks." An exhibition that explores the roles of masks and the presentation of individual identity. Out of 197 artists who entered "Masks," only 21 artists made the cut. Artist's reception is Thursday, Oct. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.; Gallery Talk is at 7 p.m. At the Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 31

"The Art From Three Rivers."

Presented by The von Brahler Ltd./ Gallery, the work will be on display at the American Horticultural Society's River Farm headquarters. The exhibition will feature paintings by Nikolai Antyuchin of Russia's Moscow River, Yuri Kokoyanin's paintings of St. Petersburg's Neva River, and art by Robert Murray from the Potomac River. Call 703-798-8686 or vbgpromo@aol.com.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

Scope Gallery's Fall Forms.

Features spooky shapes, scary function. The Scope Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. At the Scope Gallery at the Torpedo Factory art Center, 101 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm

NOW THROUGH NOV. 7

Photographer Michael Borek. "Effective Immediately." At the Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Suite 312, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 31

Kimberley Bush, Ceramist. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 7

"Input Output" by Jackie Hoysted. Comprised of



Nestling, Susan Makara, Target Gallery

THURSDAY/OCT. 13

2nd Thursday Art Night: Past & Present. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Browse open studios, interact with artists and enjoy refreshments. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

public! Donations accepted. Details: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

OCT. 18 TO NOV. 13

"Fissures, Fossils and Fragments." Free. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing and wall pieces will be exhibited. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Studio 18, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Old Town Alexandria.

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

paintings, ceramic sculptures, and digital photographs, Hoysted leaves the distinction of "what is the original vs. what is the copy" up to the viewer. Meet the artist reception is Thursday, Oct. 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Encaustic Demonstration is Saturday, Nov. 5 from 1 to 2 p.m. At the Art League Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 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. At Gallery West, 1213 King St., Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Get Sparked! 7 to 9 p.m. SPARK writers share aloud the inspiration pieces that prompted the current gallery show's art. Light snacks and refreshments, open to the

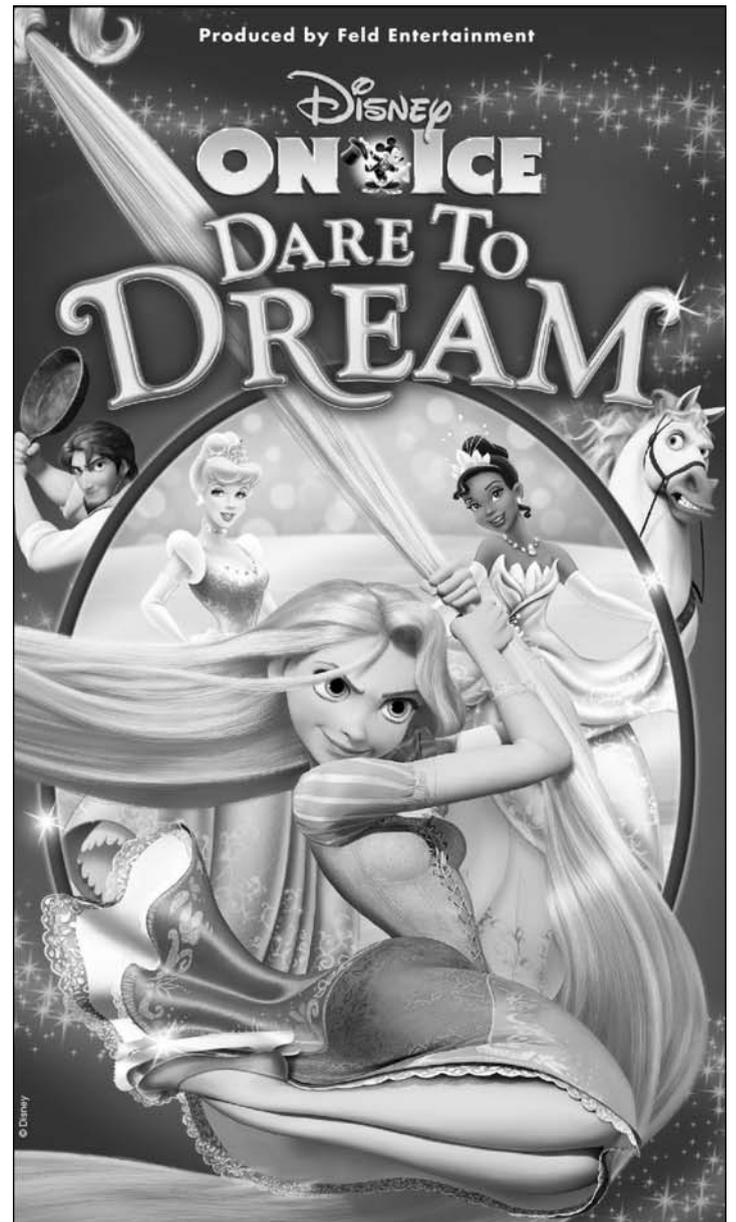
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Pumpkin Sale Returns

Annual fundraiser supports several charities.

The 18th Annual Pumpkin Sale at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, is now under way through Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. This annual fundraiser will benefit the outreach ministries supported by Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, including Network Preschool, ALIVE!, Carpenter's Shelter, the Heifer Project and more. It also benefits the Navajo Indians of Northern New Mexico, where the pumpkins are grown on irrigated tribal lands using controlled farming conditions which make for a steady yearly crop available.

Two semi trucks arrived full of pumpkins at the beginning of the month and one a couple weeks later. This results in an estimated 8,000 full-sized pumpkins, (plus tens of thousands of little pumpkins), or about 140,000 pounds of pumpkins, gourds and hay.

Pumpkins are priced by size, ranging from \$1 - \$30. Prices are set by the Navajo, who send a set of "model" pumpkins for the church to use in sizing the ones we sell. Parishioners volunteer to help during the 3-plus weeks of this project by unloading all of the pumpkins themselves in a "bucket brigade" style, by staffing the patch during selling times, and by providing the breads, harvest soups, cupcakes, cider, apple crisps and autumn craft items. Jewelry from the Montana's Crow Indians is also sold, with all proceeds going to them. Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, an independently-owned business, has provided church and non-profit organizations with fundraisers for over 25 years. In recent years, pumpkins have been shipped to more than 30 denominations in over 1,300 churches in



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Youngsters help unload pumpkins during last year's annual pumpkin sale.

48 states. In 2009, over 5.5 million pumpkins were shipped to the various patches. Pumpkin Patch provides over 300 jobs on the reservations as well as returning a percentage of overall sales to the reservation.

Charities That Benefit

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- Capital Area Hospice
- Child & Family Network Centers
- Christ House
- Christmas Families
- Christmas in August
- Community Lodgings
- Dominican Republic Scholarships
- Education Scholarships in Haiti and the Dominican Republic
- Heifer Project International
- Haiti Micah Project
- Hopkins House
- The Kelly Foundation
- Meals-on-Wheels
- The Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM)

Legal Notices

ABC LICENSE
SK4M, LLC trading as Cafe Shiraz, 3672 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer, Wine, Mixed Beverage on and off premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Keramat Moaveni, Director

Legal Notices



PUBLIC HEARING

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, October 15, 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 Section 3-2-353 (CONTESTED PARKING CITATIONS) and Section 3-2-354 (PENALTIES FOR UNCONTESTED CITATIONS) of Article S (PAYMENT, CONTEST AND ENFORCEMENT

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA UNCLAIMED PROPERTY FOR REPORT YEAR 2011

In conformance with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Unclaimed Property Act, the City of Alexandria is publishing a listing of unclaimed property held at June 30, 2010.

Property Code	Last Name	First Name
480903	AETNA	
478033	ALEXANDRIA COLONIAL TOURS, LTD	WELLINGTON WATTS
500467	ALEXANDRIA FAIRFAX NEUROLOGY	DRS COCHRAN EBERLY & HOWE
482601	ALL AROUND ART	
487175	AMERICAN EAGLE TITLE &	ESCROW SVCS. INC
478036	AMERIGROUP	
483254	ARMSTRONG	CHARLES
478322	ASCOM HASLER MAILING SYSTEMS INC	
484870	ATTN:RUTH FREEMAN/TRACY NICKELSBURG	HEALTHY FAMILIES ALEXANDRIA
479493	BAIDUCCI	MARIA
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500810	BRISTOW	JEROME
501207	CLIFT	VENUS
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487334	DUPREE	JOHN
487909	FIRST BAPTIST OF ALEXANDRIA FOUNDATION	
492152	FIRST VA REGIMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL	
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484806	GLOBALSTAR USA LLC	
479681	HAMILTON-DUNCAN	MARY
500717	HENRY	RAPHAEL
492403	HIDARA	ABDELKADER
479663	HOLTSCHLAG	ANNIE
490654	HOOPER	ELIZABETH
486805	HUGGINS	JASMINE
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479669	KEMBLE	DAVID
498419	KEMBLE	DAVID
500122	KH	AL-MASAUD
485190	KIM	SUNG
498617	KUTATELADCE	ALEDSANDRE
497097	LAWYERS ADVANTAGE TITLE GROUP INC	
490219	LOCKETT	SCOTT
479776	MARRIOTT	RICHMOND
491293	MCCANDLESS	JENNIFER LEE
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480079	MUSSENDEN	CARLOS
491148	NORTHHAMPTON TOWER, LLC	C/O RIVERSTONE RESIDENTIAL GRO
499183	ORKIN INC	
487724	PAJKOWSKI	ROBERT
488833	PALAI	MICHAEL
500718	PATCH	DOROTHY
497418	PERPETUAL REALTY EAST LLC	
490153	PRIESTER	MARY
494734	RGS TITLE LLC	
494735	RGS TITLE LLC	
494736	RGS TITLE LLC	
488171	RIVERA MEJIA	JOSE
500794	RODRIGUEZ	FREDY
501861	ROMAN-RODRIGUEZ	DILIA
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If you or your company is listed above, contact the Accounting Division of the City of Alexandria's Finance Department prior to October 25, 2011.

For more information concerning this ad, please contact: City of Alexandria, Finance/Accounting Division, P.O. Box 178, Alexandria, VA 22313 Telephone: 703-746-3905.

The above shall be published in The Alexandria Gazette on October 13, 2011.

OF PARKING CITATIONS) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The amendments to Section 3-2-353 incorporate code section that were not previously included therein, clarify the language regarding how a parking citation can be contested, and provide a deadline for contesting a citation. The amendments to Section 3-2-354 clarify the language, that allows the City to recoup certain costs associated with parking citations, to more clearly follow the authorizing statute in Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3958.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 608 Montgomery Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, to construct and maintain an encroachment for outdoor restaurant seating at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the restaurant located at 608 Montgomery Street to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 3 (ALEXANDRIA CABLE COMMUNICATIONS CODE) of Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The ordinance repeals and reordains the City's Cable Ordinance to incorporate changes in federal law and state law governing the City's authority to regulate cable television companies.

a PUBLIC HEARING to obtain input on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

PUBLIC HEARING on the Report on the proposed renewal of the City's Cable Television Franchise and the Fiber Use Agreement between the City of Alexandria and Comcast of Virginia, Inc.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Muneh Lema, dated February 12, 2008, and recorded February 19, 2008, in Deed Book 19789 at page 1252 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Virginia, on

Friday, October 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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Commonly known as 6313 Battlement Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312.

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Bishop Ireton's Moses Webb scored four touchdowns against Flint Hill on Oct. 7 as the Cardinals improved to 6-0.



Bishop Ireton quarterback P.J. Zingler threw for 320 yards and two touchdowns against Flint Hill on Oct. 7.

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Bishop Ireton Football Reaches 6-0 for First Time

Senior running back/receiver Webb scores four touchdowns against Flint Hill.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

With Bishop Ireton and Flint Hill tied at 7-7 late in the second quarter, BI senior Moses Webb lined up as the slot receiver on the right side, ran past the safety and hauled in a beautifully thrown 58-yard touchdown pass from P.J. Zingler.

Early in the third quarter, Webb caught a swing pass in the left flat that appeared ticketed for a modest gain when, all of the sudden, he broke free down the sideline and scored a 65-yard touchdown.

"I just came out and gave my team a good

show," Webb said. "The team worked hard, the O-line worked hard and I just backed it up."

Webb finished with nine receptions for 180 yards and two touchdowns and rushed seven times for 36 yards and two more scores. He also intercepted a pass during a battle of undefeated teams on Oct. 7. Webb's statistics were impressive and his performance helped the Cardinals to a pair of historic numbers chanted after the game by Bishop Ireton fans.

"Six and O!"

The Cardinals defeated the Huskies, 27-7, on a Friday evening at Flint Hill School. The victory improved Bishop Ireton's record to 6-0 for the first time in school history. The Cardinals entered the 2011 season loaded with senior leadership, a strong group of playmakers and high expectations. With four games remaining in the regular season, BI is yet to lose.

"I knew that we were going to be good and I knew that we had a realistic goal to

qualify for the independent school playoffs," head coach Tony Verducci said. "We're just thrilled to be where we're at but, honestly, we're at the point with this group where very little that they do surprises me."

Webb's four-touchdown effort propelled the Cardinals to victory. The 5-foot-8, 160-pound playmaker showed his talents at receiver and in the backfield.

"He's got hands, he has speed, he has quickness [and] agility. There's almost nothing Moses Webb can not do on offense," Zingler said. "He brings a lot of leadership to us. When we need a big play, we're going to give it to 24 and he's going to make a play."

Webb gave the Cardinals a 7-0 lead with a 21-yard touchdown run on the final play of the first quarter. After catching a pair of touchdown passes, Webb scored the game's final points on a 7-yard run with 5:11 remaining in the third.

"[Offensive coordinator Joe] Blazkow does a terrific job of going into a game try-

ing to think of how many touches we're going to get our best players," Verducci said. "If we're not getting Moses a lot of touches at wide receiver, then we'll put him in the backfield. If he starts to run out of gas, we'll get him off the field and then maybe get him back in in that slot position where he's obviously capable of making tremendous plays." Zingler, a junior in his second season starting at quarterback for the Cardinals, completed 20 of 27 passes for 320 yards and two touchdowns. He completed at least one pass to five different receivers, including five for 72 yards to big-play threat Malcolm Westbrook.

"No. 1, P.J. trusts the offensive line and he trusts the guys that he's throwing the ball to," Verducci said. "It's great to see him start to take more shots down the field because I think that makes us a much more difficult team to defend."

Bishop Ireton will travel to Richmond to face Benedictine (5-1) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Titans Fall Short Despite Robertson's Big Night Performance

Williams coaches second game while Randolph recovers.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

With their head coach recovering from surgery and a revamped approach to the running game, members of the T.C. Williams football team took the field on Oct. 6 with hopes of snapping a four-game losing streak.

Hosting winless Woodson, the T.C. Williams offense lined up under center and pounded the ball out of the I formation, a

stark contrast to the Titans' base spread attack. Running back Dealo Robertson carried the ball on the Titans' first nine plays from scrimmage. The junior spent a good portion of the evening lining up behind fullback Malik Hackett and finished the contest with 25 carries.

While the Titans' commitment to smash mouth football led to a big night for Robertson, it did not translate to a victory. T.C. Williams dropped its fifth consecutive game, this time falling to Woodson, 14-13, at Parker-Gray Stadium.

Robertson rushed for 162 yards and a touchdown while starting in place of the injured Za'Quan Summers. Robertson's

touchdown came on the first play of the second quarter; a 43-yard scamper that tied the score at 7-7.

"That's my style of play: power, downhill running," Robertson said. "When we imple-

"We were looking to establish a different type of attitude on offense, a little bit more aggressive style of running the ball."

— T.C. Williams acting head football coach Avery Williams

mented it, I was like, 'All right, this is my week to break the running game out.' We knew the [Cavaliers]; we watched film all week, studied their defense and knew this would be the type of offense that we can

get the running game going with."

Senior Rayquan Brunson carried seven times for 32 yards and a touchdown. The duo ran behind the offensive line combination of left tackle Jeremiah Clark, left guard Demetry Johnson, center Aaron Tovsky, right guard Larry Harrison and right tackle Jose Urrutia.

"We were looking to establish a different type of attitude on offense, a little bit more aggressive style of running the ball," interim head coach Avery Williams said. "... For the most part, [the offensive line] did a pretty good job blocking up front. ... I think [Robertson] did a great job. He runs tough, he runs hard

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Williams Coaching as Randolph Recovers

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[and] he has pretty good speed. He's an aggressive runner; his style is aggressive, straight ahead. Very seldom do you see him getting tackled and going backward. He always finishes going forward."

Williams led the Titans for a second consecutive week while head coach Dennis Randolph was away from the team due to illness. A tumor was found on Randolph's pancreas, athletic director Steve Colantuoni confirmed, and the fifth-year head coach had surgery on Oct. 5. Colantuoni wrote in an email that "The surgery was successful and all are awaiting the pathology report to determine what further treatment will be necessary." Colantuoni added that the surgery comes with a six-to-eight-month recovery period and Williams, in his third year with the Titans coaching staff, will continue as interim head coach until Randolph makes his expected return.

"It's awful. We all feel for [Randolph]," Hackett said. "We were trying to fight through for him. We were trying to get this W for him. Coach Williams has been preparing us, working us to death. We were hoping that would pay off."

T.C. Williams had a chance to take the lead midway through the fourth quarter but came up empty. Trailing 14-13, the Titans drove to the Cavaliers' 18-yard line where, facing fourth-and-five with less than 6 minutes remaining, TC opted to attempt a 35-yard field goal. Woodson's Mike Reaves blocked the kick,



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams running back Dealo Robertson rushed for 162 yards and a touchdown against Woodson on Oct. 6.

however, and the Titans fell to 1-5, including 0-3 in the Patriot District.

TC trailed 14-7 late in the third quarter when Brunson scored on an 8-yard run to cut the Cavaliers' lead to one. The Titans were whistled for a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after the touchdown and Woodson coaches elected to have TC attempt a 35-yard extra point, rather than assess the penalty on the ensuing kickoff. The Cavaliers blocked the point-after attempt and held on for a one-point win.

T.C. Williams will travel to face West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Mariana Sterne of Alexandria is among 22 Bryan College psychology students who attended the AACCC World Conference in Nashville, Tenn., recently. The conference offered students an opportunity to hear experts in professional, pastoral and lay counseling from around the world, and to network with individuals in all areas of the counseling profession. Mariana is the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Sterne of Alexandria.

The following area students graduated from Mercyhurst College on May 22.

❖ **Dana Urbanski of Alexandria** earned a MS degree in Applied Intelligence.

❖ **William Kwarteng of Alexandria** earned a BA degree in Business.

Wingate University's 115th Commencement recognized **Addis Tsegaye of Alexandria** in the class of 2011. The class marked the largest in recent history with 437 graduates. Tsegaye earned a Ph.D. degree.

Nora Dickert of Alexandria graduated from Lycoming College on May 8, 2011. Dickert graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

Michael E. Knetemann, an English major, was named to the Dean's List for the second semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH. Knetemann, a resident of Alexandria, is a member of the class of 2011.

Zachary McGurk of Alexandria was among more than 250 students who received diplomas at Marietta College's 174th graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 8, in the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center. McGurk completed requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Economics and Political Science.

Elizabeth Romano of Alexandria, who is studying criminal justice at Widener University in Chester, Pa., was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2011 semester at Widener.

Allison Gatrone of Alexandria qualified for the Dean's List at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for the Spring semester.

Jillian Lee Beasley of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies from Longwood University on May 14.

Rosa Moran of Alexandria was named to the Spring 2011 Dean's List at Mary Baldwin College.

The following students have been placed on the Spring 2011 list at Gettysburg College.

❖ **Kateryna Savchyn**, a Junior, from Alexandria;

❖ **Mary Kathryn Rhoads**, a Senior, from Alexandria;

The following students earned degrees from Washington and Lee University on May 27:

❖ **Sheffield C. Richey III** of Alexandria;

❖ **Alexander P.G. Uhlir** of Alexan-

dria;

❖ **Karie E. Micklem** of Alexandria;

❖ **John James C. Carbonell** of Alexandria;

Tara Breiner, the daughter of Theodore and Maureen Breiner of Alexandria, was recognized at an end-of-year ceremony for outstanding achievement at Randolph-Macon Academy (R-MA). She received the Certificate of Excellence for U.S. History. Tara is a junior at Randolph-Macon Academy.

Queen Martin of Alexandria was named to the Spring 2011 Honors List at Mary Baldwin College.

Tulane University awarded degrees this month to approximately 2,300 graduates. The following residents were among those students:

❖ **Nicholas J. Bruno of Alexandria** graduated from the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science, management degree.

❖ **Thomas Newhouse of Alexandria** graduated from the Tulane University School of Liberal Arts with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Evan Allgood from Alexandria has earned a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Georgia College and State University.

Elizabeth Seitz of Alexandria graduated with high honors, Summa Cum Laude, from Northeastern University with a degree in international affairs at its commencement on May 6.

Longwood University has selected 535 students to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring 2011 semester. Among those who earned an academic average of 3.5 to 3.99 were:

❖ **Kathleen Lindsay Ogden** of Alexandria;

❖ **Samuel Adam Bair** of Alexandria;

❖ **Sarah Elaine Harden** of Alexandria;

❖ **Dwight Gray** of Alexandria;

Alexandra Bourne of Alexandria, a graduate of The College of New Rochelle, was awarded the Ursula Laurus Citation at the College's 73rd annual Alumni College Weekend in June.

The Ursula Laurus Citation is given to honor CNR alumni who have provided outstanding leadership and have demonstrated their generous devotion to furthering the high ideals of Ursuline education.

Ingrid K. Mangold of Alexandria has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester at the University of Vermont. Mangold is a junior English major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Travis Tyler of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Security — Information Assurance from Norwich University at a May 15 commencement ceremony.

Ryan Donley Brady of Alexandria received the juris doctor degree Saturday, May 7, from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Kevin Bloomfield of Alexandria graduated from Villanova University during a commencement ceremony held on Sunday, May 15, in Villanova Stadium.

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The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2012, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,600 to \$3,700†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$8,500 to \$9,000.
3. An increase in the Account Charge from \$32 to \$33.
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.04 to \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$2.95 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons of water.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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John Clark Everly, businessman and funeral director of Alexandria, VA died peacefully on October 10, 2011 surrounded by his family. He was 77 years old. John was born in Alexandria on November 18, 1933 to Josiah Stickley Everly, former school board chairman and member of City Council in Alexandria, and Ruby Dettor Everly. He was a graduate of George Washington High School, Randolph Macon College, and Eckels School of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia. He was president of Everly Funeral Homes, Inc. and faithfully served Northern Virginia families for over 50 years at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home. He also served as administrator of the Presbyterian Cemetery in Alexandria and as president of the Northern Virginia Funeral Directors Association.

A past president (1979-1980) of the Alexandria Rotary Club, John achieved 50 years with perfect attendance. He was a past master of the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge #120 A.F. & A.M., a member of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22, Henry Knoxfield Lodge #349, and a 32nd degree mason of the Alexandria Scottish Rite. He was also a member of the Friendship Firehouse, and a past board member of the Salvation Army and St. Stephen's Episcopal School.

John's greatest passion was spending time at his farm, Cedar Knoll, in Star Tannery, VA where he entertained family and friends and enjoyed farming, hunting and fishing. A big-game hunter, he made numerous trips to the Western United States and Alaska and was a member of the Alexandria Sportsmans Club. He loved cooking and gardening and kept a community garden in Alexandria for over 30 years, distributing fresh vegetables to many families in Alexandria.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol Lee Taylor Everly; two sons, Josiah Clark Everly and wife, Josephine of New Orleans, LA, and John Taylor Everly and wife, Laurel of Alexandria, VA; one granddaughter, Danielle Nicole Everly of VA; four grandsons, Josiah Taylor Everly, Aaron Cole Everly, Jackson Clark Everly, Zachary John Everly of VA; four step-granddaughters, Margaret Fraysse Saux and Virginia Claire Saux of New Orleans, and Tiffany Freitag and Brittany Freitag of Alexandria; one great-granddaughter, Annabelle Bowen; brother, Julian Wilson Everly, Sr. and wife, Jean Wiley Everly of Callao, VA; brothers-in-law, Edward Taylor of Norfolk, VA, and Stuart Stancil and his wife, Joyce of Alexandria; and many loving nieces, nephews, close family members and friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 13th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm with Masonic services to be held at 7:30 pm and again on Friday, October 14th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street on Saturday, October 15th at 2:00 pm followed by interment at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in memory of John to either Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation, 4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304 or Alexandria Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 320666, Alexandria, VA 22320-1271.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Fall Oral History Training Session. 10 a.m. to noon. At the Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., Third Floor, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4399. RSVP to jen_hembree@hotmail.com by Oct. 1.

MONDAY/OCT. 17

College Night. 7 to 9 p.m. Fairfax County Public Schools will host 400 colleges and universities at Hayfield Secondary School. At 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria.

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Preschool Fair. 9 a.m. to noon. It is a great opportunity to check out 40 preschools in the Alexandria area. Sponsored by the MOMS Club of Alexandria-NE. At First Baptist Church, 2932 King St., Alexandria. momspreschoolfair@gmail.com

Virginia Senate Candidates Forum. 1 p.m. Free. At Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Sponsored by Chapter 232 NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association). For Virginia Districts 30, 35, 36, and 39. Contact Robert H. Miller, at 703-683-3025, e-mail: bobvivismiller801@netzero.net

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

Judge Stephen Rideout Speaks. 6:30 p.m. Will speak on early childhood education in better preparing children for school, reducing truancy and delinquency, and helping children more productive citizens as adults, at The Giving Circle's Fall Forum. RSVP to Cheryl Kim at 703-299-4475 or visit www.givingfullcircle.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Attack Invasive Plants. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Meet at the trail crossing at the Dyke Marsh-Belle Haven Marina Road, Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria.

Electronics Recycling Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. All electronics from computers, hard drives, monitors, modems, faxes, printers, TVs, microwaves. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

Foster Parent Orientation. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-5858 or email Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov.

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