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Zombies menace the public during Survive Alexandria, a record holding game of zombie tag on Aug. 17.

Beware of Zombies

Health Department emphasizes emergency preparation.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE GAZETTE

The Alexandria Department of Health has issued a warning to all residents to be prepared in the event of a zombie outbreak.

Precautions include signing up for the city's emergency mobile alert system, creating an evacuation plan, and establishing an emergency kit.

Zombie emergency preparedness helps Alexandria citizens plan for the unexpected.

"We issued the zombie warning because it's a metaphor for any peril," said Dr. Steven Haering, director of Alexandria's Department of Health. "The unexpected could be a hurricane, high winds, emergent illnesses or earthquakes. It could also be man made, a terrorism attack, a bomb or chemical event."

Perhaps the most serious emergency-related event that hit Alexandria was the Aug. 23

5.9 magnitude earthquake. Although the earthquake caused minimal damage, telephone networks failed and communication was only possible via text messaging and social media.

"The City of Alexandria was the first to issue an official tweet after the earthquake," said Cindy Lake, emergency planner with the Department of Health. "Stay informed, make a plan, and prepare an emergency kit. The more individuals that are prepared, the more the community is prepared."

The Department of Health takes a three-stage approach to zombie outbreaks, including accessing the problem, tailoring a response and delivering services.

Information from hospitals and clinics are monitored every day through the Essence System, and trends such as a high incidence of rashes and bite marks would be red flagged.

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Preparing for Zombies

In the event of a zombie emergency it is important to have a disaster kit, which includes three days worth of food and water. Select non-perishable food that can be rotated into the regular food supply. Make a plan with family and neighbors and sign up for mobile emergency alerts. For more information on emergency kits visit ready.gov, and to sign up for mobile alerts visit <https://enews.alexandriava.gov/register.php>

Watering Down the Waterfront

New study to recommend against increasing density along the waterfront.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Don't rezone the waterfront — that's the sentiment behind a new report that will be released this weekend by the Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan. Titled "Parks, Arts and Museums: The Key to Rediscovering, Protecting and Revitalizing the Alexandria Waterfront," the report recommends keeping the existing zoning along the waterfront rather than increasing it as Planning Director Faroll Hamer and the Planning Commission have recommended. It will also

"We feel that the city never really examined its own assets very effectively."

— Andrew Macdonald

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recommend against overturning the longstanding ban on allowing hotels on the waterfront.

"The planning process that's gotten us to this point has been seriously flawed," said former Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald, one of the leaders behind CAAWP. "We feel that the city never really examined its own assets very effectively."

Macdonald declined to share the report in advance of this weekend's release, but people who have seen the document say it recommends keeping the existing 1992 zoning rather than increasing to a denser 1981 settlement agreement. The plan will also call for the city to acquire some property at the two Robinson Terminal sites, either by purchasing the land outright or acquiring it through some kind of agreement similar to how Founders Park was created in the 1970s. Supporters of the plan currently under consideration say CAAWP's plan isn't realistic.

"It's just not feasible," said Gina Baum, a leader in a

Clerk Candidates Debate Access

Clerk of court candidates disagree about how easy it is to interact with the office.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Longtime Democratic Clerk of Court Ed Semonian says his office pioneered availability of court documents online, leading the way where others have followed. But his Republican challenger Chris Marston says Semonian isn't doing enough to move the office into the 21st century, making the case to voters that lawyers and homebuyers should be able to submit documents online. Voters will have the final say on Election Day next month.

"I'm not going to sit around and wait for someone to invite me into a pilot program," said Marston, a former chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. "I want to get it done now."

The Virginia Supreme Court is currently operating a pilot program in Norfolk that allows lawyers to submit court documents online, including criminal and civil



Ed Semonian



Chris Marston

cases. Semonian acknowledged that he hasn't made any formal overture to be part of the pilot or sent a letter requesting that Alexandria can participate, although the longtime clerk is regularly in touch with court leaders in Richmond.

"They know we want to be part of the pilot," said Semonian. "I have no doubt that when the time comes, we'll be part of the program."

THE CAMPAIGN for clerk of court is raising issues that have long remained behind the scenes, including the role of technology in the Alexandria Circuit Court. Semonian's supporters say he has revolutionized the office since he was elected to his first term in 1979. Marston's supporters say technology is leaving Alexandria behind, with lawyers in Fairfax County being able to submit property transaction records online.

"It certainly would be a lot easier to submit online," said Mike Ginsberg, an attorney with Arnold

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A Friendly Taking

The City of Alexandria is moving forward with yet another eminent domain case, but this one is not for a controversial slice of land near the waterfront. On a party-line vote Tuesday night, Democratic council members approved using the power of eminent domain to acquire the old American Trucking Association in the Eisenhower Valley.

"This is in the nature of what I would characterize as a friendly taking," said City Attorney **James Banks**.

City officials say moving forward with redevelopment on the site would require cooperation from all the land owners involved. But because of financial difficulties of some of the property, all of the owners are unable to consent. That means that city leaders can construct a new street, known as Port Street, as part of the newly reconfigured street grid. The city is offering \$36,000 for 18,000 square feet.

"The property owner has the right to challenge that valuation in the course of the court proceeding," wrote acting city manager **Bruce Johnson** in his recommendation, "but the title (or use rights in the case of temporary easements) immediately vests with the city, which prevents any delay related to ownership of the land or use rights."

Republican Councilman **Frank Fannon** and independent Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** voted against the resolution.

"I don't want an eminent domain vote on my record," Fannon said.

"Interesting," responded Councilman **Rob Krupicka**, overhearing Fannon's response to a reporter's question. "You never said anything about that in executive session."

"It's a slippery slope," added Hughes, adding that she also did not want an affirmative eminent domain case on her voting record. "Where do you draw the line?"

No Longer Yielding

For the last decade, Alexandria has been fighting a losing battle in Richmond to force drivers to yield rather than stop at crosswalks. Year in and year out, the city added the issue to its legislative package. Year in and year out, the effort ended up as roadkill. After a while, the legislation ran out of gas.

"We were losing ground," acknowledged legislative director **Bruce Caton**. "So we took it out of the legislative package for strategic reasons."

Some legislators said it was unnecessary. Others said it would invite lawsuits. Some suspected that it might have lost support for partisan reasons when Del. **Brian Moran** (D-46) carried the legislation. Whatever the reason, Councilman Krupicka set out to build support in other parts of the state.

"As long as you don't hit the pedestrian," Krupicka noted, "the driver is safe from just about any penalty."

Try and try again. The Alexandria Transportation Commission requested City Council members to include the item once again. Acting City Manager **Bruce Johnson** agreed, and now it's back in — sort of. Caton is not asking any member of the Alexandria delegation to introduce the legislation, although he's ready to support it if it's introduced by some other delegation.

"Frankly," admitted Caton, "I'm not sure if anybody is going to introduce it."

Day and Night Trippers

Alexandria's newest employees are learning where not to park — the West End.

Since the Alexandria City Council created the ability for neighborhood groups to petition the city to create daytime parking districts back in May, 51 new districts have been created. The way the program is organized, a district is a "blockface," meaning that it includes only one side of one block. That equates to about 25 blocks that are now policed during the day by parking-enforcement officers, who have issued 80 tickets at \$40 each.

"We can't attribute this to BRAC people," said **David Grover**, BRAC coordinator. "We don't know who they are."

Day trippers aren't the only ones who have to worry. This week, Alexandria City Council members unanimously approved a new overnight parking district for 17 blocks in Brookville Seminary Valley.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Council Executes Contract

New city manager Rashad Young to receive \$145,000 annual salary.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria is about to begin a new era, one that will be ushered in by a change in leadership at the top on Dec. 12 when 35-year-old Rashad Young takes command as city manager. For Young, it's an opportunity to make a mark at the beginning of a career rather than create a legacy toward the end. For the city, it's an opportunity to begin anew, even as pressing financial concerns continue to squeeze the budget and warring interests battle for control of the waterfront.

"While we honor and preserve the heritage that has made Alexandria distinctive, not only in Northern Virginia and the Washington, D.C., region, but also in the nation," said Young as he stood next to a portrait of George Washington. "We must balance against the drive and demand for growth, development and urban progress. This is both our challenge and our opportunity."

One of the first issues Young will face may be the most difficult: Where will he live? This is a case where the personal is the political. Even before council members signed the dotted line to formally hire Young at an annual salary of \$145,000, he was being besieged by requests. Mayor Bill Euille said the city expected him to enroll his children in Alexandria City Public Schools. And Councilwoman Del Pepper said she hoped he would move to the West End.

"You're going to find a bit of tension here," said Pepper. "Those of us who live on the West End will be pushing for you to move to the West End and try our West End schools."

THE PROCESS LEADING to Monday night's action began eight months ago, when former City Manager Jim Hartmann announced he would be stepping down and heading to Florida. City leaders hired the headhunting firm of Ralph Andersen & Associates, which cost \$25,000. Council members eventually interviewed three internal candidates and five external candidates. After three finalists were chosen, the City Council conducted two group interviews

Getting to Know Rashad Young

- ❖ **Hobbies:** Young admits to being "a bit of a nerd," someone who reads books about management in his spare time. He has a special fondness for the Metro system, and is looking forward to riding the system around the metropolitan region on a frequent basis. When he's at home, he said, he likes to play games with his family, including Phase Two and Taboo.
- ❖ **Favorite book:** "The Pelican Brief" by John Grisham. Young said he was fascinated by the suspense-thriller plot, which takes place in Washington, D.C. He said he was a fan of Grisham work in general, but he especially likes "The Pelican Brief" because of how the action revolves around



Alexandria's new City Manager Rashid Young is joined by his wife Tameka and two sons Mekhi and Taj.

and each member conducted individual interviews. Budget director Bruce Johnson stepped in to lead the city in the interim.

"I told Bruce I didn't know if we could get this done in five years," joked Councilman Paul Smedberg. "His jaw dropped to the ground."

Each of the council members took a moment to thank Johnson, who led the city through some difficult days. During the summer months, several neighbors in North Old Town raised concerns about crime in their neighborhood, which was followed by a harsh reaction from residents in public housing. Johnson responded by castigating the "credibility" of media reports, although the Alexandria Gazette Packet later revealed errors in the crime data. Later in the summer, two city employees were arrested for embezzlement and Johnson conducted a review.

"We pledge our support," Johnson told Young from the dais Monday night.

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Councilwoman Del Pepper points to her "brick" in King Street Gardens Park.



Jacob Loughlin, 11, performs for the crowd during the Oct. 15 dedication ceremony at King Street gardens Park.



Councilman Frank Fannon dedicated several King Street Gardens bricks to family members.

King Street Gardens Dedicated

A lone bagpiper greeted visitors to King Street Gardens Park Oct. 15 as park foundation and city officials gathered to thank supporters and dedicate recent brick and element donations.

"We're here to rededicate something that has been here for 23 years," said Mayor Bill Euille. "This is a perfect example of a successful public-private partnership and it's exciting to see the vibrant place it has become over the years."

King Street Gardens Park Foundation chairman Rodger Digilio explained the history of the park, as did architect and board member Marlin Lord.

Eleven-year-old Jacob Loughlin performed on the bagpipes and members of the Royal Scottish Dance Society entertained the crowd.

Digilio presented bricks to Euille for his support of the park as well as to Donley in honor of his grandson Jackson.

"Jackson's a special little guy," Donley said. "His brick will always be a part of a wonderful park."

For more information about King Street Gardens Park, visit www.kingstreetgardenspark.org.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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Marlin Lord, left, describes the history of King Street Gardens as foundation chairman Rodger Digilio looks on during the Oct. 15 dedication ceremony at the park.



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\$567 million. Unlike some previous city managers, he has no ties to the city or its history. He is the first African-American city manager, and Councilwoman Alicia Hughes pointed out that he is probably the youngest city manager since the position was created in 1921.

"As a former technology guy, I really like that you started out as an [information technology] person," said Councilman Rob Krupica, a former AOL executive. "I'm excited about the idea of having a city man-

ager in place who is from that generation and comes from that professional background and appreciates how technology can be used to help us communicate with each other and bring our community even closer together."

Several council members said they are particularly interested in his young family bringing a new sense of vibrancy to the old city.

"I have a stable of children myself," acknowledged Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, adding that his daughters offered babysitting services. "They're available if you'd like to put one on retainer."

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Waterfront Alternative

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group known as Waterfront for All that was created to oppose Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan. “What they are proposing would weigh the city down in legal fees for many years, and property owners would get fed up and stick us with by-right development.”

THE NARRATIVE of the report begins several years ago with correspondence between city officials and the owners of Robinson Terminal, which were acquired through a public-records request. Authors of the report say the correspondence shows that

“What they are proposing would weigh the city down in legal fees for many years, and property owners would get fed up and stick us with by-right development.”

— Gina Baum, Waterfront for All

city officials were eager to please the land owners, who threatened a lawsuit to make sure their land allowed maximum density available so they could sell it at the highest price.

“The Planning Department bent over backward to give the property owners everything they wanted,” said Katy Cannady, one of the leading forces behind CAAWP. “That means the owners of the property get to sell the land at maximum value and we didn’t get much of anything.”

Planning Director Faroll Hamer rejects this interpretation. She said the lawsuit presented the city with a challenge and an opportunity. The legal challenge was tied to what amount of density the property owner could use as leverage to sell the property at the highest profit. But the opportunity, as Hamer understood it, was to use the negotiations to press for public amenities.

“We wanted to look at the situation holistically,” said Hamer. “What we ended up with is a way to provide significant amenities to the public.”

Hamer said that one of the key amenities she pressed for in the negotiations was public access to the piers, which the eventual property owner would be under no legal obligation to provide otherwise. Furthermore, she said, revenues that would come from giving the property owners the density they want would pay for flood mitigation and bulkhead replacement. And City Attorney James Banks said that defending the city’s 1992 zoning, which reduced the amount of density allowable along the waterfront, could be difficult to defend in court although he stopped short of saying it was a losing case.

“They had certain expectations that were

embedded in the settlement that would have been problematic,” said Banks. “There are equity issues that would have been difficult to defend.”

CITY OFFICIALS SAY council members have to consider the cost of not adopting the plan under consideration. According to a financial analysis presented to a waterfront advisory panel this week, the cost of improving the waterfront outweigh the city’s ability to pay for it without increasing the density. Flood control alone would cost about \$6.8 million, and the cost of operating the newly renovated waterfront would be about \$1 million a year. But the city could expect only \$997,000 from tax revenue without making the recommended changes in the plan.

“It’s a false premise to say we should develop the waterfront now so we may or may not get amenities 15 to 30 years from now. That just doesn’t make good business sense,” said Boyd Walker, one of the leaders of CAAWP. “With our plan, there would be some immediate benefits. For example, property values near parklands would increase in value.”

The plan currently under consideration has already been approved by the Planning Commission and has vocal support of several City Council members, including Mayor Bill Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry Donley and Councilman Paul Smedberg. Yet this week’s meeting of the advisory group showed some cracks that could lead to division leading into the December vote. Panel members

Site	Existing (sf)	Current Zoning with SUP (sf)	Settlement Agreement (sf)	Waterfront Plan (sf)
Robinson Terminal North	91,814	195,296	238,816	238,816
Robinson Terminal South	139,141	327,393	380,529	380,529
Cummings/Turner Block	70,732	124,760	124,760*	187,140
Totals	301,687	647,449	744,105	806,485
Difference:		345,762	96,656	62,380

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could not get majority support for two key provisions of the plan, for example, to support allowing hotels and increasing the height limit at Robinson Terminal to allow for the expanded density.

“That shows there are real divisions about critical aspects of the plan,” said Burt Ely, a member of the panel who is also a member of CAAWP. “This is the thing that’s concerned Old Town residents all along.”

ANOTHER STICKING point is what to do about the massive site in North Old Town where a coal-fired power plant will be redeveloped. When the agreement between GenOn Energy and the city was announced in August, city leaders were quick to say the property should not be included as part of the small-area plan even though it fit within the defined borders. Several advisory group members disagreed, and Ely proclaimed the issue a 25-acre gorilla.

“You really have to include GenOn,” said former Old Town Civic Association President Townsend Van Fleet. “You just can’t exclude it.”

Another point of contention among the advisory panel members is whether they should hear from the CAAWP. At the end of Wednesday’s meeting, two panel members suggested that the group be allowed to make a formal presentation of the plan they will be releasing this weekend. Councilman Paul Smedberg changed the subject, and no presentation was scheduled.



Students from Ramsay Elementary peer down into the hold at the accommodations below deck.



Doug Lindeman shows the students a set of typical gear that a sailing in the 17th century would have used on board the Godspeed.

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Onboard Class

During the week-long visit by the Godspeed, Alexandria and Fairfax County fourth graders toured the sailing vessel and participated in hands-on demonstrations with crew members. Doug Lindeman showed the students what sort of gear the crew would have traveled with and used below deck for eating, sleeping and entertaining themselves during the 144-day voyage to Jamestown. Navigational equipment

including a Traverse Board and chip log were explained and demonstrated with class volunteers.

Onboard the ship, the students participated in hauling and easing the sails and squaring the yard. The students also were quick to identify simple machines such as levers and pulleys and the wheel and axle that were used to operate the vessel.

OPINION

Research, Think, Vote

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting is still available.

It's just a local election, why does it matter? Every member of the Virginia House of Delegates and Virginia Senate is up for reelection, with some significant open seats in Northern Virginia. The Virginia General Assembly decides what to do with the state income tax and other revenue, most of it generated here in Northern Virginia, most of it spent elsewhere. It's fair for wealthier parts of the state to help pay for services in poorer parts of the state, but the Virginia General Assembly denies localities in Northern Virginia the right to make most decisions that affect residents here. In

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Virginia, local government has only exactly the power given to it by the General Assembly. The right to open schools when it makes sense for each locality? No. The right to regulate safety, like where guns can be carried? No. The right to choose to raise revenue locally through taxes other than real estate and property taxes? Not really. You can discover more reasons on our website, www.ConnectionNewspapers.com. You can vote early, "absentee 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 George Washington Parkway one day last winter, and it took nearly as long for many people to make it home on Primary Election Day, which was also the day of the earthquake.

Some important dates to remember:

- ❖ 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>

Adult Planning for Halloween Parties

Halloween parties for grown-ups often involve alcohol; SoberRide offers safe way home.

Halloween is not just for children any more, apparently. Halloween weekend is a time for celebration for adults as well as trick-or-treaters, now a significant holiday, especially for young adults.

So while the adult-sized vampires, zombies and possibly even Mitt Romney look-a-likes will roam our towns this weekend are great fun, "The scary fact is that nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths occurring during Halloween are

caused by drunk drivers," said Kurt Erickson, president of the McLean-based Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

So plan your costume, plan your rendezvous with friends, plan the menu, venue and festivities, but also plan your safe way home if you'll be consuming alcohol. Assign a designated driver, take public transportation, plan your party in a place where friends can stay until they're sober enough to drive.

If all that falls through, the SoberRide program can help keep impaired drivers off the road.

The SoberRide program will offer free cab rides to could-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 29, beginning at 10 p.m. 6 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. During this eight-hour

period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home. Go to www.soberride.com.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 52,376 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area. Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths consistently lower than the national average.

— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beware of Eminent Domain

To the Editor:

Citizens of Alexandria should be aware that their real estate, be it a home, a business or a piece of land, is not protected against our city officials or politically connected developers who want that property. We must be alert to the City's misuse of eminent domain.

Fear of government's abuse of eminent domain increased in 2005 when the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 5-4 decision in *Kelo versus City of New London*. The court ruled that a city's taking of property from one private owner to give to another for development was legal under the Fifth Amendment.

This ruling sparked a movement across the United States to protect individuals' property from government seizure. In Virginia, during the 2011 session, a bill was passed in favor of amending Virginia's Constitution to explicitly protect a Virginian's right to his or her

property. (Under Virginia law, a constitutional amendment must be passed twice by the legislature - once before and once after an intervening election at which point it goes to Virginia's voters in a referendum.) The amendment addresses the power of local and state governments to take property from its lawful owners for so-called "public use." The use of eminent domain makes it legal for the City of Alexandria to take a property at "market value" and then sell it to a private citizen or a developer or corporation.

The City has already threatened to use this abusive power. Earlier this year the City offered to buy property from The Old Dominion Boat Club. The Old Dominion Boat Club did not want to sell property that it owned since 1883. The City Attorney declared that eminent domain remained a tool available to the City Council to take this property from its legal owners.

Our City Council continues to look at private property as available for whatever plans it has for

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Snapshot

The *Pride of Baltimore II* docked into Alexandria on Monday, Oct. 24, at Founder's Park.

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development of the waterfront. Our City Council should declare that it will not use eminent domain to take from one private owner for the benefit of another person, company or developer.

Each City Council member should pledge that he or she will use eminent domain only for truly essential public needs such as transportation, schools, power, and sewer.

We the people of Alexandria must be vigilant. The City's threat to use its immense power of eminent domain for nonessential government functions should be a warning to all Alexandrians that there property rights are held in little regard by this City Council.

Our City Council is threatening each of us when it threatens one of us.

Beal Lowen
Alexandria

Have Fun At Titans' Game

To the Editor:

Your sports editor, Jon Roetman, did not have a report in the Oct. 20-26 Gazette Packet concerning

T.C. Williams High School's Oct. 14 squeaker win over West Springfield. No doubt he will report on the titan's Oct. 21 win at Annandale (A much more convincing victory!)

I want to urge football fans to come to "T.C." on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. for our Homecoming game vs. Lee. I assure your readers they'll see football played "up-close" and full-throttle. And the T.C. Marching Titans band will perform a terrific half-time show, featuring up-and-coming marching band composers such as Ludwig van Beethoven and Aaron Copeland. (I've heard them twice: they're very good! — The band, that is ... not sure those composers will stand the test of time.) So: Saturday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 5 — Senior Recognition Night — to cheer on the Titans and have a fun experience. Bring the kids!

Grandpa Titan
aka Mike Oliver
Alexandria

Limit Eminent Domain

To the Editor:

Thank you Del. David Englin for

rethinking your prior opposition to amending the Commonwealth's constitution to limit eminent domain for economic purposes. I hope your views evolve into supporting such an amendment, for which your constituents are likely to vote next November when likely it goes to referendum. The Supreme Court's 5-4 Kelo v New London decision, upholding a 4-3 Connecticut Supreme Court ruling, which allowed local governments to take by eminent domain private property for economic development, provoked a public backlash. So far 42 states have limited this practice, proving the Supreme Court's decision ought not withstand the test of time.

Justice Sandra Day O'Conner's prescient dissent foretold how local governments would abuse Kelo: "Any property may now be taken for the benefit of another private party ... The beneficiaries are likely to be those ... with disproportionate influence and power in the political process ... development firms." A good example is Alexandria's city attorney's eminent domain threat to the Old Dominion Boat Club waterfront property for an alleged public purpose, but really to facili

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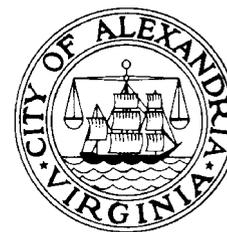
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OPINION

Senior Law Day: The Conversation Began

BY JANET BARNETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Over 150 people started talking about legal issues, retirement planning, estate planning, long term care, and in-home support services at Senior Citizens Law Day, at First Baptist Church of Alexandria on Saturday, Oct. 15, sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and the Alexandria Bar Association. We heard from a panel of experts who deal with aging issues every day about the importance of planning ahead for — simply put — old age. What an eye opener!

A variety of issues were raised and questions answered. Issues included the importance of having a will, reviewing it from time to time, and what happens if you do not have one. Advanced medical directives were discussed using a hypothetical story of an individual who had a plan for long term care, what happened to them, how they paid for it, and what would have hap-



pened if they did not have plans in place. What about having a power of attorney, having a special place to store important documents, and who should know about this special place? Yes, that too.

Panel members wrapped up the morning with the important message for everyone: While these issues can be overwhelming, beginning these conversations now with your spouse, children, trusted friends, or other trusted relatives is vital. And though it may be uncomfortable, in addition to having frank discussions with their parents, it is also important for adult children to plan for their own aging, too.

The well-spent morning could not have been possible without the help of our organizers, sponsors and, of course, our panel members.

Senior Services of Alexandria's president Barbara S. Anderson, Esq., and principal of

the Life & Estate Planning Law Center, PLLC, worked with Heather Jenquine, president of the Alexandria Bar Association, to organize and plan the event. We are grateful to our many generous sponsors who include: BB&T Bank; McLaughlin Ryder Investments, Inc.; Merrill Lynch; Morgan Stanley Smith Barney – Ellen Cleary; PNC Bank; Redmon, Peyton & Braswell, LLP; TD Bank; Safeway; Speck-Caudron Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, and Whole Foods Market of Old Town. Other financial contributors included: Barbara S. Anderson, Priscilla G. Bornmann, Wayne Cyron, Sean Anthony Dunston, Marcia K. Fields, Elise M. Fulstone, Luke A. Lenzi, Deborah G. Matthews, Julie Parks, Mary Ann Schaffer, and Lonnie C. Rich.

An enormous amount of gratitude is given to our speakers and presenters who brought to light with knowledge and humor the beneficial information, needed by everyone some day, and shared at Saturday's event. We thank: Vanessa Rosengart Bishop, geriatric care manager and founder of Elder Care Consultants, Inc.; Robert S. Bullock, Esq., principal of The Elder and Disability Law Center; Steve Gurney, publisher of the

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We also thank the wonderful staff at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, and Derek Lymus of Comcast, for taping the morning session.

To receive copies of handouts or for the schedule of Comcast's broadcast of Senior Citizens Law Day, call 703-836-4414.

The next discussion: Senior Housing Options in Alexandria will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1401 Duke St. For information, call Senior Services of Alexandria at 703-836-4414. Watch for information on Senior Services of Alexandria's Speaker Series on the Senior Services of Alexandria website at www.seniorservicesalex.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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tate the Washington Post property's dense development and to obviate Wales Alley's boat access so the city can rent it out to a favored restaurant for outdoor seating.

New London's favored developer was unable to secure financing and his project fell through. Today, Kelo's once decent, working-class but not blighted neighborhood has been repurposed as a city dump, but not without costing New Londoners \$78 million tax instead of the 3,169 new jobs and \$1.2 million yearly tax revenues the developer had over-optimistically promised. How hard is it to foresee a similar disaster on Alexandria's waterfront?

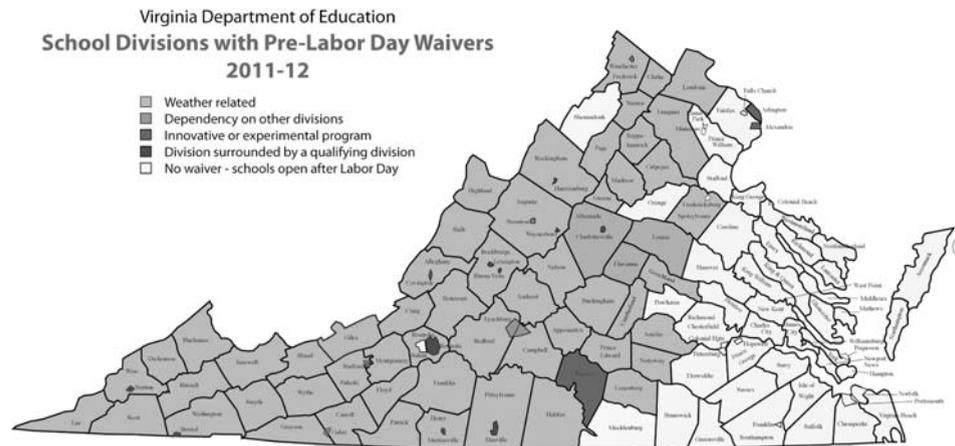
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Time To End Kings Dominion Law

To the Editor:

It is starting to feel like the movie, "Groundhog Day", where we keep waking up and living the same issue over and over. Every year local districts ask the General Assembly to stop micro managing the start day for schools around the Commonwealth. And regularly State Board of Education members comments on the ridiculousness of the law that prevents some districts from picking the start date that makes sense for them. Known as the Kings Dominion law because it was designed to guarantee student workers as well as tourists for Virginia vacation sites, the law is the subject of great frustration in Alexandria and elsewhere.

But there are holes in the Kings Dominion law that have turned it into the poster child for legislative contortion-ism. The law



allows school districts in heavier snow areas to set their own start date so they can take more time off during winter. This snow exception has been expanded in recent years. So, school districts located adjacent to "snow" districts can also determine their own calendar. The result? As this picture (above) shows, the majority of Virginia school districts now have the right to set their own start date. If your district is close to the Blue Ridge, you can control your calendar. If you are near the ocean or interstate 95 (location of Kings Dominion) the General Assembly tells you when school starts. Seem fair? Of course not.

In a state that has growing expectations for student success, every school district should have the flexibility to prepare their students to achieve. In my trips to the beach or to amusement parks, I see a lot of workers from other countries selling corn dogs and large stuffed animals, so I question the critical need of the school calendar to guarantee workers. And the idea that families would stop visiting amusement parks if school started before Labor Day seems

pretty odd. People may vacation on different weekends, but I have a hard time believing that roller coaster riding would suddenly go out of favor.

Treating local school districts differently based on their proximity to the beach is a ridiculous contortion of state power. Local districts understandably want the ability to set their own calendar and to manage their schools in the way that they believe will be most beneficial for student success. Changing this law is not a silver bullet to improve student achievement. But more time in school as well as better teacher development and support, both tied to the calendar, can make a significant difference. And showing some level of basic respect for local districts would be a signal the General Assembly understands it has better things to focus its time on than managing the business of others. We should stop this annual debate, put our attention towards other important school matters and end this ridiculous law that gives the majority of school districts flexibility, but holds it back from the rest for highly suspect reasons.

This groundhog needs to be put to bed for good. If it is good for the majority of the school districts in Virginia, it should be good for all of them.

Rob Krupicka
Alexandria City Councilman
Virginia Board of Education Member

Well-Known And Trusted

To the Editor:

Ed Semonian, Clerk of the Court, has been my "go to" person at the Courthouse for 30 years so I am always surprised when someone seems unsure of what the Clerk of the Court election is all about. To me, a Clerk of the Court is about having both an administrator and a resource to make sure that everything about the Circuit Court runs smoothly and assists the public as well as the courthouse professionals. Ed Semonian does both and does it well. Ed has always had an open door policy to facilitate dealing with the Clerk's office. He personally assists both attorneys and the public in numerous ways. Over those 30 years I have had challenging issues over recorded deeds and statute interpretations on filing requirements. Ed has been extremely helpful in the navigation of the documents and in the history of our records. Thirty years ago when I began researching/filing cases or land records everything was done manually as there were only paper files. Under Ed, much has been transferred to computer and only funding has limited even more progress.

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The League of Women Voters sent questionnaires to candidates for the Virginia General Assembly for the state senate and house districts that are on the ballot in Alexandria. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word and space limitations. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

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For additional information on the November 8, 2011 General and Special Elections, voter registration, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact the City of Alexandria Office of Voter Registration and Elections at 703-746-4050 or visit <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>. You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

Officers of Election are required to request identification from each voter. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011.**

Acceptable forms of identification can be any ONE of the following:

- Virginia voter identification card
- Valid Virginia driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Military identification card
- Any Federal, state, or local government-issued identification card
- Valid employer-issued identification card containing your photo
- Valid United States passport
- Original Social Security card

If you do not present an acceptable form of identification, you may still vote after signing, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity, which is certification in writing that the name and address information provided to the election officials at the polling place is correct.

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years

SALARY: \$18,000

DUTIES: Legislative power in the Commonwealth of Virginia is vested in a General Assembly consisting of a Senate and a House of Delegates. Chief responsibilities are to adopt the state budget, enact laws, levy taxes, elect judges and confirm appointments by the Governor.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

In light of Virginia's requirement of a balanced **BUDGET**, what changes to programs, services, taxes, or fees would you propose or support to achieve a balanced budget?

What is your vision for balancing Virginia's **TRANSPORTATION** needs and **ENVIRONMENTAL** concerns?

In light of this year's controversies about drawing the lines of Virginia's legislative districts, would you support legislation or a Constitutional amendment to require future redistricting decisions to be made by using a nonpartisan process? What specific measures

do you believe most likely to achieve non-partisan **REDISTRICTING** plans for Virginia?

What would be your top **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY** during the 2012 General Assembly session? How would you address this issue?

CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA – 30TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



Timothy T. C. McGhee
Republican

BIOGRAPHY: Tim has spent his entire career in Northern Virginia and has worked in technology-related fields for most of that time. He also has sales and management experience. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Bryan College. He is eager to get to work for Virginia.

BUDGET: I prefer a debt-free budget. This supercedes preferences on taxes or spending in any part of the budget. After that fundamental principle is established, holding the line on necessary spending would be first, and after that would be considerations of revenue restructuring and enhancements. A diverse economy is healthy for both business and government.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: The question implies that transportation and the environment are competing interests, and I'm not sure that's accurate. I believe a fundamental role for government is to make an economic way forward with maintenance and improvements to infrastructure, and that in turn makes possible addressing environmental concerns as needed along the way.

REDISTRICTING: Let me just say, I knew what I was getting into in this district when it comes to district lines. I think there are other variables like changing demographics and that art in need of reviving called persuasion that are also significant factors not to be overlooked. I have been talking to everyone across the political spectrum in all parts of this district. Voters are hungry for someone who will listen.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: Child support reform. I've been

amazed at the number of women who are paying child support, and never should have been in the first place. I've met a single mom whose child was taken when she used CPS for help and another mom who was required to pay child support to both the state and the delinquent father at the same time.

I would like to see Virginia cross-reference the different tracks of child support, child custody and child visitation. If a child is pulled from a home, child support to that home for that child should stop automatically. Instead, not only can an order stand for years, but a judge has no option to correct that injustice when it's found later.

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Adam P. Ebbin
Democrat

BIOGRAPHY: Since 2004, Adam Ebbin has been an effective advocate for Northern Virginia in the General Assembly. Adam has fought for local priorities including transit and our environment. He served as former Governor Warner's Chief Deputy Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and has lived in the 30th District since 1989.

BUDGET: I believe we must increase revenue for transportation and other spending priorities, including higher education and early childhood education. We must develop a dedicated source of long-term sustainable revenue for transportation. Growing the economy and jobs is our best avenue for additional general funds.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: In Northern Virginia, we need to expand clean transit options that allow the greatest number of residents to travel through the region with the least environmental impact. I support adding to our bus and shuttle capacity to address high traffic areas around the new BRAC buildings, and completing rail to Dulles. A long-term goal is extending the Yellow line. I also support widening Route 1, south of Buckman Road in Fairfax County, to address congestion. In the House of Delegates, I have worked to expand the use of green energy and to clean up Virginia's waterways, issues that would remain priorities for me in the Senate. I support smart growth policies, expanding funding for the Water Quality Improvement Fund, telecommuting, and believe we must do all we can to expand the market for and production of renewable energy, including requiring greater use of green energy.

REDISTRICTING: Yes, I support a non-partisan redistricting process that would be required to produce compact districts that reflect communities of interest. I voted against this year's gerrymandered redistricting plans for both of the House and Senate and I have co-sponsored legislation to establish a redistricting commission.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: My top priority would be protecting and improving the quality of life for Northern Virginians, which includes improving our transportation system, protecting public education, expanding workforce training and working for a cleaner environment.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA – 35TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



Robert C. Sarvis
Republican - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Born & raised in Fairfax County. Son of an immigrant asian educator mother and Kansas-born engineer father. Graduate of Thomas Jefferson HS for Science & Technology, Harvard University, Cambridge University, and NYU Law. Software developer, lawyer, entrepreneur. Founder of an award-winning iPhone app development company. Loving husband & doting father.

BUDGET: Tax reform—increase revenue without raising rates by improving fairness, broadening the tax base, closing loopholes, ending subsidies, removing special-interest carve-outs, stopping industry favoritism, and replacing archaic and inefficient taxes. Regulatory reform—remove unreasonable impediments to business activity, modernize and streamline an

outdated and inefficient bureaucracy, end industry-protectionism and barriers to market entry, and ease professional licensure requirements. Budget reform—end wasteful programs, e.g., the taxpayer subsidy of the tourism industry’s marketing budget. Pension reform—move to a defined-contribution system to put Virginia on a sustainable long-term budget path.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: The best way to create balance between economic growth and environmental concerns is to properly define and enforce property rights in environmental resources where possible. This incentivizes stewardship and environmental care by individuals, communities and organizations in public and private decision-making. (Such property rights should not be allocated via a political patronage process that increases wasteful lobbying and rent-seeking.) “Pigouvian taxes” are an option as well. Mandating particular behavior is generally inefficient, counterproductive, and unpopular.

REDISTRICTING: I STRONGLY support non-partisan re-

districting. I support computer-algorithm-based redistricting that is automatic and neutral with respect to party advantage, incumbency, race, and other interests. I also support term limits and other institutional reforms at the state and federal level.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: Jobs and economic growth are voters’ top concern and would therefore be my top priority as well. Intelligent tax reform, regulatory reform, pension reform, and budget reform will improve Virginia’s economic climate further. Educational excellence and transportation infrastructure will also be top priorities. Empower parents in the education of their children. End the Kings Dominion Law; return control of the academic calendar to school boards. Modernize transportation funding and stop the redistribution of transportation dollars from Northern Virginia to other parts of the state.

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Richard L. “Dick” Saslaw
Democrat - Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Majority Leader of the Senate; served in the Senate since 1980 after first being elected to the House of Delegates in 1976; a member of five Senate committees—Commerce & Labor (Chair); Courts of Justice; Education & Health; Finance; and Rules. Additionally, he chairs the Senate Finance sub-committee on Transportation.

BUDGET: In recent years the General Assembly has been forced to make cuts to the General Fund (K-12; health and human services; etc.). Going forward as we develop the biennial budget, the priority continues to be jobs for Virginians and the economic recovery. To meet the challenges of this global

economy, we must invest in our colleges and universities as they are tasked with educating the skilled workforce needed to keep Virginia on the leading edge.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: Virginia’s transportation infrastructure is vital to a robust economy, public safety and our quality of life. Under the current scenario, road maintenance and public transportation are dismally underfunded. We are highly mortgaged and have accelerated future bond money to meet immediate needs. This will have severe consequences for future Governors and the state’s ability to implement long term infrastructure plans. We attempted to do more for the environment under Governor Kaine. However, I would like to see more funding in the budget for care of the Chesapeake Bay and our other natural resources.

REDISTRICTING: The legislature passed HB5005 in its

special session on redistricting. It has met the most stringent criteria of the Voting Rights Act as well as a thorough scrutiny by the Dept. of Justice. Over the past several years, the HOD has resoundly defeated redistricting bills which were passed by the Senate to establish a commission. The composition of the partisan voting block is unlikely to see much change in the new General Assembly. Therefore, it will be a moot point to pursue a constitutional amendment for redistricting.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: As Majority Leader of the Senate, it is my job to find consensus to pass fiscally responsible legislation. I will continue to lead the fight for fair and equitable public policy for the 35th Senate District, our region and all Virginians.

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Katherine Ann Pettigrew
Independent Green - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Obtained Ph. D. in inorganic chemistry from UC Davis in 2004. Came to NOVA in 2004 for post-doctoral research. Have decided to raise my family in northern Virginia.

BUDGET: No programs should be funded that cannot be paid for with current tax receipts. The people of Virginia need to have an open honest discussion about the services they want their state to provide, and agree to fund through tax payments.

All programs funded by state tax receipts must have equal application for all Virginia citizens.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: More affordable public transportation. More trains, less traffic.

REDISTRICTING: Gerrymandering is practiced by both major parties. This does nothing but hurt the parties, the voters, and citizen faith in government. I support a constitutional amendment to tie congressional districts to population demographics to give each Virginian equal representation and prevent party politics from trying to gain advantage through hurting Virginia voters.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: Guaranteeing all women in

Virginia have access to affordable birth control, including abortion.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA – 35TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



M. Miller Baker
Republican - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Miller Baker is a nationally-recognized constitutional lawyer and partner in a major Washington law firm who previously served in the Justice Department, as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and as a Naval Reserve officer. Miller and his wife of 21 years, Margaret, have five children and reside in Clifton.

BUDGET: I believe that we need to rigorously scrutinize spending across the board to ensure that tax dollars are intelligently and efficiently spent.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: My goal for transportation is to increase capacity and efficiency at the lowest possible cost.

REDISTRICTING: I believe that legislative redistricting should be carried out by a genuinely non-partisan commission. I will support legislation or a state constitutional amendment to that end.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: My top legislative priority is to make Virginia a magnet for business, especially businesses that are unrelated to federal spending and federal contracting. Virginia’s economy is too dependent on federal spending, which is going to be sharply reduced in the years ahead. It is vital that we diversify Virginia’s economy. To do that, I

will seek to reduce Virginia’s corporate and personal income tax rates in a fiscally prudent manner.

If we do not restart Virginia’s economic engine, nothing else is going to matter. In order to pay for transportation, education, and our other priorities, it is imperative that we focus on generating economic growth now.

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George Lincoln Barker
Democrat - Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Current healthcare consultant; Associate Director, Northern Virginia Health Planning Agency, 30 years; chaired Fairfax’s Transportation Advisory Commission, two PTAs, homeowners’ association, and other groups. B.A. and M.S., Harvard University; live in Clifton with wife, Jane; raised two children; foster parent to 13; Governor Board, 6 years, and member, Fairfax Presbyterian.

BUDGET: In tough times, we balanced our budget as required, without increasing taxes or making across-the-board cuts. We also brought spending down to 2006 levels. My top priority was protecting education, police, and human services from severe cuts. With cooperation, we were able to protect

these core government services and pass a budget unanimously in both houses this year.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: Improving transportation was a major reason I became a Senator, as we are not meeting our responsibilities. We will choke our economic growth and damage our quality of life if we do not address transportation needs, including road maintenance and construction. In 2008, I supported a transportation bill that would have brought \$1.40 to our region for every \$1 we put in, but it was killed in the House of Delegates. By reducing traffic congestion, adequately maintaining our roads, and increasing transit, we can improve both transportation and the environment.

REDISTRICTING: I have voted for non-partisan redistricting each year I have been in office, both in the form of bills and constitutional amendments. These bills have been ap-

proved in the Senate but killed in the House each time. For non-partisan redistricting to pass, a governor would have to make it a central issue and use the bully pulpit of the office to get General Assembly approval.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: My top priorities are strengthening our economy and meeting our responsibility on transportation. I got major legislation passed this year to attract more jobs to Northern Virginia, and as a member of the Small Business Commission, I am working on other options to promote business development and job growth. I supported the 2011 transportation bill, which provides short-term benefits, and want to work with the Governor and other legislators on further transportation improvements.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA – 45TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



David L. Englin
Democrat - Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: David Englin has a record of principled, effective, progressive leadership. He seeks reelection to the House of Delegates, where he is Vice Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and serves on the health, finance, and environment committees. An Air Force veteran, he lives in Alexandria with his wife and son.

BUDGET: We must stop using gimmicks to “balance” the budget and realize we have a revenue problem. Despite Governor McDonnell’s political spin, we do not have a surplus; we have a \$17.6 billion unfunded liability for state employee pensions and we’re borrowing billions to fund transportation. We can no lon-

ger take a “cuts only” approach to fiscal management -- we need new revenue. We should start by reducing Virginia’s nearly \$2 billion in tax expenditures, raising the gas tax, and developing a more fair and progressive income tax structure.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: We must shift our transportation emphasis to transit, so we can focus on moving people and goods and not simply moving cars. Northern Virginia in particular needs a comprehensive regional transit plan that integrates various modes of transit across jurisdictional boundaries, so people can easily travel without a car wherever in the region they need to – or choose to – go. This must be combined with transit-oriented land-use policies so communities can grow and thrive without creating additional sprawl and environmental degradation. Finally, we should raise the gas tax, which is both a user fee on the roads and a pro-envi-

ronment carbon tax that forces out-of-state drivers to pay their fair share for using Virginia’s roads.

REDISTRICTING: I support it, have voted for it time and again, and have even patroned it. Voters should choose their legislators, and not the other way around. Success will require a future governor making this his or her top priority.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: Education remains my top priority, as it is the foundation for both individual and community success. I will work to end Richmond’s heavy-handed restrictions on the school calendar, which impedes our community’s ability to close the achievement gap, and I will continue fighting to expand access to quality pre-K, which lowers costs and gives every child a strong start.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA – 46TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



Charniele L. Herring
Democrat - Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Delegate Charniele Herring has represented the 46th House District of Virginia for three years. She is an attorney who has deep roots in the community having served as President of the West End Business Association, Chair of the Commission for Women and on the Youth Policy Commission.

BUDGET: I would streamline services in order to minimize duplication among departments.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT: I would encourage telecommuting programs and encourage communities to implement smart-growth policies. I believe that we must take a hard look at increasing mass transit options, and when it seems we must increase traffic ensure that full environmental impact studies are created and their results weighed as we consider the future of the region and of the Commonwealth.

REDISTRICTING: I strongly support non-partisan redistricting commission. In order to achieve non-partisan redistricting the electorate must vote for candidates who vote for a non-partisan process.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: My top priority is to continue to

stand up for the rights of the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia. I support encouraging business and business growth, but I want to make clear my priority is the people that live here. I will be fighting to protect individuals’ civil liberties and civil rights. I will also stand up and be heard on the environment. We need jobs in Virginia, and I want to make that happen, but we need those jobs to be green jobs, sustainable and well-paying. That is what I will work towards in 2012.

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VOTE

**GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8, 2011
POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

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EVERY TUESDAY

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

SATURDAY/NOV. 5

Toward Net-Zero Energy Fair. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The free event is designed to provide homeowners and

decision makers for churches and public buildings with information on renewable systems. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.mvuc.org/netzero.

TUESDAY/NOV. 8

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

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

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Macular Degeneration. 1:30 p.m. “Understanding Current Treatments for Macular Degeneration” with guest speaker Reshma Katira, M.D. At Charles E. Beatley Regional Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 202-234-1010.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 16

FODM Meeting. 7:30 p.m. U.S. Geological Survey scientists, led by Ron Litwin, will present their study on erosion in Dyke Marsh, a study that concludes that Dyke Marsh is eroding as much as six feet a year. Meets at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 14

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The City of Alexandria is in search of a Colorado Blue Spruce, Leyland Cypress or other well-formed evergreen tree, approximately 25 to 35 feet tall, to serve as the City’s official 2011 Holiday Tree. The City will remove the tree from the donor’s property in mid-November and grind the stump at no cost. The tree will be decorated and displayed at Market Square, 301 King St., throughout the holiday season.

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.

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

The Christmas Attic is looking for 25

MILITARY NOTES

Air Force Airman Joseph E. Rudder-Matthews graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Beatrice Rudder of Wetherbourne Court, Mitchellville, Md., and Hubert Matthews of Vernon Square Drive, Alexandria. Rudder-Matthews is a 2007 graduate of Charles Herbert Flowers High School, Springdale, Md.

Navy Seaman Recruit Patrick F. Gowen, son of Michele A. Gowen of Alexandria, and Joseph F. Gowen of Waldorf, Md., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Gowen is a 2006 graduate of West Lake High

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

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

School of Waldorf, Md.

Army 1st Lt. Nikolaus C. Sifers has returned to Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska after being deployed to Afghanistan for one year. The soldier is one of 3,500 members of the 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Richardson. Sifers, an executive officer, is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment. He has three years of military service. He is the son of Steven and Deborah Sifers of W. Myrtle St., Alexandria. In 2007, he earned a bachelor’s degree from Colorado Christian University, Lakewood.

Seminary's Year of Sadness Ends with Optimism

Anniversary of seminary fire passes.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
GAZETTE PACKET

"I became aware of smoke outside my office window. Crossing the room to look for its source, I saw flames rising from the chapel," recalled the Very Rev. Ian Markham, dean and president of Virginia Theological Seminary, about the opening moments of the tragedy on Oct. 22, 2010.

"I was ordained in that space and have experienced genuine mourning for a beloved old friend since the fire," said Markham. "Truly, the fire has been a transformative moment in my professional life. Its effect has been indelible and traumatic, for me as for many others associated with the seminary."

The heartbreak expressed by Markham is replaced by cool professionalism in Alexandria Fire Department eyes. The Responder, internal newsletter of the department, tells that the fire, one of the largest in recent City history, was fought with three alarms, over 20 pieces of equipment, 92 firefighters and cooperative support from companies in Arlington and Fairfax counties. Engaged at four o'clock in the afternoon, main components of the fire were declared under control by the evening hours. No injuries resulted and no adjacent structures were damaged. Property loss was estimated at \$2.5 million. In six days, a joint investigation by Alexandria Fire Department and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives announced its conclusions: The fire began in a sacristy trash container and was accidental in nature.

As the largest Episcopal seminary in the United States, events drew attention from the head of the world-wide Anglican community, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. His letter of condolence and encouragement to Markham was published within weeks. The Arch-



The ruined chapel at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

bishop noted that the chapel "is at the very heart of your life together" and pledged his "prayers both for you and for the whole college community as you plan for re-building."

A chapel always has been the heart of the seminary. When founded at Alexandria in 1823, space was made for a chapel while many services were held at nearby St. Paul's Church. Moving to the present location along Quaker Lane and Seminary Road four years later, the chapel was situated in the single building's basement. A decade passed before ground was broken for the first chapel building that opened in 1840. Added construction doubled its size a few years before the start of the Civil War.

Union forces occupied the seminary throughout the war years and other parts of the campus suffered great damage. The chapel was in fairly good condition, perhaps because services were held regularly. With peace restored, the seminary revived immediately. The chapel was not used at first because of the

Campaign To Rebuild Chapel

A fundraising campaign to rebuild Immanuel Chapel by 2014 will be launched formally in January. Alumni and friends are not waiting. Some with substantial means and many with modest means are making initial tax-deductible gifts this year.

small number of students and faculty and the high cost of heating. In time, it fell into such disrepair as to be declared "unsafe." A new Immanuel Chapel was built over two years and occupied in March 1881. The cost was \$11,000 and much of the funding came from cities north of the Potomac. Services were conducted daily for 129 years, ending only in last year's fiery disaster.

Numerous religious artifacts were saved. Baptismal fonts represent new beginnings. Symbolically, the historic Lee-Peterkin Memorial Baptismal Font was cleaned and refurbished immediately and will be installed in the new building.

Nor was all humor consumed by the flames. A number of students

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For assistance on giving, contact Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D., Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304, 703-461-1754, or bhawkins@vts.edu.

and alumni were quick to ask about the stained-glass windows, particularly one that generated lighthearted smiles for over a century. Due to glassmaker's error (or, perhaps, insider joke), Jesus stands before Pilate, but his right foot has six toes. The window survives. When placed in the new building, smiles are expected to resume.

Markham admits being crushed by events at the beginning of the past year. A beloved and historic landmark was gone, insurance claims and other business matters demanded constant attention and plans to replace the chapel were begun. However, he recognized early that "much grace can be found in the midst of tragedy. One learns anew that worship can take



Dean Ian Markham.



Lee-Peterkin Memorial Baptismal Font will bridge the past to the future.

place anywhere the people gather in His name." Also, the people's response proved instructive. "Those who might have taken the chapel for granted were forced to realize how much it meant to them, how much they loved it. The spontaneous reaction 'How can I help' has drawn people closer together."

With such insights, Markham's outlook has become positive and optimistic. "Since 1823, through a Civil War and World Wars, a Great Depression, several recessions and all the other turbulences in our society, this seminary has survived. It will be here to serve for another 188 years — and there will be a new Immanuel Chapel."

BUSINESS NOTES

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

Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union has installed a new

ATM, located in the main lobby of the new Alexandria Police Headquarters at 3600 Wheeler Ave., Alexandria. This 119,000 sq.ft. facility will accommodate all Alexandria Police Department operations and staff, consolidating the satellite offices the police were using around the city. The site will be open 24 hours a day. It will house 560 full-

time employees and should have at least 100 visitors per day.

European bra-fitting salon The Full Cup has closed its location at 218 N. Lee St., Old Town Alexandria. The boutique is in the process of exploring a hybrid concept and should have exciting news soon. The retailer's Virginia

Beach store is still open and will continue to regularly service clientele.

The boutique is known for being active in the community helping women. The retailer recently received the prestigious intimate apparel industry award for Best U.S. Concept Store at the 2011 International Best of Intima - Best Shop Awards Gala in July.

McKinley Marketing Partners of Alexandria recently rebranded with a fresh logo and an updated, user-friendly website. The new circular design of its logo underscores McKinley's mission — to provide complete, well-rounded marketing solutions for its clients' interim or direct-hire needs.

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Howell Crim grills up a new batch of German sausages at Riverfest on Oct. 22.



Two 30-foot Potomac River Dorries are under construction at the foundation workshop.

Celebrating Alexandria Seaport Day and Riverfest

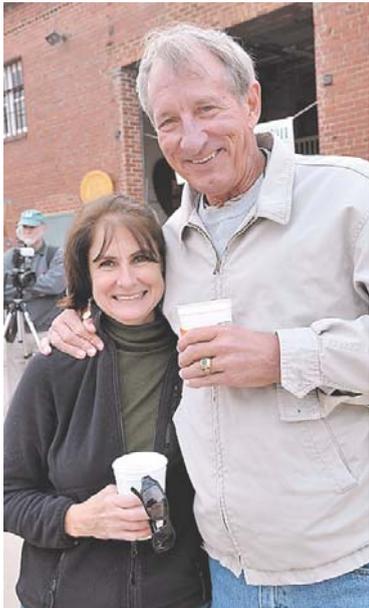
The Oct. 22 event was sponsored by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation and Chadwick's, Bittersweet, Port City Brewing Company and Union Street Public House.



Isaiah Hernandez provides a little wind power to the sail of the boat he made at the Seaport Day activities.



Kathy Seifert of the Seaport Foundation serves up a tray of sweets from Bittersweet.



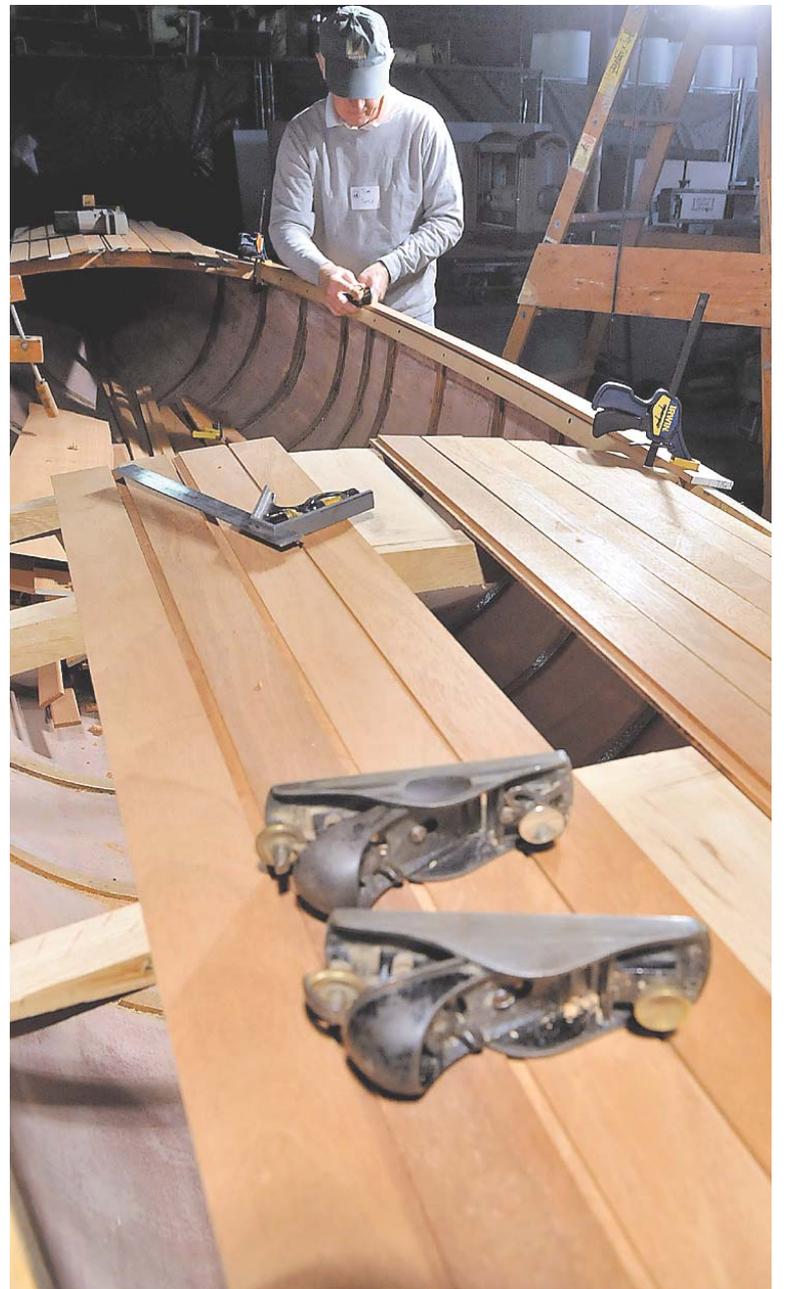
Pam DeCandio and Ed Vanover.



Beverly Sweeney and Cindy Hart.



Alexandria Seaport Foundation executive director Kent S. Barnekov and Charlotte Riverboat Company.



Tom Tuttle works at planing a mahogany rail on a replica 1930's launch under construction at the foundation.

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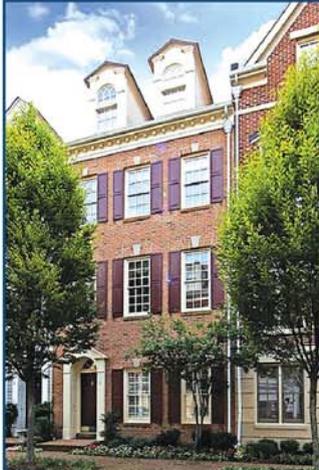
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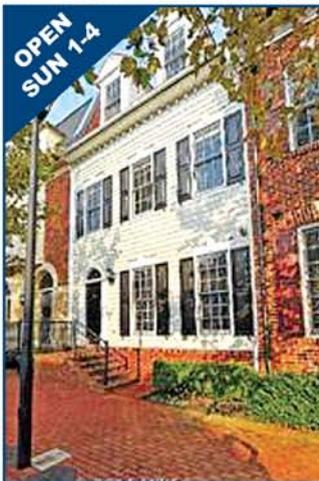
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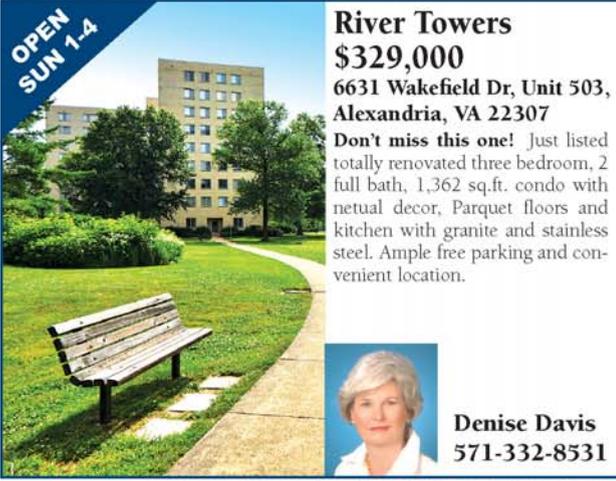
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FAITH

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One billion Muslims may not care what 240 women in Alexandria think, but those women care a great deal about what "Muslims really think."

On Sunday morning, Oct. 23, the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) at Beth El Hebrew Congregation invited an expert to speak on that topic. Barbara G. B. Ferguson is a multi-lingual journalist and consultant whose specialty is Arab culture and Islam. She has advised thousands of U. S. military personnel and government contractors as they deploy, or support those deploying, to the Middle East. Washington Bureau Chief at Arab News, Ferguson was a reporter embedded with U. S. Marines during the Iraq War.

"It is very important that we learn about the Muslim world before making any judgments about it," said Rabbi Brett Isserow in introductory remarks.

Ferguson offered a number of insights during her hour-long presentation. Military might alone will not resolve our involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries with large Muslim populations. It is necessary to learn what Muslims believe and to appreciate those beliefs in individual cultural settings. She examined principles that are common to among Muslims, Jews, Protestants and Catholics, such as reverence for the Old Testament. She also dispelled the myth that suicide bombers are acting out a teaching of Islam: The Koran condemns killing one's self.

The program was a special event complementing regular educational seminars conducted by WRJ. The wide range of subjects studied and the fact that a woman's group is in charge are not remarkable in Reform Judaism. Its central tenets include absolute equality of women in all aspects of their faith (as well as in secular societies) and a limitless pursuit of learning. Lessons learned are



Co-chair Arlene Hewitt (standing) with program speaker Barbara G. B. Ferguson.

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put to use on a wide range of social justice through community service.

"I heard [Ferguson] at the Lifelong Learning Institute and also at the Army-Navy County Club," said Arlene Hewitt, co-chair of the event with Sandra Seitz. "I was so taken by this woman that I spoke with her" and she agreed to appear before WRJ.

"It is an important topic and everyone will benefit from the efforts of our co-chairs, Arlene and Sandra," said Carolyn Cass, president of WRJ at Beth E. "I am especially pleased with the large turnout."

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OBITUARY

Carolyn O'Brien

Carolyn O'Brien of Woodcliff Drive in Alexandria, died peacefully Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 at Morningside Assisted Living in Charlottesville, Va. She was 88 years old.

Carolyn was born in Baltimore, Md. where she graduated from the College of Notre Dame. She then taught art at the college for several years. In 1952 she went to Guam for one year with the U.S. Army Special Services, and then to Germany where she was an art director.

Following her German assignment, she came to Hunting Towers apartments in Alexandria, and worked in the District of Columbia area for Special Services and the Department of the Army. Her work enabled her to travel to a number of countries, including Viet Nam where she oversaw a combat artists program.

Her enthusiasm, curiosity and sense of adventure contributed to her success and happiness in this job.

Carolyn had lived in her Wellington Heights home for 40 years, and was loved and assisted by many of her neighbors, whose children and grandchildren were favorites of Carolyn, who taught many of them to make stained glass pieces in her



Carolyn O'Brien

kiln. When she moved from her home, her family found drawers full of cookies and candy that she kept for the children. Her sense of humor and sunny disposition never left her, so that even at Morningside she was beloved by all of the staff.

An unusually generous and compassionate person, she sponsored a Vietnamese family, and later a Korean family, having them live in her home and offering friendship, guid-

ance and assistance until they were established and self-sufficient. Both mothers, and now their adult children, have remained life-long friends.

A dedicated gardener, a painter, an enamelist, a potter and a member of The National Capital Art Glass Guild until 2001, Carolyn's home reflected her varied interests and talents. Her work decorates the homes of many of her family and friends.

She is survived by a brother, Charles O'Brien, and a sister, Anne Greer of Charlottesville, Virginia, and another sister, Patricia Owens of Baltimore, Md.

Carolyn never married, but had 10 devoted nieces and nephews.

In November, her ashes will be interred in the family burial plot in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

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Seminary Valley

The results are in, and the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association has newly-elected officers. Congratulations to John Broughton, president-elect; Adam Firestone, first vice-president; Joe Murray, second vice-president; Judy Cooper, secretary; Marianne Hetzer, membership secretary; Keith Kruse, treasurer; Jordan Ortiz, parliamentarian, and Members-at-Large Beth Richardson, B.J. Sullivan, Eric Patterson, and Jimmy Collins. Many thanks to Geoff Goodale, the outgoing president, for his years of service to the association.

The budding artists at James K. Polk Elementary School are being featured in APCS' "online gallery." The gallery is featuring works based on several themes: "Cityscapes," "Grandma Moses Inspired,"

"Mattise Inspired," "Penguins," "Van Gogh Inspired" and "Solar System." Go to www.acps.k12.va.us/artgallery/ for a firsthand look.

Holmes Run Park is still feeling the effects of last week's sewer spill. The City and Fairfax County are working jointly to fix the two pipes that were broken on Oct. 7; if you have been down to the bike path, you have seen the signs advising not to come in contact with the water south of the fair weather crossing at Ripley Street. A portion of the bike path on the north side of Brooke Valley Park is closed. If you would like to help protect this great West End asset, come down to the Beatley Bridge on Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. for the semi-annual park

cleanup (rain date is Nov. 19).

Neighbor Katy Matthews is organizing a new event for the neighborhood: a holiday-decorating contest. If you love to decorate your house between Thanksgiving and New Year's, you can choose from three categories: Best Classical/Traditional, Most Whimsical/Creative, and Most Creative Use of Lighting. One lucky home will receive the Grand Prize. It is never too soon to get in the holiday spirit. If you are interested in serving as a judge, contact Katy at katy.matthews@bscva.net.

— MIA JONES

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Taylor Run

The Taylor Run Citizens Association will be holding its annual Fall Halloween Party on Oct. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. on West View Terrace between Hilltop Terrace and South View Terrace. This year will again feature a parade of neighborhood children in costume and there will be food, cold drinks, live music, games, crafts, moon bouncing and visits from local police and firefighters. For further information about the event visit www.TaylorRunAlexandria.com.

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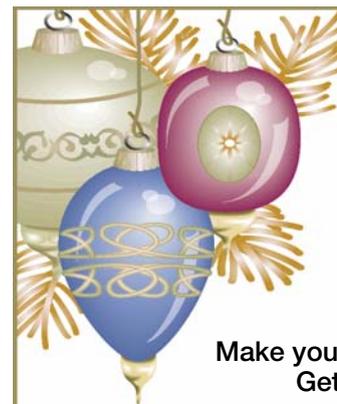
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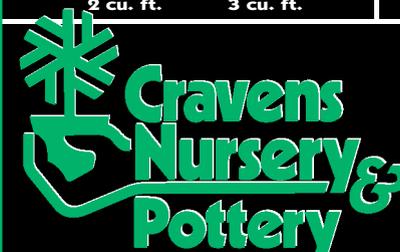
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Alexandria Film Festival Launches Nov. 3



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"Protektor"

The fifth-annual Alexandria Film Festival will kick off a four-day celebration of cinematic arts, featuring emerging and established filmmakers from all over the world Thursday, Nov. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 6.

More than 200 high-quality, independent, short and feature length films, documentaries, animation and narrative entries from 25 countries were received — some from as far away as China and Australia, said Pat Miller, chair of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Making its Washington, D.C., debut will be "Ed Hardy Tattoo the World," an engaging film about Pop Icon Ed Hardy's unexpected rise to cult status and his phenomenal influence on pop culture. The film will be shown at special opening-night events for patrons on Thursday, Nov. 3, with a kick-off party at AguaViva Restaurant (ticket to "Ed Hardy Tattoo the World" or a Film Fest Pass required for entry), film screening at the Old Town Theater on King Street, followed by discussions with Director Emiko Omori.

An opening-night after-party will follow at

Red Rocks Pizza Napoletano. All events are within one block of each other.

Two new locations will be added to this year's festival — the Alexandria Black History Museum and the Four Mile Run Com-

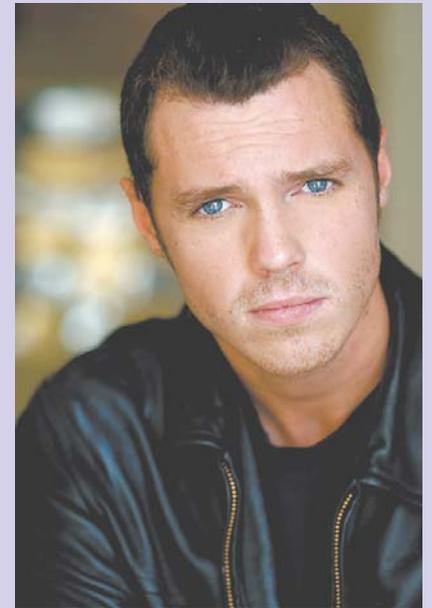
munity Center. The Alexandria Black History Museum will feature "Checkers at 9th & S" about a checkers club whose members gather for camaraderie, trash talking, and competitive checkers playing. "Meet The Shark," "Chicago," "The Stealer," "Boy Wonder," "The Weasel," "Johnnie Cool," "The Hawk" and "The Master of Disaster," among others.

Special guests include Director Peggy Fleming and the men from The Capital Pool Checkers Club. Q&A with audience.

The Four Mile Run Community center will feature a first-time outdoor celebration with an exciting lineup of Latino films Friday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. This special event is free and open to the public.

The festival will conclude Sunday, Nov. 6 with a celebration of this year's Festival Jury Prize Winner "Des Indiens Comme Nous," ("Indians Like Us"), a quirky and touching film about a group of French people who share an obsession for everything Native American. When they finally arrive in the United States, they discover the reality is quite different from their idealized vision.

The 2011 Film Festival, organized and presented by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Alexandria Office of the Arts, Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities exhibits both curated and juried films that range in length from 5 minutes to 2 hours and cover a wide range of subject matter. Visit AlexandriaFilm.org.



Filmmaker Daniel Stine

'God and Vodka' To Premiere At Festival

Filmmaker Daniel Stine, 25, grew up in Oakton, Va., and now lives in Marina Del Rey, Calif. His short film, "God and Vodka," for which he played the role of writer, director, and actor, is being screened at the Alexandria Film Festival.

The 28-minute film is about a woman, Evelyn, who loses her friend Ben at a young age, and ends up writing a scene to bring him back to life and find closure.

"This is probably the sixth or seventh movie I've done," said Stine. "It's the first professional one I've made."

The film was shot last October for \$30,000 in Brunswick Md., Manassas, Va., and Rancho Palos Verde, Calif.

Stine graduated from Oakton High School in 2004 and attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he studied film. While at Oakton he made his first movie called "A Bite in the Dark" with school friends working on an original script from his dad. His family still lives in Manassas.

Stine started his own film company, Rushaway Pictures, which he runs in Manassas and Los Angeles. Since launching "God and Vodka" five months ago, it has been an official selection of over a dozen festivals across the country and has received numerous Jury and Audience Choice Awards.

THURS. NOV. 3	FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4				SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5				SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6	
Old Town Theater	Masonic Memorial Auditorium	Masonic Memorial N. Lodge	Athenaeum	4 Mile Run Comm. Center	Masonic Memorial Auditorium	Masonic Memorial N. Lodge	Black History Museum	Athenaeum	Masonic Memorial Auditorium	Masonic Memorial N. Lodge
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2:30 pm									2:30 pm Where Soldiers Come From	2:45 pm Weep Like a Waterwheel
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3:30 pm						3:30 pm Leap Before You Look			4:00 pm Women & Peace Panel	
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4:30 pm							4:00 pm One Punch at a Time		4:30 pm Voices From Marfel	
5:00 pm							4:25 pm Close Ties			
5:30 pm					5:00 pm Something Ventured		5:10 pm Checkers at 9th & S [Checkers Games]			
6:00 pm										
6:30 pm									6:15 pm Indians Like Us	
7:00 pm							6:00 pm Miss South Pacific		7:15 pm	
7:30 pm	7:30 pm Happy Hour: Agua Viva (film ticket required)	7:00 pm Jouseuse (Queen to Play)	7:00 pm For Aaron: The Documentary	7:00 pm Touched by a Lawyer	7:00 pm The Fairy		6:45 pm Tailor Made		Festival Awards & Closing Reception	
8:00 pm				7:25 pm Air			7:15 pm Hidden Books			
8:30 pm				7:40 pm A Love Story... In Milk						
9:00 pm	9:00 pm Ed Hardy Tattoo the World	9:00 pm Protektor	9:15 pm Wish Me Away	8:15 pm Secret Club	8:45 pm The General - with live organ accompaniment		8:35 pm Come Wander With Me			
9:30 pm				8:20 pm Altroz			8:45 pm Shakespeare High			
10:00 pm				8:30 pm Grant St. Shaving Co.						
10:30 pm	10:45 pm Alter Party: Red Rocks			8:45 pm God and Vodka						
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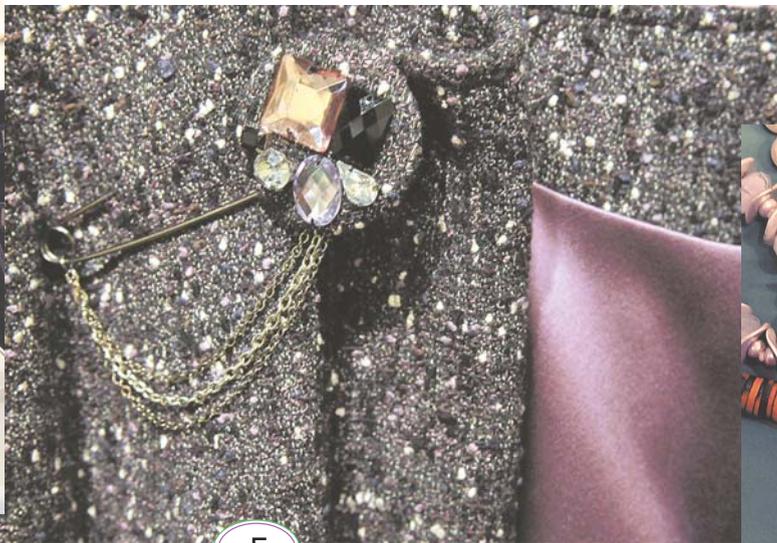
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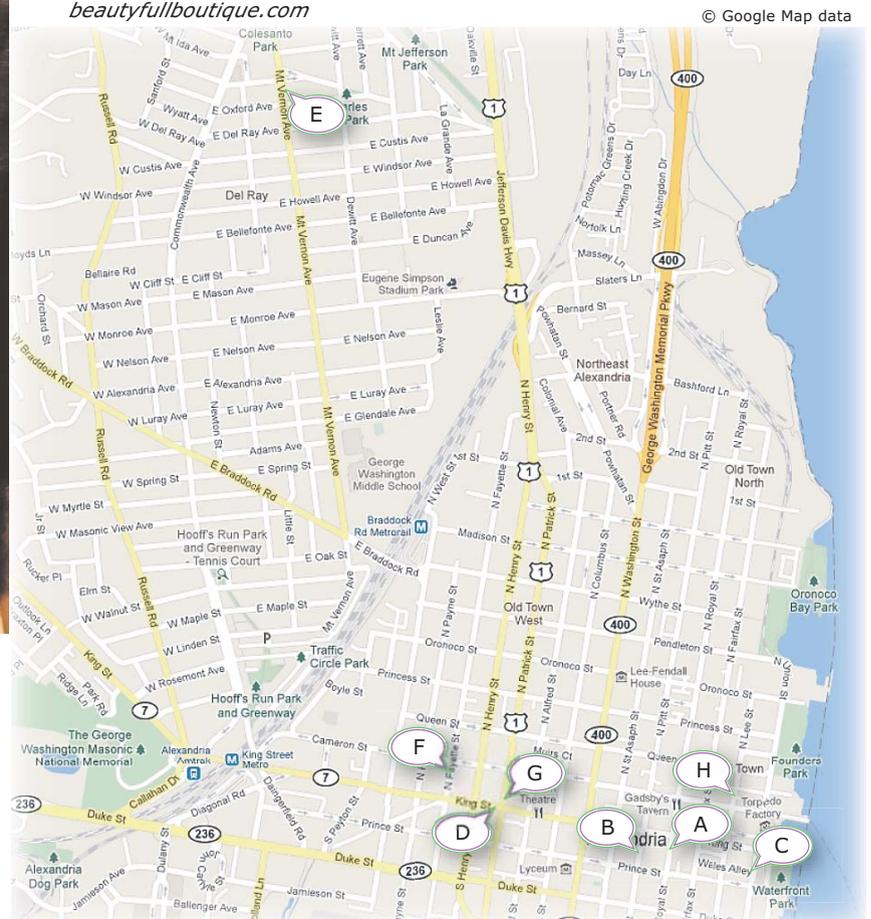
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Pumpkin Sale. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Fundraiser that benefits local charities. Autumn crafts and cookies, brownies, cake, candy, hearty soups, gourds, mini pumpkins, apple crisps, Indian corn and cornstalks are also available. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 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.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 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.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 20

Nuts Plain and Fancy Fund-raising Sale. Five products to choose from for holiday gifts, hostess gifts and treats for the family. Sponsored by the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria, a volunteer group that raises funds to support the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Call 703-548-7454 or jring10@comcast.net to order. Pick up or delivery the middle of November.

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 at MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

FRIDAY/OCT. 28

Rock N' Blades. 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. With special lighting and popular music. Cost is \$10/person including skate rental. At Mt. Vernon RECenter, 2017 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-3224.

A Fort Hunt Halloween. 5 to 8 p.m. Free. Families are invited to drop in at Pavilion A for s'mores and tales of characters who walked the grounds at Fort Hunt. An after dark tour of the park (bring flashlight) and special activities for children. Call 703-289-2553.

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



(From left): Christian Osborne, Sibet Partee, Virginia Coffield, and Matthew Mirliani in St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School's upcoming performances of "Fools."

OCT. 28 TO NOV. 5

"Fools" by Neil Simon. Tickets are \$5. Show times are Oct. 28, 29 and Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Stage One Players at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Upper School, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Visit www.sssas.org/arts.

703-549-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Halloween Spooktacular. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Celebrate the Old Town Boutique District's Trick-or-Treat with the Boutiques. Storytime from 11 a.m. to noon. Costumes encouraged. Meets at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.
Red Horse in Concert. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

Meet Author Elizabeth Brokamp. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. She shares her book, *The Picky Little Witch*. At Hooray for Books! 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com

Community Fair. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Pony rides, rock wall, dunk tent, moon bounces, games, food, artists/crafts, beer tent and apple pie contest. Small charge for activities. At St. Louis School, 2901 Popkins Lane., Alexandria. Call 703-799-4844.
Fall Festival and Bazaar. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to participate as a vendor (arts, crafts, or other) or a family garage sale space, contact Ron Skaggs at MVHSFallfest@gmail.com. Spaces range from \$20 to \$50 (free space to community organizations on a first come first serve basis). At Mount Vernon High School.

Fall Festival for Children. 5 to 7 p.m. Free. Enjoy games, prizes, crafts, food, and Haunted Hallway, all in a wholesome safe environment. Costumes are welcome. At Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Rd., Alexandria. Call 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org, and www.franconiaumc.org.

Death Comes to Carlyle House: Funeral Reenactment and Ghost Tours. 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15/person. Col. John Carlyle's 1780 Funeral Reenactment and Ghost Tour of Alexandria. At the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or visit carlylehouse.org.

Artillery Day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Learn about army life for Union artillerymen stationed in the Defenses of Washington at Fort Ward Museum's living history program, "A Civil War Artillery with the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery." At Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road in Alexandria. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

Celebrate Mahalia Jackson's 100th Birthday. Free. At Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1702.

- ❖ 10:30 a.m. — Author Charisse Carney-Nunes's "I Dream for You A World."
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. — Mahalia Jackson Program with Director Rose Dawson.
- ❖ 10:45 a.m. — Musical Performance by The St. Xavier Children's Choir.
- ❖ 11 a.m. — Screening of the motion picture masterwork "St. Louis Blues."
- ❖ 1 p.m. Closing remarks and refreshments by Dr. Lewis Brown.
- ❖ 1 p.m. — Storyteller Diane Macklin's "Magnificent Folks and Other Such Tales."

Author Ted Pulliam. 10 to 11 a.m. Will explore key events and people that make up the Alexandria story with a special focus on the Civil War. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Visit www.alexandriararchaeology.org.

OCT. 29 AND 30

Collage Workshop. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$115/one day; \$210/both days. Nationally recognized Mississippi Gulf Coast artist Lori Gordon will teach a collage workshop. At Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/collage or contact Linda Hill (Programs@TheDelRayArtisans.org, 703-521-7623).

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

Picnic and Concert. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Benefitting the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. Featuring the Geoffrey Castle Band, Practically Blind, James Cotton, and special guests. At Fort Ward Park and Amphitheatre, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.alexscholarshipfund.org.

Homecoming Sunday. 11 a.m. With guest speaker Minister Milton Everett Washington II. At Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606A South Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-836-7332

"Ghosts of Alexandria" Book Signing. Michael Lee Pope visits Woodlawn for a Halloween book signing and lecture. SEE ENTERTAINMENT, PAGE 26

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ENTERTAINMENT

FROM PAGE 25

He'll be promoting his book "Ghosts of Alexandria," which was published last fall. At 9000 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-780-4000.

5K Run, 1K Costumed Fun Run/Walk. 2 p.m. Hosted by Episcopal High School, the event will help raise funds toward building a new orphanage in Haiti. Registration for the 5K Run is found at <http://register.racedctiming.com> or www.episcopalhighschool.org

Barbershop Harmony Concert. 3 p.m. Free. Presented by the Harmony Heritage Singers. At Wesley United Methodist Church, 8412 Richmond Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-780-9082 or www.wesleyva.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.

MONDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Costume Contest. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: 1) Best farmer costume; 2) Best fruit costume; 3) Best vegetable costume; 4) Best use of recycled materials; 5) Best family costume. At the West End Farmers Market, Ben Brenman Park, Alexandria.

Trick-or-Treat with Author Adam Gidwitz. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Wear costume and bring trick-or-treat bag. At Hooray for Books! 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 1

Quilt Auction and Bake Sale. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Auction items include numerous full-sized quilts, baby quilts, wall hangings and antique tops. Sponsored by Mt. Vernon Quilters Unlimited. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Purchases with cash and personal checks only. Contact MVQUPresident@gmail.com

All Saints' Day Choral Evensong. 7:30 p.m. Free. Grant Hellmers, Organist-Choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will direct the Adult Choir in an All Saints' Day Choral Evensong. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pit St., Alexandria. Call Susan D. Dawson at 703-931-4349.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 2

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

NOV. 3 - 6

Alexandria Film Festival. This fifth-annual festival brings high-quality short and feature length films, documentaries, filmmaker panels, and arts presentations at the Masonic Memorial, Old Town Theater, Athenaeum, Black History Museum, Four Mile Run Community Center. The four-day celebration of film highlights the talents of local, national, and international filmmakers. Tickets \$10/film or showcase. Get tickets and film information at www.AlexandriaFilm.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 5

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra/Symphonic NOVA. 8 p.m. Saint-Saens' Symphony No. 3, "Au Organ," Au Schubert/Liszt: Wanderer Fantasy, Thomas Mastroianni, piano. Tickets \$5 to \$65. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

"Toward Net-Zero Energy Fair." 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church (MVUC), Meeting House, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.mvuc.org/netzero.

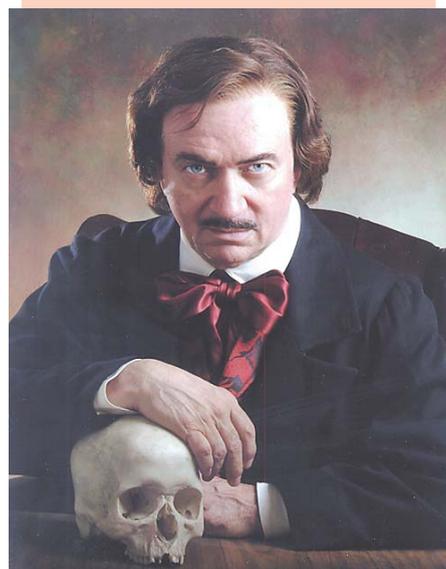
Author Michael Lee Pope. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Will discuss the "savagery" of early 19-century political cartoons. This lecture was sparked by his research for his new book, Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C. The cartoons, many of which illustrate his book, reveal the complex politics and vicious partisanship of the era. At Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-1706.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market boasts amazing artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and great food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com to apply.

Bridging the Gap. 7:30 p.m. A violin and double bass duo which promises an evening of really fun and unusual music. Part of Concerts at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$20/adults; \$15/seniors; \$10/students. Call 703-765-4342.

SUNDAY/NOV. 6

Orchestral Brilliance. 3 p.m. American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras with guest artist Jeffrey Jacob, piano. Tickets are \$14/adult; \$10/seniors; \$10/student. At the Rachel M.



OCT. 30 AND 31

Edgar Allen Poe Performance. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Actor David Keltz returns to The Lyceum lecture hall to re-create Edgar Allen Poe's visit to Virginia in 1849. At 201 South Washington Street in Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria. Visit www.aypo.org, events@aypo.org, 703-642-8051.

Marief' Film. 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Documentary about the 1980 incident in Cuba when nearly 125,000 citizens boarded boats at the Port of Mariel to come to the U.S. Admission is \$10. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria.

MONDAY/NOV. 7

Camp Dinner. 6:30 to 9 p.m. The R.E. Lee Camp #726, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will hold a camp dinner catered by the Royal Restaurant. Speaker Doug Batson who will portray Lee's maverick general D.H. Hill will speak in the first person on significant events in 1862: Seven Pines, Seven Days Battles, the Dix-Hill POW Exchange Protocol, Lost Order 191, Battles of Boonesboro (South Mountain) and Sharpsburg. Cost to attend the dinner is \$25/advance; \$30/door. RSVP to Mr. J.J. Smith at 703 299-1725. At the American Legion Post 24 Hall, 400 Cameron Street at S. Royal Street behind Gadsby's Tavern. Visit www.leecamp.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 8

Foster Parent Orientation. 6 to 7:30 p.m. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-5858 or email Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov.

NOV. 9, 16, 21, 30

Free Group Vocal Lessons. 7 p.m. The lessons will be conducted by Ozzi Mask, master director of Potomac Harmony Chorus, Sweet Adelines International. Held at The Hermitage in Northern Virginia, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. To reserve your spot, call 703-764-3896 or visit www.potomacharmony.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 9

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

THURSDAY/NOV. 10

The Big Cheese. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

Spirit of the Civil War. 7:30 p.m. Donation of \$10/adults; \$5/students. NOVA's 80-member, in-house performance ensemble, The Alexandria Band, and its 100-member NOVA Community Chorus will be joined by the Mount Vernon Concert Band and the Arlington Children's Choir to perform Civil War period music. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

Holiday Marketplace. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. With 20 vendors selling everything from hand-crafted art and accessories to reps from local businesses providing services on party planning. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, White Hall, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Celebrates Veterans Day. 11 a.m. Harmony Heritage Singers perform; 2 p.m. wreathlaying at the tomb of George Washington. Cost is \$15/adults; \$7/children 6-11; and free under age 6. At Historic Mount Vernon Estate.

Fashion Show and Silent Auction. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$43. Sponsored by the Board of Lady Managers, Founder and Supporter of INOVA Alexandria Hospital. Fashions by Lord & Taylor and modeled by INOVA Alexandria physicians, nurses and staff. Proceeds support the Board of Lady Managers current pledge to purchase anesthesia machines for the Surgical Service. At the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Contact Lynda West 703-836-8853.

NOV. 11 TO 20

The Sound of Music. Show times are Nov. 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m.; matinees on Nov. 13, 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Presented by the Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre. Schools represented by the cast include Bishop Ireton, Browne Academy, Burgundy Farm, Carl Sandburg MS, Fort Hunt ES, George Washington MS, Home Schools, Key MS, Lyles Crouch ES, Mark Twain MS, Maury ES, Mount Vernon HS, Oakridge ES, St. Bernadette, St. Louis, St. Mary, Stratford Landing ES, TC Williams HS, Thomas Jefferson HS, Washington Lee HS, Waynewood ES, West Potomac HS and Yorktown HS. To be held at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Visit www.mvct.org or call 703-360-0686.

MUSIC



Organist David Brock



Pianist Thomas Mastroianni

Where & When

Alexandria Symphony performs Saint-Saens, Schubert, & Liszt. Saturday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. At the Schlesinger Center. Tickets \$5 youth (ages 8-18), and starting at \$10 students, \$30 seniors, and \$35 adults. Visit Alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Musings from the Maestro

*Where are you, land, beloved home?
Imagined, sought, but never known!
The land, the land, whence hope does flow,
the land where all my roses grow,
where friends shall never meet in vain,
where all my dead shall rise again,
the land that speaks my language true:
Oh land, where are you?...*

—**Franz Schubert, The Wanderer**
Schmidt von Lubeck, poet

On Nov. 5, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will continue its season-long celebration of “The Music of Dreams” with its second concert, “The Solitary Journey.” I’m very excited about our thrilling series of concerts and its historic line-up of guest artists’ true

living legends.

Music and dreams seem to come from the same place in our subconscious and the hidden places of the human mind and the ASO’s exploration of this potent combination will feature music ranging from the blissfully tranquil to the electrifying. These masterpieces profoundly affected the composers who created them, and their magic continues to haunt us today.

When you attend “The Music of Dreams” you will experience a seasonal arch to the year-long series of concerts. For example, when compared to the October concert, “An Altered State,” the music of “The Solitary Jour-

ney” is markedly different in its emotional impact — it is more autumnal in feeling and character. The entire evening of music is imbued with layers upon layers of warm colors. This is the kind of music that totally envelops you and leaves you with that deeply satisfied feeling in your gut!

There could hardly be a more poignant musical expression of autumn than Schubert’s “Wanderer Fantasy,” brilliantly arranged for orchestra and piano by Liszt. This music is so exquisite that I find it almost impossible to do multiple takes in rehearsal because of the extreme emotional demands that it makes on the orchestral musicians and guest soloists.

The complexities and nuances of “The Solitary Journey” require music-making of extraordinary sensitivity and panache, and we are lucky to have guest artists who are renowned for those qualities. Pianist Thomas Mastroianni will be our poet of the piano for the Liszt arrangement of the Schubert. He is hailed throughout the world for his definitive interpretations of Liszt, and I especially admire his ability to reveal the deeper layers of this music that many other musicians miss.

“The Solitary Journey” concludes with Saint-Saens’ sonically resplendent “Organ Symphony.” There is an extra dimension to this masterpiece that acclaimed organist, David Brock will bring that never fails to move me. When the organ makes its astonishing entrance it makes my hair stand on end! This is soul-stirring and transcendent music to be sure!

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HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

OCT. 29

Dia De los Muertos Costume & Dance Party at the Torpedo Factory. 8-11 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or www.torpedofactory.org. Admission: Advance tickets \$15; Door \$20 or two for \$35. The Torpedo Factory Art Center and Hungry for Music host the 3rd annual Day of the Dead extravaganza on Halloween weekend, with live music, dancing, costume contest, cash bar, and more! The event also features a two-week long altar exhibition by local and regional artists, and In-Studio Matchbox Altars created by Torpedo Factory artists. Guests are invited to bring in their lightly used instruments to help support Hungry for Music.

OCT. 27

Doggie Happy Howl-o-ween Costume Contest Registration 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Contest begins at 6 p.m. Jackson 20 Restaurant, 480 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-842-2790. Visit www.jackson20.com. Admission: \$10 participant registration fee; \$10 suggested donation for non-participants. Jackson 20 and Kimpton's Hotel Monaco Alexandria will host their annual Doggie Happy Howl-o-ween Costume Contest to benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA). Local pets and their human companions can model their Halloween finest while competing for prizes in a contest in the outdoor courtyard. The event is open to the public with a \$10 registration fee for all participants, and a \$10 suggested door donation for non-participants. Registration fees and door donations will benefit the AWLA. Prizes will be awarded for:

- * The Most Glamorous Get-Up. Prize: Overnight stay at a Kimpton New York property.
- * The Best Dressed Couple (pet/owner costume combo). Prize: Overnight stay the Hotel Palomar Philadelphia.
- * The "Top Dog" Award (best overall costume). Prize: Overnight pet package stay and dinner at the Hotel Monaco Alexandria and Jackson 20 Restaurant.

Jackson 20 Restaurant and Hotel Monaco Alexandria are located at 480 King Street, Alexandria. * Event will be held in the restaurant's courtyard; use the Royal Street entrance.

OCT. 22

Mousequerade Ball for Kids. 1-2 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern. Admission: \$10/child (adult free with paid child). Come to Gadsby's for story time, a craft and the Mousequerade Ball! Author Cheryl Barnes will be on hand to sign her book, "Alexander, the Old Town Mouse" and read the story of Alexander and his ball at Gadsby's. Then dance in the same ballroom as Alexander and George Washington! Recommended for ages 4-7. Costumes welcome, but not required. Reservations recommended. \$10 per child; adult with paid child is free!

OCT. 22

Olio Tasting Room: October Pumpkin Seed Oil Tasting. 1:30 - 5 p.m. Olio Tasting Room, 1223 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-299-3004. Visit www.oliotastingroom.com. Admission: Free Taste exceptional organic, cold pressed Austrian pumpkin seed oil — try it in delicious salads and soups. Hosted by Christa and John Paul Cook, owners of Helco Ltd., Austria's Finest Naturally. The Cook family has been importing fine Austrian pumpkin seed oil since 1998. They travel to the oil mills in the Steiermark region of Austria regularly and work closely with the owners of these mills to ensure the finest oils are being delivered. Christa has just returned from Austria, and the oil we will be tasting was just shipped to us a few days ago straight from the oil press!

OCT. 23

Dog Trick or Treating at The Christmas Attic. 12-3 p.m. The Christmas Attic, 125 S. Union Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-2829. www.christmasattic.com. Admission: \$20. Join us for this annual event! Bring your little canine dressed in their Halloween best for lots of goodies and treats. It'll be a howling of a time! Sponsored by Chateau-Animaux.

OCT. 29

Col. John Carlyle's 1780 Funeral Reenactment & Ghost Tour of Alexandria.

6-9 p.m. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997. www.carlylehouse.org. Admission: \$15/person. In the fall of 1780, death visited Carlyle House and claimed the life of town founder John Carlyle. From 6 to 9 p.m., step back in time and be a part of this historic funeral as you learn about mourning practices in early America. Admission includes a ghost tour of Old Town Alexandria, during which participants will visit the candlelit Carlyle House to view the coffin and pay respects to surviving family members. At 9 p.m., return to Carlyle House to escort John Carlyle's body to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House and visit his lantern-lit grave in the cemetery. Call Alexandria's Footsteps to the Past at 703-683-3451 to purchase your ticket: \$15/person. Reservations are recommended.

OCT. 29

Create Your Own Spooky Mask at The Christmas Attic. 12-3 p.m. The Christmas Attic, 125 S. Union Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-2829. Visit www.christmasattic.com. Admission: Free. Kids of all ages stop by The Christmas Attic and Make Your Own Spooky Mask, just in time for Halloween. We will have lots of supplies and treats to create your ghoulish mask.

OCT. 29

Trick or Treat with the Boo-tiques! 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Store hours may vary. Old Town Alexandria; various locations-see website. Call 703-838-0355. www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com. Admission: Free. Trick or Treat with the Boutiques of the Old Town Boutique District! Don your scariest costume and come on down to Old Town for treats and maybe a few tricks. Young and old alike are invited to partake in this year's festivities. Tricks and treats will be available during store hours.

OCT. 30

Ghost Tour of Woodlawn with Michael Lee Pope. 3 p.m. Historic Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-780-4000, x26327, www.woodlawn1805.org. Admission: \$30. Join this ghostly tour of Woodlawn, led by award-winning journalist and "Ghosts of Alexandria" author, Michael Lee Pope. Mr. Pope will lead tours through the mansion that L.B. Taylor, Jr. once described as possibly the most haunted house in Virginia. Participants will visit rooms where ghosts have been seen and/or heard, the stair that cats and dogs refuse to ascend, the well that may be one source of paranormal activity, and other spooky sites that are normally not open to the public. After the tour, refreshments will be served and Mr. Pope will autograph copies of "Ghosts of Alexandria."

OCT. 30

Ghost Tours at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. 8-10 p.m. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-1789. www.leefendallhouse.org. Admission: \$7. Join in this special Halloween event, fresh on the heels of our recent "Ghost Hunters" on SyFy appearance. Visitors will take a candlelight tour of the museum. Tours will highlight the ghost stories and creepy history of the Lee-Fendall House.

OCT. 30

Halloween Cupcake Decorating at The Butcher's Block. 3-5 p.m. The Butcher's Block, 1600 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-894-5253. www.braborestaurant.com. Admission: \$15 per 1 adult + 1 child, \$8 each additional child. \$15 for adult with child includes a "treat-bag", cupcake and glass of wine for mom or dad. We'll decorate "scary" cupcakes with Brabo Pastry Chef, Joanne Decoux. Come in costume!

OCT. 30 AND 31

Poe in Alexandria. 8 p.m. The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4994. www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum. Admission: \$15. Actor David Keltz returns to The Lyceum to recreate Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Virginia in 1849, shortly before he died. Keltz performs varying selections each year, but the program always includes a chilling story or two such as "The Black Cat," "The Cask of Amontillado," or "The Tell-Tale Heart," along with well-known poems "The Raven" and "El Dorado." Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and performance begins at 8 p.m.



15th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade Is Saturday

Plans are underway for one of Del Ray's favorite traditions, the Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade. This year it will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. Last year, more than 5,000 participated in this annual event, which included more than 2,000 children, special dignitaries and elected officials; more than 50 pets in Halloween costumes; and 25 decorated strollers.

The parade begins at 2 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Avenue, south of E. Bellefonte and continues down to the Mount Vernon Recreational Center play fields at Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues. Children, pets, and strollers in costumes are invited to march and show off their finest and scariest Halloween garb. To register your stroller or pet, just look for the signs, registration desks and strings of black balloons for Pet Registration and strings of orange balloons for Stroller Registration which will be on Mt. Vernon at E. Bellefonte beginning at 1:30 p.m. There is no registration required for children and families that march in the parade and they should gather at Mt. Vernon and Mason.

THIS YEAR'S PARADE will feature awards for the Best Pet Costume, Best Decorated Business, Best Decorated Home, and Best Decorated Stroller. Judges include local city and community officials, past and present. Deadline to nominate your home or a neighbor's home for Best Decorated Home is Oct. 18 and deadline to nominate

Best Decorated Business is Oct. 21 — e-mail the addresses to delrayhalloweenparade@yahoo.com and state if it should be judged during the day or night. Awards will be given out at a brief ceremony at Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues following the parade, along with refreshments (hot dogs donated by 7-Eleven, cider, and cookies) and goodie bags for the children (including as long as they last, healthy bags that will not have any candy). Entertainment will be provided by the popular band, Mars Rodeo, and again this year thanks to the Alexandria Jaycees there will be games and activities for the children. They will take place at the Mt. Vernon fields immediately following the parade. The Parade and all activities are free.

For the seventh year, Halloween costumes will be collected and distributed for children who would otherwise have to go without. They will be at the Caboose Cafe, 2419 Mt. Vernon Avenue and A Show of Hands, 2204 Mt. Vernon Ave. on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 2-4 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Avenue.

After the parade from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., for the 5th year, families can enjoy a haunted graveyard that is being constructed by Bean Creative and will be located next to its lot at Mt. Vernon and E. Del Ray Avenue.

For more information, contact Gayle Reuter at 703-684-3535 or delrayhalloweenparade@yahoo.com or www.visitdelray.com.



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Hundreds of walkers participate the 18th annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer on Eisenhower Avenue on Saturday morning, Oct. 22.

The Power of Pink

Walk to Fight Breast Cancer raises \$100,000.

More than 1,000 people gathered in the Hoffman Theater parking lot Oct. 22 for the 18th annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer.

Former City Manager, walk founder and breast cancer survivor Vola Lawson greeted the crowd, thanking them for their support of this year's Walk, which raised \$100,000 for the Alexandria Breast Cancer Fund.

"These funds go directly to helping uninsured and underinsured women get mammograms," said Walk coordinator Sarah Watson. "The weather was much warmer than last year and we had a great turnout. We are happy that it was a successful Walk."

Fox News correspondent and breast cancer survivor Jennifer Griffin also addressed the crowd.

"Thanks to the support of everyone here, the battle against breast cancer is one we can win," Griffin said. "We will walk to remember and to raise funds and will keep walking until we have won."

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Inova Alexandria staff gather before the walk.



Bootz is ready to participate.



Former city manager and walk founder Vola Lawson, second from left, is flanked by City Councilwoman Del Pepper, Jennifer Griffin and Inove Alexandria CEO Christine Candio as she addresses the crowd prior to the annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Oct. 22.



Walkers wear signs on their backs to honor the memory of loved ones.



Shantel Jackson and Lauren White join in the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer oct. 22.

A Reading of 'I.M. Green'

Gudrun Hooff and her daughter Maremi Andreozzi invited friends over to the Hooff Cottage on Tuesday, Oct. 25, on South Quaker Lane for the reading of their new book, "I.M. Green."

Gudrun wrote the adventure story of a frog living in a pond near her house in Lorton, Va. and her daughter Maremi Hooff Andreozzi created the illustrations.

The book is presently available online at www.imgreenchildrensbook.com.

Gudrun's inspiration for writing the book is her love of reading to her children and now her grandchildren. Andreozzi was inspired to paint waterlife in the tropics while her husband was assigned overseas in Guam and also by her son's love of stories. Maremi now lives in Mount Vernon with her husband and two children.



Two of Gudrun Hooff's grandchildren Eloise and Augusta tell each other their story about the story of "I.M. Green."



Author Gudrun Hooff reads the story of "I.M. Green" to the children.

Clerk of Court Candidates Debate Access

FROM PAGE 1

& Porter who supports Martson's campaign. "That would make it more convenient than going to the clerk's office all the time."

Semonian's supporters say the longtime Democratic clerk has a record of leadership, adding that Alexandria was the first jurisdiction in Virginia that allowed lawyers to have remote access to court documents. They point out that Alexandria uses the Supreme Court system for property trans-

action records, which will eventually be moving toward an online format. Until then, they argue, it would be a mistake to leave the Supreme Court system for adopting a Fairfax County model or some other system.

"Why give up something that's working with a system that's unproven," said Semonian's campaign manager Susan Kellom, a former chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "That doesn't make any sense."

MARTSON SAYS it's a matter of priorities. He would rather find some way for lawyers to submit documents online instead of waiting for the pilot program to expand beyond Norfolk. And he would rather adopt a new system for land records similar to Fairfax County rather than wait for the Virginia Supreme Court to expand that system. He would also like to see users be able to submit applications online, including everything from weddings to carrying a concealed weapon.

"In many cases, the law says you have to be there to submit the form," acknowledged Marston. "But if the form is already filled out online, it's just a matter of signing the document."

Semonian has criticized Marston for making expensive promises that go well beyond the \$1.5 million budget of the office. And the Republican concedes that he does not know how much any of his proposals would cost. But he said he would work to make them happen, potentially lobbying City Hall for more money rather than waiting for Richmond to move forward.

"I just want to get it done," said Marston. "It's a priority for me."

"There's just no money for any of this," countered Semonian. "That's just all there is to it."

Murder on Wythe

First homicide of the year reported in North Old Town.

Shortly after 10 p.m. Thursday Oct. 20, Alexandria police officers responded to a report of shots fired in the 1200 block of Wythe Street. When the arrived, police discovered the Bob Cory McNeely, 40, of Alexandria suffering from a gun-

shot wound to the upper body. He was transported to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. An autopsy later determined the cause of death to be a gunshot wound.

"Our detectives are investigating and have some leads," said police spokeswoman Ashley Hildebrandt, who declined to elaborate. "The investigation is ongoing."

Anyone with information is asked to call 703-746-6711.

Beware of Zombies

FROM PAGE 1

Warnings would be issued via the mobile alert system, and the all-volunteer medical reserve corps would proceed to deliver services.

"The Health Department would be unable to distribute medicine to 450,000 people in 48 hours alone, but we have trained volunteers who can help to accomplish the service," said Lake.

According to Max Brooks, author of the "Zombie Survival Guide," official zombie warnings are the perfect way for people to prepare for disasters without realizing it. "Parents can trick kids into getting excited about being prepared," said Brooks. "Zombie warnings are a great way for the government to connect with people. There are so many lame government programs, like the old civil defense films, and for the first time they're hip."

Brooks has documented zombie incidents and human responses across cultures in his book "Recorded Zombie Attacks," and blames zombie outbreaks on human folly. "The number one cause of zombies is stupidity," said Brooks. "My template for zombies is the AIDS virus. AIDS isn't airborne; it requires fluid-to-fluid contact, which is difficult. In 1980 the government could have stopped AIDS with a pamphlet on awareness."

"Some societies are totally incapable of handling zombie outbreaks," said Brooks. "In the U.S. today we would need to cooperate, but there might be a Z-Party that would refuse to pay for a response and cause division."

Salil Maniktahla, a local zombieologist and owner of the Urban Evolution gym in Alexandria, noted that cooperation was key to zombie tag during the Aug. 17 Survive Alexandria zombie scenario. "The people who made deals and worked in convoys survived longer than individuals," said Salil. "In a zombie attack you need teamwork, if you are a jerk no one wants to be around you and you won't survive."

Preparing for a zombie outbreak includes physical fitness. "A light jog won't cut it," said Salil. "Survive Alexandria helped people evaluate their fitness in a response to a zombie outbreak. If someone did well in zombie tag they would do well in a true event."

"I agree with the recommendations of the Alexandria Department of Health's emergency plan. They've adapted a response to any disaster, but as every movie will tell you, a zombie menace is not like any other pandemic."

According to Brooks, being prepared for zombies with a survival kit saved the life on one of his fans. "A fan came up to me once, and told me that because he had prepared a z-kit his family survived for three days when a severe storm washed their boat out to sea."



Arlene and James Henson, Col. Ethel Underwood and Lynwood Campbell.



Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, Paul Friedman and Dak Hardwick.



NAACP Alexandria president John Chapman, Mayor Bill Euille and NBC 4's John Schriffen.

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'Affirming America's Promise'

NAACP honors community service.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

On the day the memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was dedicated in Washington, the Alexandria branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People honored local members for their service and paused to remember the inspiration of the slain civil rights leader.

"Who could not be inspired by the life of Dr. Martin Luther King or the words we heard today from our President?" said keynote speaker Lonnie G. Bunch III, the founding director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. "No matter the color of our skin, we have all been touched in profound ways by the history of the African American experience."

More than 300 people turned out for the 78th annual awards dinner, held Oct. 16 at the Mark Center Hilton. With a theme of "Affirming America's Promise," the local branch honored several members for their service to the NAACP, including longtime resident Laverne Chatman-Brown.

"For 54 years, I have lived here," said Chatman-Brown, who was recognized with the Lifetime Service Award. "My schools are here, my church is here. It is I who needs to thank you for allowing me to serve."

NAACP Alexandria branch president John T. Chapman presented Jennifer Lightfoot with the Presidential Award, and Felicia Sharpe Parks and members of the Nu Xi Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority were named Community Service Award winners. Nia Pipes, a 2011 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was the Annie B. Rose Scholarship recipient.

"The story of black America is one of power and inspiration," Bunch said in his address. "I am in awe of our slave ancestors. People will remember that they were sold, not that they were brave. But in spite of the cruelty, they maintained dignity."

On behalf of the Alexandria branch of the NAACP, Chapman presented Bunch with a donation to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

"We are in danger of forgetting the importance of our history," Bunch said. "But you can tell a country by its museums — by what it deems important to remember."

For information on the Alexandria branch of the NAACP, call 703-684-6190 or visit www.naacpalexandriava.org.



John Chapman presents the NAACP Lifetime Service Award to Lavern Chatman-Brown.



Jennifer Lightfoot receives the NAACP Presidential Award from John Chapman.



Lonnie Bunch, founding director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, delivers the keynote address at the NAACP Awards dinner Oct. 16 at the Mark Center Hilton.



Gwen Lewis, Lynwood Campbell and Geri Baldwin.



Members of the Nu Xi Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority receive the Community Service Award from NAACP chapter president John Chapman.



Members of the T.C. Williams choir sing the National Anthem at the Oct. 16 NAACP Awards dinner.

Legal Notices

Lucinda Howard Pye Hatcher (76)

Cindy died peacefully at home in Arlington, VA on October 3, 2011, after a 21/2 year battle with lung cancer. She was born in Annapolis, MD, September 17, 1935, and grew up in Alexandria, VA. Cindy graduated from St. Agnes Episcopal School in 1952 and Mt. Holyoke College in 1956.

After a year spent in London she returned to teach elementary school. In 1963 she married The Reverend John H. Hatcher, Jr. and moved to Williamsburg, VA where he was the curate at Bruton Parish and Episcopal chaplain at the College of William and Mary. While raising their two children in Nashville, TN, Cindy worked in the mayor's office, received her masters' degree in counseling and co-founded The Second Harvest Food Bank. Cindy moved to New York City where she worked for nineteen years at St. Matthew and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church as Executive Director on the older adults' program. There she was named a presidential point of light. After her retirement she returned to Arlington, VA, where she continued to be active in community affairs. She asked that she be remembered with these lines from The Little Prince: "You'll have stars like nobody else...since I'll be living on one of them, since I'll be laughing on one of them, for you, it'll be as if all the stars are laughing." She is survived by her son, Douglass M. H. Hatcher of Alexandria VA, her daughter, Julia Hatcher Warner of Portage, MI, their spouses and four grandchildren, her brother Richard McGowan of Dalhousie, VA and her sister, Delia Mathews of Arlington, VA. She is predeceased by her mother, Delia Douglass McGowan, father, LT. William Satterlee Pye and brother, Stephen Satterlee Pye. The funeral was held at St. George's Episcopal Church in Arlington with Father Jay Gordon of New York officiating. Memorial contributions can be made in her name to the "chapel for the ages" campaign at the Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria VA 22304.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Joseph M. "Yaggs" Bartock, 71 of Indian Trail, NC (formerly of Uniontown, PA) died Tuesday, 10-18-11 at his residence.

Mr Bartock was born March 13, 1940 in Uniontown, PA son of the late Joseph A. and Julia Mikula Bartock. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Katie Bartock. Joe was a member of the 1958 football and basketball teams at North Union High School where he graduated in 1958. He was awarded All-County status in football in 1958. In addition, he served his country in the U.S. Army in 1964-1965.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Nora; sons, Dewayne Bartock of Bealeton, VA, Jodie Bartock of Atlanta, GA and Brian Bartock and wife, Callie of NC; brother, Steve Bartock and wife, JoAnn of Trafford, PA; sisters, Elizabeth Garrettson and husband, Paul of Woodbridge, VA and Carol Raymond and husband, Steve of Uniontown, PA

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.goodshepherdfuneralhome.net
Condolences may also be mailed to the family in care of Nora Bartock, 1017 Sentinel Dr, Indian Trail, NC 28079

Arrangements by Ellison Funeral Home.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ031119-05-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
JAYDEN WARD

The object of this suit is to:
Terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father to Jayden Ward, born on 11/19/2010 to mother Sophie Ward, and to authorize the placement of the child for adoption.

It is ordered that the defendant unknown father, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/02/2011 at 2:30pm

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LETTERS

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munity as the Clerk of the Court does not end when he exits the Courthouse doors. He has sworn in every City Council person for the past 32 years and attends many City activities. Ed has served on bank boards to better our business community. He not only cares for his wife Pat who is a former small business owner but he checks in on one of my elderly neighbors on a frequent basis to make sure she is cared for.

In sum, I ask that you support Ed Semonian for Clerk of the Court. He is an outstanding court administrator and resource; he is a participating member of our community; and he is a very good person.

Barbara P. Beach, Esq
Alexandria

Semonian's Achievements

To the Ed'itor:

Elections provide an opportunity for the public to examine the performance of their elected officials. I am confident that when Alexandria residents examine the performance of Alexandria's Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ed Semonian, they will see one of the best-run offices of any Circuit Court in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Some of Ed Semonian's achievements include:

❖ Alexandria Circuit Court is a leader in technology

Alexandria was the first court in Virginia to become a "paperless" office in 2003. Ed Semonian had the vision to eliminate paper files. In addition to cost savings and the environmental benefits, utilizing this technology ensures that the file is preserved and a permanent record exists. Alexandria's system communicates electronically with the Offices of the Commonwealth Attorney, Sheriff, and other court users. In addition to the savings from reducing paper flow, it increases staff efficiency. Alexandria's Circuit Court technology is admired across Virginia.

❖ Knowledge of Legal Procedure

Ed Semonian is an attorney. He has over 30 years of experience running the Alexandria Circuit Court. Ed Semonian is known across Northern Virginia for his knowledge and willingness to assist others. When I have a question concerning procedure, I call Ed Semonian. Ed always knows the answers and is generous with his time. I have heard from many how much they appreciate the time Ed Semonian is willing to spend with them to explain legal procedures.

❖ Strong, Competent Management

Audits of the Alexandria Circuit Court have shown the office to have handled large amounts of money without errors. The Alexandria Circuit Court is known to have smart, capable, and customer friendly staff.

❖ Honesty, Integrity, and Modesty

Anyone who has dealt with Ed Semonian would acknowledge his great personal characteristics. He doesn't volunteer his achievements or seek recognition. He continues to be open to new ideas and ways his office can serve the public more effectively. However, I have not heard any court user tell me anything that needs improvement in the Alexandria Circuit Court. It is mentioned as a model court in ev-

ery area.

I am glad that this election is providing an opportunity to highlight the great job Ed Semonian has done for the City of Alexandria's Circuit Court. I urge Alexandria residents to take the time on Nov. 8 to cast their ballot for his re-election.

Paul Ferguson

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Arlington, Va. and City of Falls Church, Va.

Working Toward Smoke-Free

To the Editor:

One of the major goals of the Clean and Smoke-Free Air Coalition of Alexandria is to motivate and assist tobacco users of all ages to quit smoking and to make effective cessation resources available to those who are ready to quit. This is why we very much support the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout Day on Nov. 17, which encourages everyone to walk away from tobacco for 24 hours.

Data from the Centers for Disease Control show that 70 percent of adult smokers say they want to quit, but many report that they don't have the resources to do so. Nevertheless, in 2008, about 45 percent of adult smokers actually attempted to quit. Tobacco dependence is a chronic condition that often requires repeated interventions, but effective treatments and helpful resources do exist. A couple of options recommended by the American Cancer Society are to go to Train2Quit, an interactive online program that will walk you through the steps to becoming tobacco-free. Also, you can call the state Quitline at 1-800-QUIT NOW; it provides free, evidence-based, individualized counseling by highly trained Quit coaches.

National data tell us that the fastest growing segment of the adult smoking population are young adults, between the ages of 19 to 25. We also know that among adults who smoke, almost 70 percent began smoking regularly at age 18 or younger. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "every day nearly 3,500 children under 18 try their first cigarette, and about 850 of them become regular daily smokers. And almost 300 of those will eventually die prematurely from tobacco addiction." Health and medical experts agree that we must discourage children from starting to smoke and becoming addicted if we are to control the growth in tobacco-related disease and morbidity.

Another tobacco-related concern within the City is the level of involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke. The Surgeon General of the United States has affirmed "there is no risk-free exposure to secondhand smoke; even a brief exposure to secondhand smoke can be harmful. More frequent exposure causes disease and premature death in nonsmoking adults and children." According to the Academy of Pediatrics, 18 percent of children ages 3-11 are regularly exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke in the home. The Academy also reports that 9 of 10 children who live in an apartment without a smoker in the home have evidence of tobacco smoke exposure.

The Clean and Smoke-Free Air Coalition of Alexandria — one of four work groups of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria — was

established for the purpose of making recommendations to prevent death and disease within our community caused by tobacco use and involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke. The Coalition is working hard on the development of a plan that will enable Alexandrians to say proudly by the end of 2015, Alexandria is the most smoke-free city of its size in America. Among the various kinds of strategies under consideration for achieving this vision are: restricting minors access to tobacco; encouraging teen leadership at T.C. Williams to initiate tobacco prevention programs; encouraging health providers to screen for tobacco use; increasing awareness of and access to effective smoking cessation services; discouraging smoking in public spaces especially where children may be present; encouraging parents not to smoke in their home or in their cars, and fostering smoke-free air policies in multi-unit housing.

Each year, every Surgeon General reaffirms what their predecessors have been saying for the past 20 years: "Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in America." We welcome other members of the Alexandria community to join with the Coalition and the Partnership in our vision of making Alexandria the most smoke-free city of its size in America.

Richard Merritt

Chair, Clean and Smoke-Free
Air Coalition of Alexandria
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This One's for Harry

General District Court Chief Judge Becky Moore crosses the finish line of the Army Ten-Miler race Oct. 9. Moore, who finished in 1 hour and 38 minutes, ran in honor of Sheriff's department public information officer Harry Covert, who announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. "I ran the race in honor of Harry because he is retiring at the end of this year," Moore said. "I wanted to do something to show my appreciation for his outstanding service to Alexandria."

RECREATION

The Extra Mile

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA
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Extra Mile Day on Nov. 1 is a day to celebrate individuals and organizations that give more than is expected and more than is considered enough. They are the ones at the beginning of the events helping to ensure a success and you see the same people at the end of the event making sure that all is squared away. These people are the ones that we can rely on to be in our corners in the best of times and the worst of times (budget cuts!). They are the ones that take a task as a personal commitment and give 110 percent of themselves to the cause and to the task.



According to the Extra Mile Campaign website, "It is a day to renew our commitment to going the extra mile in personal effort, volunteerism, and service, and it is a day to acknowledge and thank those around us who go the extra mile for us in our everyday lives. The Extra Mile Day campaign started in 2009 to encourage leaders across the U.S. to recognize and celebrate "extra mile" action in their communities." For more information on the Extra Mile America Foundation and Extra Mile Day, please visit their website at www.extramileamerica.org.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is participating in this worthy pay it forward program and is being led by the very capable hands and direction of Tamika Coleman. We want to take this opportunity to thank all organizations, groups, individuals and parents who make it possible for our programs to be overwhelming successes:

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Outside hitter Kate Whitmire is the T.C. Williams volleyball team's main offensive threat. The junior had 11 kills against South County on Oct. 20.



T.C. Williams senior Brooke Ninman, right, goes for the ball against South County's Macey Lutz on Oct. 20.

TC Volleyball Searching for Consistency

Freshman setter Arnold learning at the varsity level.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

At the end of a three-match losing streak early this season, T.C. Williams head volleyball coach Michael Burch said he wasn't concerned with the team's performance. He said the Titans would be fine as long as they figured things out by the time district play started.

Last season, TC won five of its final seven regular season games and placed fourth in

the Patriot District, earning the program's first district tournament home match since 2001. The Titans nearly knocked off eventual champion Lake Braddock in the opening round.

This season, however, the development Burch has hoped for hasn't come to fruition. The Titans lost five of their first six district matches, including a 3-0 (25-17, 25-14, 27-25) loss at South County on Oct. 20, while dealing with changes to their system and personnel. After losing to the Stallions, Burch let the Titans know he wasn't pleased with their effort.

"For whatever reason, we're not very consistent," Burch said. "We changed our offense again [and] we changed personnel. 'It's kind of late in the season to be making these changes, but we're just trying to fig-

ure out what can put us in the best spot for the final run. It's hard to know if these changes are working if you can't get 100 percent effort."

Against South County, TC used both a 5-1 and a 4-2 offense while trying to get freshman setter Riley Arnold comfortable at the varsity level. Arnold, who played libero for the junior varsity before joining the varsity during a Sept. 19 match against Yorktown, said she tries not to think about the nerves she experiences.

"Everything's quicker [and] everything's harder," she said of the transition from JV to varsity. "They serve harder. Everything's just better."

Burch said Arnold's athleticism led him to trying her at setter.

"She's been playing with us for about a

month [and] she's done some nice things — her serving, passing," Burch said. "She's already fourth on our team in service aces. She's made contributions, but we had to change the system. ... Your best athlete needs to be your setter — quarterback, or running back, point guard, whatever. You run your offense through your setter. I need a little bit more athleticism [and] she's one of the most athletic kids in the program, so we made the decision to move her up."

While Burch said Arnold is still a "deer in headlights," she is part of a core group of athletes who will return for the Titans in 2012, along with juniors Kate Whitmire and Sydney Trout. However, the Titans coaching staff is also focusing on winning in the here and now.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

ODBC Rowers Compete In Occoquan Chase

The Old Dominion Boat Club Select Crew Team traveled to the Occoquan Reservoir at Sandy Run Park on Oct. 16, to compete in the Occoquan Chase, a regatta that not only boasted the largest field the ODBC rowers have competed against this fall, but also served as a tune-up for the squad's next appearance at the world's largest two-day rowing event: the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston.

Among those competing at the Occoquan Chase was the ODBC men's youth 4, which included Sam Hanoura, Henry Walch, Madison Weitekamp, Greg Montenegro and Emily Kubik. Hanoura, Weitekamp and Montenegro are students at T.C. Williams, while Walch and Kubik attend McLean and Lake Braddock High Schools, respectively.

Crew Boosters Take Part in Clean-Up Day

As part of the Ocean Conservancy's 26th Annual International Coastal Cleanup campaign and in conjunction with the City of Alexandria and the Clean Virginia Waterways initiative, Alexandria Crew Students and Boosters participated in a waterfront clean-up day at Oronoco Bay Park on Oct. 15.

A group of about 60 student athletes, parents and Alexandria Crew supporters turned out for the effort, collecting styrofoam, water bottles, a gas can, a car tire, an old plastic trike, two empty barrels and other trash that was littering the Potomac Shoreline.

"Alexandria Crew is used to cleaning up on the water," ACB Co-President Karen Lemke said in a press release. "This was an opportunity to clean-up on land."

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The Old Dominion Boat Club Select Crew Team of (from left) Sam Hanoura, Henry Walch, Madison Weitekamp, Greg Montenegro and Emily Kubik.

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SPORTS

Searching for Consistency

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"We're balancing the immediate needs," Burch said, "with the future needs of the program."

While TC has struggled in the win department, the Titans have at times shown promise. TC won two games against Woodson and one against West Springfield. Each team is ranked in the Northern Region's top three. One Patriot District coach expressed desire to avoid the Titans in the district tournament.

Against South County, 6-foot-1 outside hitter Whitmire finished with 11 kills and two aces. Grand Roberson and Trout each had four kills.

T.C. Williams lost to Lee, 3-1, on Oct. 24 and faced Annandale on Oct. 26. Results of the Annandale match were not available prior to the Gazette Packet's deadline. The Patriot District tournament starts Oct. 31.

T.C. Williams senior Grand Roberson had four kills against South County on Oct. 20.



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A crowd of nearly 60 student athletes, parents and crew supporters took part in Alexandria Crew Boosters' Waterfront Clean-up Day at Oronoco Bay Park on Saturday, Oct. 15.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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According to Lemke, student athletes who took part in the clean-up received a letter of participation and two volunteer hours for their efforts. She further noted that lunch was served at the Dee Campbell Rowing Center next to Oronoco Bay Park after the clean-up was completed for all those who took part.

"During crew season, the boathouse is in some

ways our kids' second home," Lemke said in the press release. "It only makes sense that we do what we can to keep the Potomac shoreline and the area around it clean. Yesterday's clean-up allowed us to do that. It was a terrific morning, a worthwhile event and something that I think the kids — and everyone who turned out — really enjoyed."

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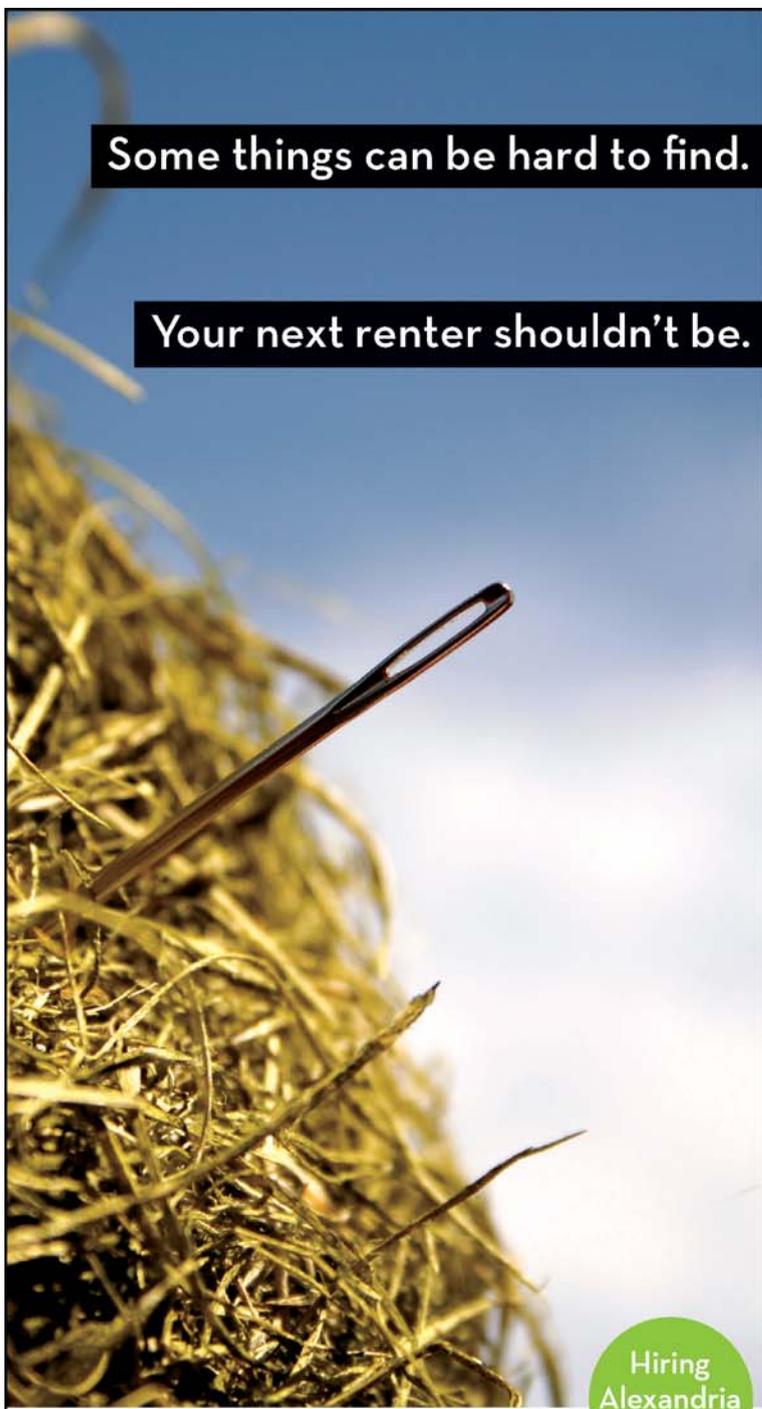
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SPORTS

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TC Football Wins Second In a Row

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T.C. Williams will play its final two regular season games at home. The Titans will host Lee for homecoming at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. TC will host West Potomac at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 5.

Bishop Ireton Football Suffers First Loss

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