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Zoe works with sand to paint a flower in the Colosanto Center parking lot during a previous Del Ray Art on the Avenue festival held annually the first Saturday of October on Mount Vernon Avenue.

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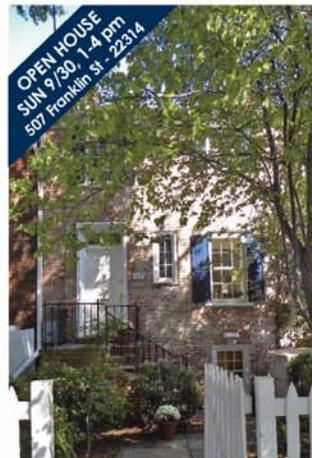
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20 things to see and do this fall.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

As the seasons change, so do the activities that keep us busy. With crisp air, apple pie and leaf-peeping upon us, we say so long to flip flops, air conditioners and barbecues. And while it may not always feel like it, the fall season is officially here and there is no better time to grab family and friends and see what the city has to offer.

"There is no more beautiful place to live than Alexandria in the fall," said Mayor Bill Euille. "There are so many things to do at this time of year, from festivals to high school football and youth sports leagues." Winter will be here soon enough, so before bidding farewell to a fleetingly beautiful time of the year, get out there and make the most of fall with this list of 20 things to do in Alexandria.

❖ **17th Annual Art on the Avenue** - A multicultural arts and music festival for and by locals. Entertainment, art activities and a pie-baking contest along with 350 artisans displaying and selling their work. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 6 on Mount Vernon Avenue between Hume and Bellefonte Avenues. www.ArtontheAvenue.org.

❖ **Salvation Army Flea Market** - While strolling Art on the Avenue, be sure to stop by the Oct. 6 Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Flea Market at 1804 Mount Vernon Ave. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

❖ **Arts Safari** - Free hands-on arts and crafts activities for children. Oct. 13 from noon to 4 p.m. Children will enjoy the Clay Experience, Arts Safari Painting, Fabric Collage, Origami Art, Giant Paper-Mache Animal and more. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. www.torpedofactory.org.



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Halloween on South Lee Street.



The 19th Annual Pumpkin Sale at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road raises funds Oct. 7-31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily, to benefit many of Alexandria's charities such as ALIVE, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, and the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM). International charities include the Heifer Project and the Haiti Micah Project. The pumpkins are grown on the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico and are distributed and consigned to Immanuel and more than 1,300 other churches of various denominations throughout the country. These partnerships support more than 300 jobs on the reservation and the programs of participating churches nationwide. Autumn crafts and cookies, brownies, cake, candy, hearty soups, gourds, mini pumpkins, apple crisps, Indian corn and cornstalks are also available.

❖ **Skipjack Minnie V.** - Enjoy the fall foliage with a sail along the Potomac on a 1906 45.3' long two-sail bateau. Now docked in Old Town, the Minnie V. is one of only 35 surviving traditional Chesapeake Bay skipjacks. www.potomacriverboatco.com

❖ **Immanuel-on-the-Hill Pumpkin Patch** - Bundle up in the coziest sweater and head out to pick the perfect pumpkins and gourds for fall dining and decorating treats. First shipment arrives Oct. 7 at 11:30 a.m. with a second at 4 p.m. on Oct. 17. Through Oct. 31 at 3606 Seminary Road. www.icoh.net.

❖ **16th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade** - Join in the fun Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. by either participating or just watching the decorated strollers and costumed kids, adults and pets parade along Mount Vernon Avenue for this annual tradition. Sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association, they also collect and distribute costumes to children in need. www.visitdelray.com.

❖ **Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon** - Join or cheer on 5,000 runners on Oct. 7 in this third annual race from Mount Vernon Estate to National Harbor. The view while crossing the bridge will keep one motivated to cross the finish line. www.wilsonbridgehalf.com.

❖ **See a Show** - Alexandria is home to MetroStage (www.metrostage.org), The Little Theatre of Alexandria (www.thelittletheatre.com), Port City Playhouse (www.portcityplayhouse.org) and Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

year's team. Remaining home games on Oct. 13 and 20. www.tcwilliamsathletics.org.

❖ **Get Spooked** - Take a haunted hike through the historic streets of Old Town with a Ghosts and Graveyard Tour from Alexandria Colonial Tours. Great for a group of friends or family visiting during the holidays. www.alexcolonialtours.com.

❖ **6th Annual Alexandria Film Festival** - Explore the world without leaving town. Set to be held Nov. 16-18, the festival will show an eclectic collection of films from a handful of countries around the globe. At locations throughout the city. www.AlexandriaFilm.org

❖ **Fall Harvest Family Days** - Mount Vernon Estate welcomes the autumn season with Fall Harvest Family Days Oct. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, 18th-century dancing demonstrations, apple-roasting, corn husk dolls demonstrations and early-American games and music. Potomac River sightseeing cruises are half-price. www.MountVernon.org.

❖ **Del Ray Artisans 17th Annual Holiday Market** - The market boasts artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 7-9 and Dec. 14-16. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

❖ **Autumn Firefighting History Walking Tours** - Explore Alexandria's firefighting history with two tours, beginning Oct. 13 with "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History." On Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, learn how volunteer fire companies were treated by Federal authorities

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❖ **Bike the Sights** - Tour the fall foliage and historic sights of the city by bike. Numerous bike rental options in town, including Bike and Roll, which provides guided tours as well. 1 Wales Alley www.biketbsites.com.

❖ **Think Pink!** - join hundreds of Alexandrians Oct. 20 at the city's annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer. www.alexandriava.gov/women.

❖ **T.C. Williams Football games** - Show hometown Titan pride by supporting this

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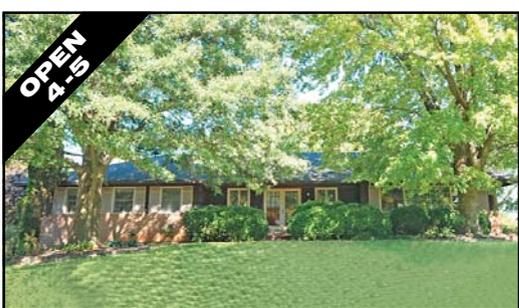


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NEWS

Not Red or Blue

Two independents and a Libertarian offer variety for voters in City Council race.

Meet the Candidates

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
 GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria politics has long been dominated by Democrats, although Republicans have been successful from time to time. But it's not unheard of for independent candidates to win a spot on the Alexandria City Council. Ira Robinson was as an independent in 1970. Frank Mann won election as mayor as an independent candidate in 1976, and Jim Moran was an independent when he became mayor in 1985. More recently, Alicia Hughes was an independent candidate when she won in 2009, although she has now aligned herself with the Republican Party.

That means there's hope for the two independent candidates and the Libertarian who are on the ballot for City Council this year. The three candidates offer a range of opinions, broadening the scope of debate and adding new dimension to the campaign. From cutting waste in government to increasing ethics in city government and listening to constituents, all three candidates are hoping their message will

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♦ **Glenda Davis**, 62: A native of Washington, N.C., Davis was raised in a military family that moved frequently. She has a bachelor of science in business education from Fayetteville State University. Davis is a retired accountant, and she votes at the Cora Kelly precinct.



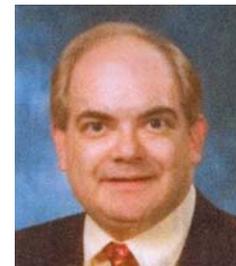
Glenda Davis

♦ **Jermaine Mincey**, 28: A native of Sacramento, Calif., Mincey has a bachelor of science in computer engineering and business management from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Mincey is currently a patent examiner, and he votes at the Lee Center precinct.



Jermaine Mincey

♦ **Robert Kraus**, 47: A native of Chicago, Kraus has a bachelor of science in marketing and management from the University of Virginia. Kraus is currently the director of operations for the Libertarian Party, and he votes at the Chinquapin precinct.



Robert Kraus

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Heads Up To Judges

New judge may have dual role.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When members of the General Assembly gather next year, legislators are likely to approve replacements for vacant seats in Northern Virginia — but with a twist. They may end up working in more than one jurisdiction. A long-awaited judicial reorganization is expected to take place in the 2014 session, shortly after a study of the workload of judges across the commonwealth.

“What might happen is that when this judge gets filled, we might say before you accept the job, realize that you may not be sitting in Arlington, you may be

“Why would you need two clerks and two courthouses if we are truly integrating?”

— Del. Patrick Hope (D-47)

sitting in Fairfax or Alexandria as well,” said Del. David Albo (R-42). “Just wanted to give you a heads up.”

The effort to merge the two Northern Virginia court systems began quietly in 2010, when Del. Bill Janis (R-56) and Sen. John Edwards (D-21) introduced legislation that would have merged the courts in Alexandria and Arlington. The discussion took place against a Circuit Court vacancy in Alexandria, which some members were reluctant to fill because they were advocating merging the two courts.

That issue was resolved temporarily when members decided to ask the Supreme Court of Virginia to conduct a review, which led to a more comprehensive study now underway. The study is expected to be completed about a year from now, just in time to be available in time for legislation to be drafted for the 2013 session. Some in Northern Virginia fear that the study may be a precursor to some attempt to merge court systems and potentially close courthouses.

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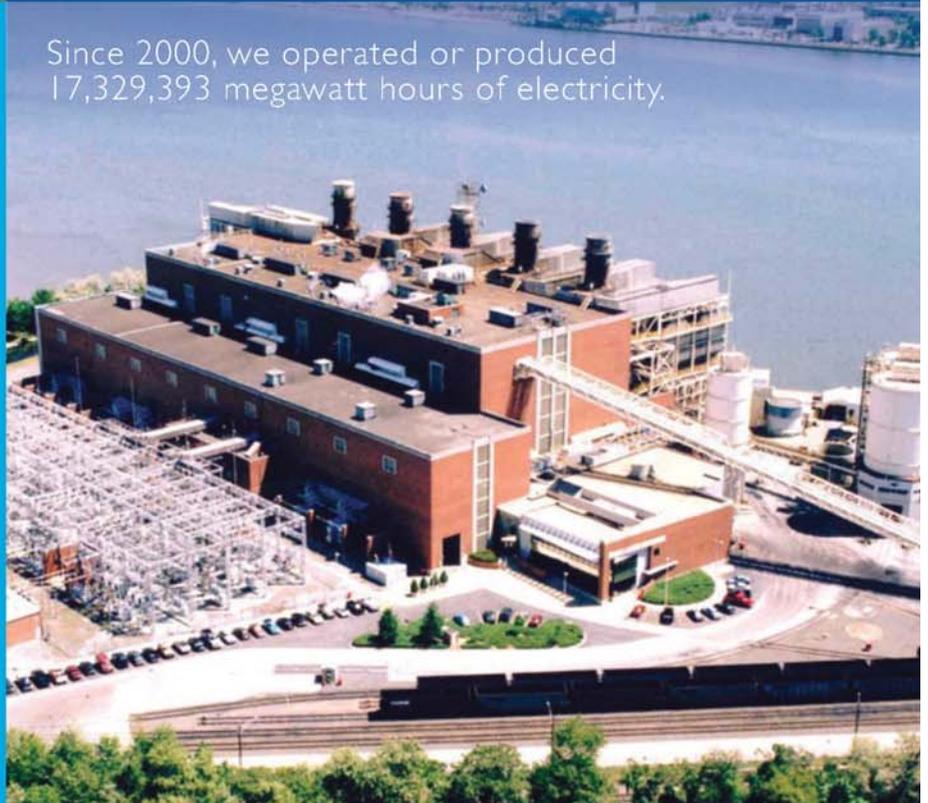
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Where They Stand

Candidates	Waterfront*	Beauregard**	Arlandria***	Corridor C****
Jermaine Mincey	won't say	won't say	won't say	won't say
Glenda Davis	no	yes	yes	yes
Robert Kraus	no	no	maybe	no

* The waterfront plan increased allowable density at three sites slated for redevelopment. Critics say the scale is too large for Old Town, and the increased traffic will clog neighborhood streets.

** The Beauregard small-area plan increased allowable density for several sites in the West End. Critics say the plan will push out low-income residents who live there now.

*** The Arlandria redevelopment of the Mount Vernon Center increased the allowable density at a strip mall site, where plans call for a large-scale building that has residences and ground-level retail. Critics say it will push out low-income people who live there now.

**** Corridor C is a transit corridor that will be constructed on the West End, one of three transit corridors planned in the city. Critics say the scale of the road is too wide, and that trees will have to be removed to benefit people who don't live in the neighborhood.

Neither Democrat or Republican

FROM PAGE 4
resonate with voters.

JERMAINE MINCEY says the voice of the people has been overlooked in recent years, and he wants to make the city government more accessible to citizens. If elected, Mincey says he will listen to constituents and present their ideas to elected leaders. On the campaign trail, he's criticized the city government of losing sight of what people in Alexandria want. One possible solution he's offered is having council members and staff attend more civic association meetings, although he doesn't have an idea about how many they should attend.

"People haven't given me an exact number," said Mincey. "They haven't said they want to see them two times a week or 10 times a week, but there's a general feeling that if there's a problem that we don't have to go looking for them."

On the issues, Mincey will not say how he would have voted on the most controversial issues that have confronted the council in recent years. When asked his position on issues from the waterfront development to transportation, Mincey responded that they plans would have been different if he was on council when they came up for a vote. Therefore, he said, he cannot say how he would have voted on some of the most pressing issues of the election. But he did say that lingering unhappiness with several recent decisions would be a problem for him.

"My platform is making government accessible to the people," said Mincey. "If they are not happy, how can I vote for something that they are unhappy with. That goes against what my job is — representation."

GLENDA DAVIS is campaigning on ethics in government, a topic that is currently at the center of an initiative launched after several city employees were caught embezzling. Davis said that the current initiative is not enough, specifically because she doesn't feel the new training doesn't include elected officials. To promote ethics in government, Davis said she would like to see a new oversight board or task force

or standing committee,

"I don't have all the steps and how I would do it," said Davis. "I will have it, but I don't have it right now."

On the controversial issues of the recent past, Davis said she is trying to strike a delicate balance. She supports the Beauregard Plan and the Arlandria redevelopment as well as Corridor C. But she said she would not have voted for the waterfront plan because she feels Old Town already has enough hotels and residences.

"I would like to see something a little more creative," said Davis. "I would like to see something like Eastern Market, although it obviously wouldn't be on the same scale."

ROBERT KRAUS describes himself as "angry" that the Alexandria city government is addicted to spending. The Libertarian candidate says if elected, he will work against what he calls wasteful spending such as the Del Ray Trolley and the new \$100 million T.C. Williams High School.

On the campaign trail, he has suggested that the city return to 2007 spending levels, which would involve cutting about \$100 million from the budget. To achieve that, Kraus suggests a 20 percent across the board cut to city departments, although he does not have a specific list of items he would like to see eliminated.

"I don't want to go into absolute specifics," said Kraus. "That's why I want to do an audit."

On the controversial recent decisions, Kraus is critical of the direction of city government. He said he might have voted for the Arlandria redevelopment, although he added that he was skeptical that the developer would deliver on all the promises that were made in the development special-use permit.

He said he would have voted against the Beauregard plan, Corridor C and the waterfront plan.

"I don't understand why they keep voting for stuff when it's clear that a vast majority is against it," said Kraus. "Why not listen to the voters for a change?"

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Sequester This

Cut the horror music. The sequester is lurking.

Perhaps its no surprise that both candidates in the hotly contested race for U.S. Senate in Virginia oppose sequestration — the automatic budget cuts that will be imposed if Congress fails to find \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction.

"It was the intent of the drafters to create something so awful that everyone, whether they are liberal, conservative, Democratic or Republican, will oppose," said **Frank Shafroth**, director of the Center for State and Local Government Leadership. "And they will hate it so much that they will make sure it doesn't happen."

At a televised debate in McLean last week, Republican **George Allen** and Democrat **Tim Kaine** clashed over the best way to avoid sequestration. Allen suggested repealing the Affordable Care Act, eliminate redundancy in government and open Virginia to oil drillers. Kaine wants to repeal the Bush tax cuts for those who make more than \$500,000 a year.

"Whenever one of them is elected and they actually do have to make hard choices about this, that's when they open themselves up to trouble when they face voters again," said **Kyle Kondick**, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

Season of Debate

The air is becoming crisp. The leaves are starting to turn. And the political season is heating up, with a number of candidate forums scheduled in the coming weeks.

But marking the calendar has not been easy. One major conflict emerged earlier this month when the Old Dominion Boat Club and the League of Women Voters both wanted to schedule a forum on Oct. 2. After some intense behind-the-scenes negotiations, the two organizations joined forces and decided to host an event together at George Washington Middle School. The Oct. 2 forum will feature a one-hour debate between incumbent Democrat Mayor **Bill Euille** and independent challenger former Vice Mayor **Andrew Macdonald**. That will be followed by a forum featuring all 12 council candidates.

Not all the conflicts have been resolved, however. The mayor and Councilman **Paul Smedberg** will not be attending the Old Town Civic Association forum scheduled for Oct. 10 at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy. But they will be available for the Oct. 15 forum at George Washington Middle School, sponsored by the Del Ray Patch, the NAACP and ACTION for Alexandria. The last debate is on Oct. 24 at Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center, sponsored by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors.

BRAC Attack

Failed presidential candidate **Horace Greely** is credited with the famous decree, "Go west, young man." Greely was talking about manifest destiny, but he might have well have been talking about the City Council campaign, which has featured some of the sharpest exchanges of the political season about the West End.

In the first candidates forum, Democrat **Justin Wilson** attacked Republicans **Frank Fannon** and **Alicia Hughes** for failing to understand the lines of authority at the Washington Headquarters Service, the massive new building created by recommendation 133 of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Many voters are still angry about the traffic gridlock created by site selection, which was endorsed by the city government in 2008.

"It's a little disappointing that Councilman Fannon and Councilwoman Hughes have not determined the difference between the authority of the federal government and the authority of the local government," said Wilson. "The fact is, as everyone knows, the federal government has the ability to preempt local zoning and local taxation."

"I do understand the difference between what's decided at the local level versus the federal level," Hughes shot back. "You at the local level have the ability to say what it is you feel and try to lobby to get the support."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

City To Hold Annual Fall Tree Sale

The City Alexandria's Urban Forestry Section will hold a tree sale on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Trinity Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. The goal of the sale is to promote the preservation of the Alexandria's tree canopy by encouraging the planting of trees on private property throughout the City.

The city's tree supplier, Denison Landscaping and Nursery of Fort Washington, Md., will provide a

variety of trees, shrubs and annuals that are hardy and successful in this area. Trees and shrubs are sold in three to seven gallon containers that residents can easily handle and plant.

Residents can reserve trees for purchase in advance through Oct. 17. No deposit is necessary. To reserve a tree, call the City Arborist Office, at 703-746-5498 or email dorothy.white@alexandriava.gov.

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PROPOSAL FOR BIOSOLIDS PROCESSING
Issue Date: September 6, 2012



CLOSING DATE: October 21, 2012
CLOSING TIME: 2:00 PM, EDT

Alexandria Renew Enterprises ("ARenew") has accepted an unsolicited proposal for review pursuant to the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (the "PPEA") (Va. Code § 56-575.1 et. seq., as amended) and the ARenew PPEA Guidelines. ARenew intends to evaluate the proposal, may negotiate an interim or comprehensive agreement with the proposer based on the proposal, and will accept for simultaneous consideration any competing proposals that comply with the procedures adopted by ARenew and the PPEA.

Summary of Proposal: Intellergy Corporation of Richmond, CA (Intellergy) has submitted an unsolicited PPEA proposal. Intellergy proposes to install and operate a seven dry-ton per day biosolids processing facility at the ARenew treatment plant located at 1500 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, Virginia, using its patented steam reforming technology. Intellergy's proposal offers ARenew the opportunity to diversify its biosolids management options with a more sustainable system that would produce marketable diesel fuel and pelletized fertilizer from both digested and undigested biosolids.

Copies of the Intellergy proposal shall be available upon request, subject to the provisions of FOIA and § 56-575.4 G of the PPEA.

For general inquiries contact Lander Napper, Purchasing Agent at 703-549-3381 Ext. 2203.

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Racers at the start gates of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon. The 13.1 Mile course begins at the Mount Vernon Estate and ends at National Harbor.

For Racers, A Bridge Not Too Far

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon set for Oct. 7.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE GAZETTE

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon is back for its third installment on Sunday, Oct. 7, and it has come a long way since the early days of shoestring budgets.

With a prize purse of \$15,000 for top winners, as well as bonus perks for semi professional American athletes, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon has much to offer.

Despite the notable talent the race attracts, organizers remain committed to a half marathon open to all. Nowhere is this more evident than the 18 runners set to compete this year who are visually impaired or blind.

"When we created the race in 2010 we figured we really wanted to make a difference," said Steve Nearman executive director of Endurance Enterprises LLC and founder of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon. "We received a generous grant from the National Industries for the Blind the following year, and the race has just blossomed."

Organizers hope to meet a long-term goal of 100 racers who are visually impaired or legally blind. Long distance racing closes the misperception gap of people who are visually impaired or blind, and demonstrates the abilities of a minority group disproportionately affected by unemployment.

"People who are blind or visually impaired have a lot to gain from running in a race," said Mike Johnson, a spokesman for the Alexandria-based National Industries for the Blind. "There are many myths and misconceptions about the abilities of people who are blind, and running a half marathon is just one of many ways to showcase that people who are blind or visually impaired are as capable as their sighted counterparts."

Details

Registration for the Woodrow Wilson Half Marathon will remain open up to race weekend. Expect road closures along the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Woodrow Wilson Bridge on the day of the race. For more information visit: wilsonbridgehalf.com. For those interested in guided running with people who are visually impaired or blind, the Cdiffernt Foundation provides a platform for linking up. For more information visit Cdiffernt.org.



The Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon begins at the Mount Vernon Estate and finishes across the Woodrow Wilson bridge at the National Harbor. Race day is Oct. 7, starting at 7:30 a.m. For more information visit: wilsonbridgehalf.com.

For Richard Hunter, the reigning half marathon record holder in the B2 division with the United States Association of Blind Athletes, the benefits of running transcend the physical. "Usually visually impaired people are bound logistically, they move around slower with a white cane or guide dog. When they run with a sighted guide they are running fast and able to go where they are not really able to otherwise," said Hunter. "Running gives visually impaired people a sense of freedom."

Challenges to running for people who are visually impaired or blind often include an inability to link up with sighted guides. For those who do, the connection is deeply rewarding.

"Volunteers really make a huge difference in the lives of people with vision loss," said Hunter. "Volunteering is an opportunity to transform the lives of people who are visually impaired, and at the same time transform their own life."



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The Potomac River Generation Station originally opened in 1949.

Coal-Fired Power Plant To Close

Long-awaited day has arrived; plant to close at beginning of October.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Press conferences aren't usually planned weeks or months ahead of time. But the press conference scheduled for the first day of October has been years in the making. When elected officials and city leaders gather at the corner of North Royal Street and Bashford Lane Monday morning, the mood will likely be one of celebration. City leaders fought for years to shut down the plant, which emitted particulate matter into the air and jeopardized the health of people living throughout the region.

"This is a day that we've been looking forward to for a long time, and it's long overdue," said Mayor Bill Euille. "But it's also a bitter-sweet moment because of the people who are losing their jobs."

Euille said that several employees have been reassigned by GenOn, the Houston-based company that acquired Atlanta-based Mirant in 2010 merger. But not everyone was so lucky. About 20 or so will retire and about 20 or so will be unemployed. That's the downside. But the upside is the city will finally be without a major source of pollution, opening up a valuable piece of waterfront property. The closure of the plant has already become part of the City Council campaign, as Councilwoman Del Pepper mentioned the plant in her closing remarks during the first candidates forum earlier this month.

"Along with Paul (Smedberg), I've been busy trying to close the GenOn coal burning facility, and we're proud to say that on Oct. 1 it will be closed," said Pepper. "And I want to continue working on clean-air issues."

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— Mayor Bill Euille

THE PLANT OPENED in 1949 by a group known as Potomac Energy Company, now known as Pepco. Back then, the Potomac River Generating Station was situated between the Potomac River Clayworks and the American Chlorophyll Company. Over time, industrial uses declined on the waterfront. Pepco eventually leased the plant to Mirant, which was eventually acquired by GenOn. Today, Pepco owns the land and GenOn owns the facility.

After several years of trying to shut the plant down, city leaders struck a deal with Mirant in 2008. The agreement stipulated that the company would invest \$32 million to reduce particulate matter at the facility. But three years passed, and little or no progress had been made on the agreement. The Division of Environmental Services was on the verge of signing a contract to install "baghouse" technology last summer.

"This isn't like changing a bag on your vacuum cleaner," said Bill Skraback, deputy director for the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "It takes time."

That time came to an end a few weeks later in August 2011, when GenOn announced that it would be closing the plant in October 2012. The issue immediately became a flashpoint in the contentious waterfront planning process. Some said it would be a mistake

to have a plan that does not account for this 25-acre site. Others said the planning process was already too advanced to scrap it and start over.

"Yes, it's part of the waterfront," said Councilman Paul Smedberg during a waterfront work session in September 2011.

"But it's quite a bit away from the core of what we're trying to address with this plan."

Earlier this year, the City Council approved a plan that does not include the GenOn site. And any future developer would be responsible for cleaning up the heavily polluted parcel, which could take millions of dollars and years of effort.

WEEK IN ALEXANDRIA

Arlandria's Revolving Door

After less than a year on the job, Tenants and Workers United director **Gabriel Rojo** abruptly stepped down last weekend. Leaders of the organization are being tight-lipped about what happened, but the revolving door of the Arlandria-based advocacy group has created a leadership vacuum for the organization, which must now launch yet another search.

"I'm confident that the board and the staff will be able to pull out of this and rebuild," said **John Liss**, who led the group from 1985 to 2010. "It's particularly important considering the massive displacement that's going on in the West End."

The organization was originally formed in 1985, when residents in Arlandria were concerned that gentrification would displace low-income people from the neighborhood. At the time it was known as the Tenants Support Committee. By the early 1990s, the group began taking on labor issues and changed its name to the Tenants and Workers Support Committee.

In 2004, the group rebranded itself Tenants and Workers United. Liss left the organization in 2010 to help create Virginia New Majority, and **Jen Morley** stepped in to be interim director. Her tenure as interim director ended up being longer than the time Rojo led the organization, which included heated debates over redevelopment at Mount Vernon Center and the Beauregard small-area plan.

"Things are rapidly changing, and TWU needs to respond to these changes in order to continue its great legacy of winning social justice campaigns, meeting the needs of its members and the communities to which they belong, and to make a powerful leadership transition to the next generation," Rojo said in a written statement announcing his departure. "I believe that during my tenure, I was able to help set TWU on a path to make that change happen."

Digging Deeper

The full extent of burials at Fort Ward may never be known because city leaders are reluctant to tear up one of Alexandria's marquee public parks.

But more than 10,000 artifacts were discovered during the survey of selected areas over the last two years, and the story of what happened at the African-American neighborhood known as the Fort is beginning to emerge.

Now the Office of Historic Alexandria is preparing an open house so members of the general public can see the artifacts for themselves. The open house at the Alexandria Archeology Museum is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.

"While most of the artifacts are quite small, hundreds are of sufficient size to be recognizable in form and use," said City Archeologist **Pam Cressey**. "These larger items have been excavated primarily from areas near or in the remains of the African-American homes built at the Fort."

City officials and descendants are currently at odds over whether or not more archeological study should take place at the site, a debate that is sure to be part of the upcoming budget season next year. Meanwhile, members of a task force are crafting a long-term management plan for Fort Ward Park, and panels have been created to show what happened during Reconstruction. The issue was even raised by Republican City Council candidate **Bob Wood** during a recent candidates forum.

"I see no reason why citizens have to fight City Hall to find their history at Fort Ward," said Wood, prompting applause.

Musical Chairs

Former Alexandria City Councilman **Rob Krupicka** will be sworn into office this Friday, closing the chapter on the tale of former Del. **David Englin** (D-45). He's the four-term legislator who got caught in a sex scandal and resigned in August. The Englins have now moved to California, and Krupicka was selected in a landslide victory over Republican **Tim McGhee** and Libertarian **Justin Malkin**. Krupicka's seat will be filled by Alexandria Circuit Court District Judge **Lisa Kemler**, although her decision was not yet available at press time.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Vote Now

Don't sweat voter ID; voter registration card, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check with name, address of voter will work.

Changes in Virginia's voter identification rules are causing confusion in many quarters, and some voters might be tempted to stay home rather than deal with a difficult situation. What about your 92-year-old mother who hasn't driven in almost a decade? Do you need to schlep her to the DMV to get her a photo ID before November?

Slow down, there are alternatives, including a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter.

Acceptable forms of identification include: Virginia voter identification card (due to arrive in the mail next week); current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; valid Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

How important is it for Virginia voters to turn out on or before Nov. 6? As a critical "battleground" state, Virginia will be key in determining who will be the next President of the United States. Who will represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate is also too close to call. Since polling shows that there are very few undecided voters in the Commonwealth, every eligible voter will want to be sure to cast a ballot. Turnout in Northern Virginia could determine who is president and which party controls the U.S. Senate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRAC History Is Important

To the Editor:

On Sept. 12, five West End Civic Associations hosted a candidate forum focused on West End issues, which was attended by all of the candi-

This is a high-participating, politically engaged area.

Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 717,105 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

And consider that in 2008, 79 percent of Fairfax County's registered voters turned out at the polls.

EDITORIAL The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 103,445 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

Arlington has a population of about 216,000 and 160,326 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

When you consider the sheer numbers of people likely to go to vote on Election Day, wouldn't it make sense to go and vote early?

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations. Absentee voting began Sept. 21 and will continue through Nov. 2.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)."

See http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html for a complete list of acceptable reasons to vote absentee, links to download a request for an absentee ballot and other instructions.

dates running for City Council. These same civic associations invited the mayoral candidates to participate in a similar forum but Mayor Euille's campaign staff explained, he is way too busy to spend an evening with the voters of the West End. A review of comments during the forum, especially from the four council members who voted for BRAC namely

More Election Information

Alexandria Board of Elections, 703-746-4050, <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>
132 North Royal Street, Alexandria, 22314; FAX 703-838-6449; email tom.parkins@alexandriava.gov

State Board of Elections, 804 864-8901 Toll Free: 800 552-9745 FAX: 804 371-0194
email: info@sbe.virginia.gov
http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Index.html

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to the elections office address, listed above.

Absentee In-person Voting in the City of Alexandria

In-person absentee voting starts Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 a.m. and ends Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.

Regular hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100 (the office is closed on Monday, Oct. 8).

Beatley Library will be used as a second absentee voting site beginning Thursday, Oct. 25.

More details, including dates of extended hours at <http://alexandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720>

Lovain, Pepper, Smedberg and Wilson, plus Mayor Euille, indicates why current elected officials would hide from West End voters. The West End forum revealed that no council member at the time had or has any idea what happened or what to do:

♦ Tim Lovain said that he advocated for the Victory Center [the other site in Alexandria under consideration] and should not have taken staff's advice;

♦ Del Pepper repeated what she has said publicly before that no one wanted the BRAC at Mark Center;

♦ Paul Smedberg remarked that the decision should not have been made in closed sessions;

♦ Justin Wilson said they decided the issue based on the wrong data.

The responses candidates gave on how BRAC came to be were disturbing and do not augur well for the future. Since 2008, elected officials have repeatedly assured citizens that BRAC was no big deal. City Hall enthusiastically supported the site in writing. Once it became obvious that BRAC was a very big deal and a planning disaster, council tried to distance itself from the decision saying that they really opposed it all along. While the mayor

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From left: 2012 Living Legend of Alexandria Lillian Patterson; Nina Tisara, director, Living Legends of Alexandria, and Marilyn Patterson.

On Exhibit

Two Living Legend portraits by Nina Tisara — Lillian Patterson, 2012, and Nelson Greene Sr., 2010 — were selected by jury for the Young At Art exhibition currently at the Durant Center for the Arts, 1605 Cameron St. The show is jointly sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and the Goodwin House Foundation and can be seen through Jan. 24. Exhibit hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fridays, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

OPINION

Public Education Sustains Democracy

By DR. MORTON SHERMAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



dents. The issue for all of us is that a gap in achievement must be closed if our democracy is truly going to thrive in the future. (Here's a great fourth-grade math problem: If ACPS has a larger percentage of children in poverty than our neighbors have, and if the miserable truth for all school divisions is that poor students score

lower than advantaged students, how will that affect the average score?)

The reality exists that there is an achievement gap in all school divisions, not only for our children in poverty, but also among our African-American, Hispanic, and white children. The closing of this achievement gap is the great civil rights issue of this generation.

So, there is clear data that we are making very good progress. Many indicators support the work we are doing in ACPS even as we have grown in population by about 20 percent in recent years.

ACPS is entering the second year of implementation of our new 21st-century curriculum. According to U.S. News & World Report (Sept. 17), the curriculum is right where it should be: shifting toward critical thinking in our classrooms. While other divisions making this shift are focusing on the high school level, the ACPS curriculum leads to critical thinking on multiple levels for students in all grade levels. We are confident that this training will well prepare our students for citizenship, work, and life as critical thinkers and life-long learners. We are confident that this curriculum will help students achieve at higher levels and reach full potential.

We are off to a great start this year. We experienced a very smooth start which lets us get to the serious and joyous responsibility of educating each and every one of our students. I am confident that this impressive beginning is a predictor of the stellar year that we expect for our students and staff. But we need the help of our community in understanding the students we serve, in respecting the remarkable educators in our schools, and in modeling the use of facts and data in talking about our ongoing and continuous improvement.

We in ACPS are so fortunate to have the community support necessary to meet the lofty goals of educating the children of our democracy.

Thank you.

One of the most important conversations I have each year is with our new teachers. I ask them if they know why American public education is so important. The answer has always been clear to me: to help create literate, participating, productive citizens to sustain and enhance our democracy. That doesn't mean

COMMENTARY that public and private schools are not part of the fabric of our country's education; it does mean that the overwhelming majority of our nation's children are, and will continue to be public school-educated for a very long time.

With Election Day quickly approaching, I ask this additional question: if public education is so important to our democracy, how are we doing? Specifically, how are we doing in ACPS?

This is a fair and important question.

So, some pretty straightforward facts give part of the picture:

- ❖ SAT participation and scores increased. The percentage of seniors who took the SAT was the highest in nine years. Minorities comprised 72 percent of the test takers at ACPS compared with Virginia's 41 percent and the nation's 47 percent.

- ❖ AP participation and scores are the highest ever in ACPS.

- ❖ Reading scores as a division fell one point.

- ❖ Math scores are not where we want them to be based on a new state assessment. This new assessment now serves as baseline data.

- ❖ We have clear evidence that students in some schools and with some teachers are making remarkable progress. Our responsibility is to ensure consistency in achievement across the school division.

The challenge we are addressing right here in ACPS is one our country must address. We are the face of America. For example, the percentage of students on free and reduced lunch has risen from 49 percent five years ago to close to 60 percent this year.

When we look at the data supplied by a recent Virginia Education Association study, there is no doubt that our nondisadvantaged students perform as well as the highest achieving and wealthiest neighbors we have. And there is no doubt that our disadvantaged students perform as well as, and in several cases, better than, our neighbors' disadvantaged stu-

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gave gushing endorsements of BRAC when it was selected, he now asks us to assign his support to the dustbin of history. The mayor's reluctance to debate appears to be savvy political maneuvering on his part to avoid accountability.

The 2011 Department of Defense Inspector General reports and other documents from the time tell a very different story from that told by City Hall. It tells a story of city officials working with the developer and the Army to get the building at Mark Center. It tells a story of city officials arguing with VDOT when VDOT raised many valid and serious concerns about picking the Mark Center site. It

tells a story of city officials informing the IG in its 2011 report that they stand by their original enthusiastic endorsement of the site, despite public proclamations to the contrary. It tells a story of finding no one in Alexandria raising any questions about this selection despite rhetoric from officials that they really opposed it all along. It tells a story of Fairfax County explaining why the Mark Center site was insane, and Alexandria officials' silence. It tells a story of one of the fastest awarded billion dollar contracts in federal government history once the city rallied behind selecting the site, during which the selection criteria was changed and ground broken before others who were bidding could figure out what had hap-

pened. It tells a story of the Army refusing to do further analysis because city officials were reassuring it that BRAC would bring no significant impact to local roads with minor improvements.

The stories told at the candidates' forum last week were just as disturbing. City staff is to blame; the Army is to blame; VDOT is to blame; Fairfax is to blame; council members are weak and helpless. When the decision was made, they were asleep at the switch and at the mercy of malevolent forces. As for the future, their position is that there is nothing we could have or can do to influence the policy outcomes. Why this recommends them for another term is never explained. Councilman

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LIVING LEGENDS

Bill Kehoe: A Life of Service to City and Nation

Volunteer firefighter also helps keep residents safe by volunteering with Rebuilding Together Alexandria.

BY MAX ROTERMUND

Bill Kehoe has done two things in his career and done them very well. First he rose in the officer ranks in the U.S. Air Force with a specialty in personnel. After that, he became a volunteer, but a volunteer in fire fighting and house building. All in all, his life is a combination of service to the nation and the city.

Kehoe is more than a Legend in Alexandria. He is a remarkable person and a true hero among us. Like many people who fit that description, he draws very little attention to himself and his significant accomplishments. He is all about service to his community and his country. Since retiring from the military he has served Alexandria in many ways.

He is a volunteer firefighter and volunteers at the Alexandria Fire Department (AFD) Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The center coordinates the city's processes of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery from man-made and natural disasters. It is used by city officials and related services and agencies to provide a coordinated response to major emergencies and disasters. Whenever there is an emergency, he is there helping out. He was a first responder to the 9/11 crash and spent three days assisting in the EOC, shuttling AFD personnel to and from the Pentagon and standing a night shift fire watch on the Pentagon roof.

His latest stint in the Command Center occurred from the death of Emergency Medical Technician Joshua Wiseman through his funeral. The center had been opened to coordinate the activities of the many fire companies that came to memorialize Wiseman, ensure coverage for the city

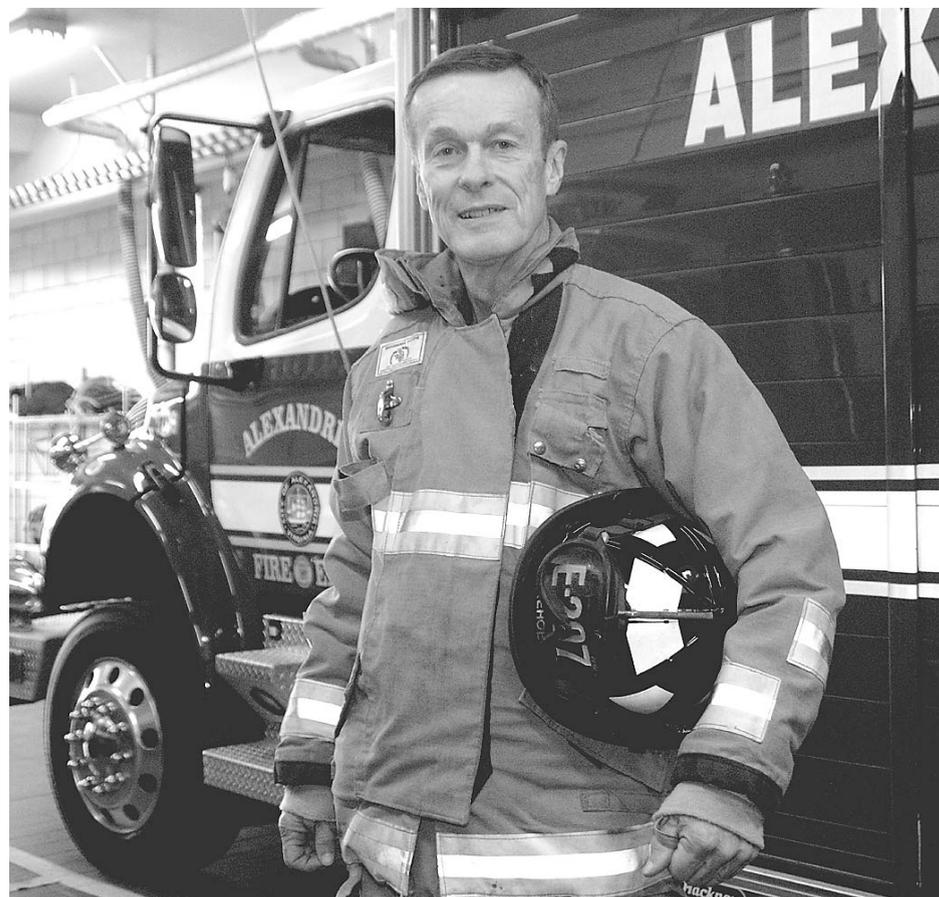


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Bill Kehoe was a first responder to the 9/11 crash and stood a night shift fire watch on the Pentagon roof.

by other local fire companies during the funeral and to keep residents apprised of traffic changes made necessary by the funeral.

Kehoe is not just a volunteer at the Alexandria Fire Department. He went through all the training new firefighters receive. He combined that training with his second bachelor's, a degree in fire science from the University of Maryland. He has used this training and experience to contribute to the wider community both here in Alexandria and nationally. He is the treasurer of the Institution of Fire Engineers whose purpose is to promote, encourage and improve the science and practice of fire engineering, fire prevention and fire extinction.

Another contribution he makes is as the secretary/treasurer of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association. This association has a long history of support for the Friendship Firehouse Museum. Taking the reins after the passing of Marshall J.

Beverley, a former Alexandria mayor and the driving force of the association for many years, Kehoe has championed the cause of maintaining and promoting the history of firefighting. His vigilance ensures the highest possible quality of the exhibits at the museum. The Office of Historic Alexandria knows that it will receive a note from him when something is amiss in the firehouse.

Today, thanks to his quiet leadership, the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association assists in the preservation of the historic fire engine house on South Alfred Street in Alexandria. It supports the Alexandria Fire Department and provides scholarships and other benevolent and philanthropic services to the Alexandria community. The association promotes civic involvement, honors the legacy of its 18th-century founders — dedicated citizen firefighters — and values the contributions of our present-day first responders.

Kehoe also organizes events annually in

Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria's Living Legends. The project was conceived by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Club Managers Association of America, Dominion Foundation, Erkiletian Real Estate Development, John McEneaney in memory of Ginny, Renner & Company, CPA, P.C. and the Rotary Club of Alexandria.

This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a Legend for 2013, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com or contact Nina Tisara, AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com.

support of the association to promote the Friendship Firehouse. The breakfast held the morning of the George Washington Birthday Parade and the Friendship Firehouse Festival are organized by him and add much to the public awareness of the importance of the historic firehouse.

His initial bachelor's degree in industrial and vocational education from the University of Illinois now stands him in good stead as a volunteer house builder and repairer. Kehoe volunteers regularly with Rebuilding Together Alexandria, an organization that donates home repairs to in-need families of Alexandria. Typically, he coordinates the activities of two or three volunteer crews who work on individual projects. He began this aspect of his volunteer life at church where he and others volunteered their time to help others in the community. He went into the home finishing business when he and a team from Rebuilding Together Alexandria went down to New Orleans under Habitat for Humanity sponsorship after hurricane Katrina to repair the interior of two homes. These elements are only examples of what Kehoe does for Alexandria on an ongoing basis and for several decades. His contributions to the community are many. He has become recognized as a leader. He exemplifies what we mean when we say servant leader — one who quietly promotes those around him to be more effective and successful. This award of Living Legend status honors his skill in teaching volunteers to be maximally effective.

Family Legends on Fairfax Cable

Writer/artist/educator Sushmita Mazumdar, who leads Family Legends workshops, was interviewed last week by Deborah Wright for On the Go with AAUW. Appearing as a special guest was Alexis FuBao Colton who participated in one of the workshops at the Ramsay Recreation Center. On the Go with AAUW (American Association of University Women) is a public access cable TV show that focuses on top-

ics of interest to AAUW members — education, community, women's issues, and international affairs.

Mazumdar will lead three Family Legend workshops for Kaleidoscope for Kids on Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Durant Center for the Arts, 1605 Cameron Street in Alexandria. For a full schedule of activities see <http://kaleidoscopeforkids2012a.sched.org>. Family Legends is an activity of Living Legends of Alexandria.



Director Sydney Sachs pins a microphone on Alexis Fu Boa Colton. Sushmita Mazumdar is at left, Deborah Wright at right.

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Family Fun Day this Sunday.

BY SANDRA MARTINEZ
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Fundraiser

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vendors and healthy food choices for them to enjoy.

In addition to the timed 5K run, there is a 5K walk, a 1-mile kids' course, and 100-yd Tot Trot with fun activities included.

The first female and male winner of the 5K race will receive sports watches. There are awards for second and third place winners and the children will get ribbons.

The event is hosted by Alexandria marathoner Brooke Curran and the Rotary Club of Alexandria. All of the proceeds will benefit charities including global water projects, Girls on the Run, and services for at-risk youth and families in the area.

"This is a true partnership. I couldn't have done it alone. I needed them and they needed me. Together we are putting on a great event," said Curran.

Mayor William D. Euille of Alexandria will also be in attendance. The mayor is active in community affairs through the William D. Euille Foundation that he

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FALL FUN

5K Run

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founded in 1994, the Alexandria Boys and Girls Club and the American Heart Association.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 7 a.m.: Gates Open
- 7:30 a.m.: Event Begins
- 7:45 a.m.: 100-yard Tot Trot (5 and under)
- 8 a.m.: 5K timed Race
- 8:45 a.m.: 5K Walk
- 8:45 a.m.: 1-Mile Kids' Course (with activities)

"Yes, it's early— but hopefully it will allow families to begin their day on an active note and still have time to make their kids' sporting events and other family plans later in the day," Curran said.

Online registration ended Wednesday, Sept. 26, but onsite registration is available on race day. Physical education teachers and coaches in Alexandria schools are encouraged to run together as a school, a class or a sports team at a discounted rate of \$15. For more information contact Cele Garrett at cele@thegarretts.org or Brooke Curran at therunningbrookefund@gmail.com.

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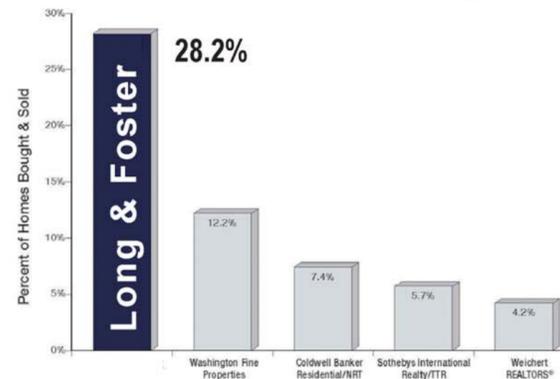
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Virtue Feed and Grain will host an Oktoberfest in Alexandria at 106 S. Union St, on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Visit www.virtuefeedandgrain.com.

Fort Belvoir Oktoberfest, hosted by MRW, will be held Thursday, Oct. 4 through Sunday Oct. 7. Tickets and festival hours vary by day. Visit www.belvoirmwr.com.

Snallygaster, a beer festival hosted by Rustico, will take place in D.C. at Yards Park, 3rd and Water streets, SE, on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and in-

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The traditional opening toast in Bavaria is reserved for the mayor of Munich once he taps the first keg at noon. Cries of "it is tapped!" will fill the beer tents as thousands await their first stein. Oktoberfest is the hallmark German festival celebrated in Bavaria during the final weeks of September. In 1994 the event was modified to coincide with Germany's Unity Day on Oct. 3, when East and West Germany reunited after decades of separation as a result of the Cold War.

clude 25 redeemable tickets good for brews and food. Visit www.snallygasterdc.com.

The **Northern Virginia Brewfest** will be held Saturday and Sunday Oct. 20-21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Special Events Center at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville. Visit <http://novabrewfest.com/fall/>.

— COMPILED BY MONTIE MARTIN



German sausages and sauerkraut are served up in the food tent at the annual Ft. Belvoir Oktoberfest in 2011.

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Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden, The "Old Comrades" German Band, performs at Fort Belvoir's 2011 Oktoberfest.

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E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Author Series. 7-8:30 p.m. Ricardo Lasso will speak about his book *Democracy on Trial: The Case for the Defense*, at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702.

Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. 9-11 p.m. Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. \$6.

SEPT. 27 THROUGH NOV. 11

Wax Works. The exhibition will feature six artists whose work begins at the definition of 'encaustic' and explores the application, functionality and versatility of wax as a medium. Opening Reception: Sunday, Sept. 30, 4-6 p.m. Free. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

Levi Lowrey to open for The BoDeans at the Birchmere. Visit www.levilowrey.com. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Green Spring Gardens. Basic Gardening: Grow Lush Ferns. 4603 Green Spring Rd. Code: 290 482 2301. 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$10. Join us at Green Spring Gardens to learn more about growing ferns from a Master Gardener and walk through the garden to see them. Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

Free Yoga Class. 9-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-noon, and 2-3 p.m. Introduction to the exercise and health benefits of Dahn Yoga which is located at 1630 King St. Call 703-684-7717.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

Green Spring Gardens. Invasive

Plant ID and Native Alternative. 4603 Green Spring Rd. Code: 290 489 3201. 9 a.m.-noon. \$35. In this workshop Kristen Sinclair and Brenda Skarphol, curatorial horticulturist, focus on invasive plant identification both in the classroom and the field and provide native alternatives to plant instead. Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

Community Health Fair. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Get screened, gather the most recent information on various health issues and learn how to take better care of yourself and your loved ones. Free mini lectures, panel discussions, ask-the-doctor sessions, information and counseling. At Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred St. Call 703-683-2222.

71st Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour & Marketplace 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tour some of the city's restored and decorated homes in the heart of Old Town. Marketplace will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St.

An Evening of 18th Century

Games and Diversions 8-10 p.m. Admission: \$50. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Call 703-549-2997. Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks and tours of the house.

Kaleidoscope for Kids 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A two-day event including theater, musical performances, dance, poetry, visual arts projects, kaleidoscope-making and book-making workshops. Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St.

Smithsonian Museum Day Live. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum will be offering free admission to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket, available to download at www.smithsonian.com/museumday. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org, alexandriaarchaeology.org, and apothecarymuseum.org.

Flea Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Children's items, including toys and books, in addition to baked goods and lunch.

All proceeds donated to local charities. Call 703-549-5500 or email office@trinityalexandria.org.

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Largest native plant sale in DC Metro Area hosts 11 vendors from four states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade in historic Parkfairfax. 3601 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Call 571-232-0375 or visit www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org.

Fall Concert. 8 p.m. Peter Trofimenko and The American Balalaika Symphony open the 2012-2013 Concert Season with Autumn Fantasies, featuring acclaimed Russian balalaika soloist Demitri Shvetsov, and fantasy themes by Russian composers still unknown to most American audiences. The U.S. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 Beauregard St. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$15 for seniors, students and groups. Cash

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Dance Center Hosts Family Event

Metropolitan Fine Arts Center of Alexandria is hosting their 13th annual family open house on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 1-4 p.m., featuring free dance and fitness classes for all ages, seminars and workshops, arts and crafts vendors, performances, a meet and greet with center staff, as well as refreshments.

The open house is an opportunity for families to learn more about the center's lessons and instructors. Classes include: ballet, Pointe, hip-hop, jazz, Irish dance, contemporary, combination classes of tap/ballet or jazz/tap; musical theater, acting, as well as piano and guitar lessons.

Founder and executive director, Melissa Dobbs, was classically trained at Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D.C., George Mason University and the Royal Academy of Dance in London, where she became a registered teacher. Metropolitan Fine



Arts Center offers high quality performing arts training in a ground breaking, holistic learning environment that cultivates creativity, builds community and empowers students.

Metropolitan Fine Arts Center is located at 6450 Landsdowne Centre. Visit www.metrofinearts.com or call 703-339-0444.

Alfred Street Baptist Church Health Fair Returns Saturday

Dr. Camille McGann, right, discusses breast cancer treatments with Renae Crutches and Ashley Parham at last year's Alfred Street Baptist Church Health Fair.



Edyth Barton administers a flu shot to Barbara Heron at the Alfred Street Baptist Church Health Fair in 2011. The 2012 Health Fair will take place Saturday, Sept. 29 at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred St. Call 703-683-2222. Free mini lectures, panel discussions, ask-the-doctor sessions, information and counseling.

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KALEIDOSCOPE For Kids

Kaleidoscope for Kids Arts Festival Premieres

Alexandria arts non-profit Access through the Arts introduces a new children's festival that is part of the fall Kaleidoscope arts celebration throughout the City called Kaleidoscope for Kids Arts Festival. The children's festival will take place the weekend of Sept. 29-30 at the Durant Center for the Arts, Alexandria's multicultural center for the performing and visual arts.

The inaugural event is geared specifically for children of all ages, and their families, complete with a line-up of nationally and critically acclaimed artists and performers and plenty of hands-on activities.

Acclaimed artists and performance groups participating in the festival include urban dance company Urban Artistry, Arlington-based Synetic Theatre, national Latino performing arts center the GALA Hispanic Theatre, and renowned children's songwriting program Kid Pan Alley. The festival will offer plenty to see, hear, and do for children and families from a kaleidoscope making workshop, an origami workshop, puppet parade, art car painting,

to a bookmaking workshop with Family Legends, strolling artist and Bolivian dancers. Visitors can get lunch or a snack from local area food trucks in the picnic area or walk to nearby King Street restaurants.

Kaleidoscope for Kids is part of the bigger fall arts celebration called Kaleidoscope. Kaleidoscope, now in its second season, is an initiative designed to focus interest on the thriving visual and performing arts in and around the City of Alexandria. A collaboration of the Alexandria Arts Forum and Access through the Arts, that focuses on visual and performing arts in Alexandria from Labor Day to Halloween. Visitors can enjoy theater, music and dance performances as well as art exhibitions throughout the city.

Tickets are \$30 for a day unlimited events pass; \$10 for single performance. Families can enter a sweepstakes to win tickets via the Festival's Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/KaleidoscopeVA/app_28134323652. A complete list of scheduled events is located at <http://www.artskaleidoscope.org>.

Details

Kaleidoscope for Kids Art Festival

Saturday, Sept. 29
Sunday, Sept. 30
The Durant Center for the Arts
1605 Cameron Street, upper King Street
Metro accessible at the King Street station
Times for activities and performances vary
Visit www.artskaleidoscope.org for tickets and information.

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and checks only at the door. Visit www.ABSorchestra.org or www.InstantSeats.com.

Farm to Table. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dine like a president at Mount Vernon's new event, featuring dinner with produce from Washington's Garden. Tickets are \$175, space is limited. Visit www.MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

The Second Annual Rock & Stroll. noon-4 p.m. Rock & Stroll is a community service and fundraising event that benefits area service providers who help homeless and at-risk neighbors. Participants get treated to Thank You picnic lunch, musical entertainment, games, and prizes. At Cameron Run Regional Park, Eisenhower Avenue. Visit www.rockandstroll.net.

Breast Weekend Ever. 7:30 p.m. Alexandria's own Fusebox will be followed by Bride Dressed in Black (9 p.m.) and The Crème (10:30 p.m.) at this fundraiser to fight breast cancer. Lucy's ARL is located at 2620 S. Shirlington Road. Visit lucysARL.com or call 703-521-3800.

Free Yoga Class. 11 a.m.-noon and 2-3 p.m. Introduction to the exercise and health benefits of Dahn Yoga which is located at 1630 King St. Call 703-684-7717.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY/SEPT. 29-30 Art Sale and Exhibit. The Kingstowne Area Artists will exhibit and sell its work on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and on Sept. 30 from 12-4 p.m. at the Snyder Center, 6450 South

Van Dorn St. Free and open to the public. Refreshments served. Visit www.kingstowne.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

Matinee Film. 2 p.m. Beatley Central Library Sunday Matinee Film Series featuring: Wag the Dog (R). The Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702. Free and open to the general public. Refreshments served.

Green Spring Gardens. Tea at Downton Abbey. 4603 Green Spring Rd. 1-3 p.m. \$27. "Downton Abbey" portrays the intertwined lives of Edwardian aristocrats and their servants during a period of changing world order. Hear about life upstairs and downstairs at Downton. Call 703-941-7987 to register.

Shovels & Rope to open for Asleep at the Wheel. 7:30 p.m. Tickets on sale now. The Music Hall. Visit www.shovelsandrope.com.

Olde Towne Dogge Walke. 9-11 a.m. "A Salute to Dogs in Service." Market Square. \$25 per registered walker. \$40 per non-registered walker. This event is both a fundraiser for a public charity committed to helping our Nation's veterans through canine therapy and service dogs and a celebration of well-trained dogs and their loving owners and handlers. Register at www.doggewalke.com.

Estate Sale. 9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. The Beth El Hebrew Congregation is holding an online estate sale of Judaica at <http://bethelhebrewcongregation.org>. You may also attend a sale in person at the

Beth El Hebrew Congregation at 3830 Seminary Rd. Individual pieces are being sold from \$35 up to \$1,750.

THROUGH SEPT. 30

'It Runs in the Family' art exhibit. Artists explore many ways art runs in families; presenting collections of their own and their family's artworks. Details at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Target Gallery Celebrates 25 Years. The gallery presents 25, an all-media exhibition featuring work that responds to world events that have occurred over the past 25 years. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target or www.torpedofactory.org/target.

MONDAY/OCT. 1

Los Lobos performing 'Kiko' live w/ Amy Helm at the Birchmere. \$49.50. Visit www.loslobos.org, www.amyhelm.com. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 2

Keiko Matsui at the Birchmere \$39.50. Visit www.keikomatsui.com. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

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Swingin' Lincolns. 9-11 p.m. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. \$10. Smooth, classic American songbook standards. Visit <http://dc.gottaswing.com>.

Free Concert. 7:30 p.m. National Chamber players, members of the National Symphony Orchestra with Kenneth Slowik. At Pendleton Hall, Ainslie Arts Center, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Rd. Call 703-933-4135 or email vdp@episcopalhighschool.org.

Free Art Discussion. "Literary Light from Cuba: The enduring creativity of Ediciones Vigia"

Jeanne Drewes, Chief of Binding and Collections at the Library of Congress, will discuss Ediciones Vigia, a collective of book artists in Matanzas, Cuba, which produces books of both high literary and artistic value. She will also share works from her current collection. Morrison House, 116 South Alfred St. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or call 703-838-8000.

OCT. 2 THROUGH NOV. 30

Art Exhibition. The Gallery at Convergence presents "pitture e parole" ("Paintings and Words"), a solo exhibition from artist, Lynne Elizabeth Heiser. A portion of all sales benefit Convergence programs including Artist's Way, Convergence Shared Artists Studios, and the Lab All Ages. Opening reception on Oct. 6 from 7-9 p.m. Email Lynne@in2itCreative.com or call 703-915-0917 to RSVP. Call 703-998-6260 or visit www.convergenceccf.net.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 3

DJ Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. 9-11 p.m. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. \$6. Visit nicksnightclub.com or call 703-751-8900.

Free Film Series. 6:45 p.m. Duncan Library in Del Ray will present Criss Cross, the fifth film in its free Noir at Duncan film series. Post-screening discussion begins at approximately 9 p.m. at St. Elmo's, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Seating is limited to 40 viewers. The Library is located at 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Call 703-746-1705.

OCT. 3 THROUGH NOV. 4

Pulse4Artists - "4 Ways Of Color" 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Gallery West, 1213 King St. The opening reception will be Saturday, Oct. 13 from 5-7 p.m. Call 703-549-6006 Visit www.Pulse4Artists.com.

OCT. 4 THROUGH NOV. 5

Free Art Exhibit. "Tierra y Memoria": Striking Paintings & Linocuts by Juan E. Hernandez G. Opening reception is Oct. 11, 6:30-8 p.m. 105 North Union St., Studio 21 (located in the Torpedo Factory Art Center). Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780. Gallery Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursdays open until 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

OCT. 5 THROUGH 28

Sweet n' Salty Art Exhibit. Artists were asked to "give in to their cravings" to create dynamic and interesting interpretations of this theme. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

OCT. 5 THROUGH NOV. 11

Sculpture Exhibition. "Discipline of Edge" will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. The opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6, from 4-6 p.m. with curator's talk at 5 p.m. The gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday and during performances.

Art at the Center Classes

Evening Drawing. Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Focus on improving drawing skills through fun activities that explore seeing and drawing from observation.

Art in the Afternoon. Wednesdays or Thursdays, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Fridays 4-5:15 p.m. This studio class is designed for artists age 4-6 and includes an introduction to paint, clay, collage and drawing.

After School Studio. Wednesdays or Thursdays, 4:15-5:45 p.m. This studio class is designed for artists ages 7-12 and includes instruction and studio work in paint, clay, collage and drawing.

Art at the Center is located at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.artatthecenter.org or call 703-201-1250.

SATURDAY/OCT. 6

"Mind your Health" 5K Run/Walk hosted by Mental Health America. Event starts on October 6 at 8 a.m. at Bluemont Park, 339 N. Manchester Street, in Arlington, Virginia. Registration is \$25 through August 31 and \$30 beginning September 1 through race day. Online registration is available through the Mental Health America website at www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/mindyourhealth5k. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For those wishing to be a sponsor, please contact Julie Burke at jburke@mentalhealthamerica.net to learn more.

17th Annual Art on the Avenue 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Celebrating the diversity of Del Ray, this annual street festival along Mount Vernon Avenue has 300 juried artists, three stages of music, children's art activities (scarecrows and pumpkin painting) and restaurants selling their specialties. At Mount Vernon Avenue between Bellefonte and Hume streets. Call 703-683-3100

Jewelry Workshop. 2-3 p.m. Beginners will learn about basic jewelry making at the Autumn Inspirations Jewelry Workshops (limited to 12 participants). Sponsored by the Friends of the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1702 to sign up.

Yard Sale. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Alexandria Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary will hold a yard sale at 1804 Mount Vernon Ave. Antiques, collectibles, books, paintings, electronics, clothes and toys. Rain or shine. Call Ann Mueller at 703-913-0191.

Historic Huntley Open House. 2-4 p.m. Visit Historic Huntley, a Federal-style villa built in 1825 for Thomson Francis Mason, a grandson of George Mason. After many years, the site has been restored and is now open to the public. Enjoy informal tours and light refreshments. Free Admission. Rain or shine. 6918 Harrison Ln.

Spooky Saturdays at the Athenaeum. 1-2 p.m. Featuring mask making. Free. Recommended for children 6-9. The Athenaeum is located at 201 Prince St. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

OCT. 6 THROUGH 28

Exhibition. *Homage: Past Influences.* Reception is Oct. 11, 6-8 p.m.; juror talk with Brooke Seidemann at 7 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SUNDAY/OCT. 7

Matinee Film. 2 p.m. Beatley Central Library Sunday Matinee Film Series featuring: Iron Jawed Angels (unrated documentary). The Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702. Free and open to the general public. Refreshments will be served.

Pet Blessing. 2 p.m. Messiah Lutheran Church invites people and their pets to the "Blessing of the Pets" with an ice cream social to follow. 6510 Ft. Hunt Rd.

MONDAY/OCT. 8

Tift Merritt (Band) at the Birchmere. \$25. Visit www.tiftmerritt.com. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 10

Author Series. 7-8:30p.m. The Beatley Central Library presents Sisters in Crime. Meet five new mystery writers at 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1702.

THURSDAY/OCT. 11

Art Night at the Torpedo Factory 6-9 p.m. Free. Browse open studios and galleries, interact with artists, and enjoy refreshments at this free event held on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Second Thursday Music: Danielle Westphal & Ken Giese. 7 p.m. \$10. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tickets are available online at nvfaa.org or at the door.

OCT. 12 & 13

Music Event. 7:30 p.m. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams will perform at The Birchmere, co-headlining with Loudon Wainwright III. Visit www.darwilliams.com. Tickets are \$45. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

17th Annual Alexandria Arts Safari 12-4 p.m. Free. The Torpedo Factory Art Center hosts the 17th annual Alexandria Arts Safari, a free day of hands-on arts and crafts activities for kids and their families. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565

Gadsby's Sutler Market & Lectures 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Ever wanted to experience shopping 18th century style? Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Call 703-746-4242.

River Fest. 4-7 p.m. Live Music. Boats. Fare. Refreshments. 2 Duke St. Old Town Alexandria Waterfront. \$55/ticket or \$100/couple. Visit www.alexandriaseaport.org or call 703-549-7078.

Music Event. 8-10 p.m. David W. Jacobsen will play at St Elmo's Coffee Pub. 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-739-9268. All Ages. Visit <http://davidwj.com>.

St. Louis Community Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Events include pony rides, giant moon bounces, tons of games, rock wall, arts & crafts, BINGO, food, beer tent, vendors, and an apple pie bake-off. All are welcome. Small fee for each activity. Call 703-799-4844. Held at St. Louis School, 2901 Popkins Ln.

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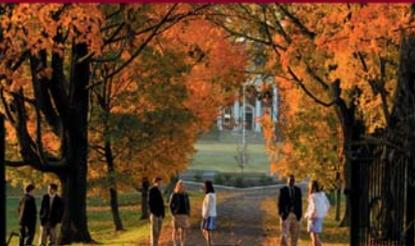
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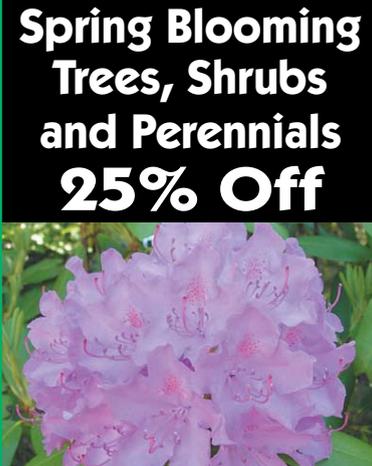
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Halloween on South Lee Street.

Things To Do

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when Alexandria was an occupied city with the "We've Been Burned: Alexandria Firefighters During the Civil War" tour. Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred St. Reservations required. www.friendshipfirehouse.net

❖ **Del Ray Turkey Trot 5-Miler** - A Thanksgiving Day tradition for 37 years, the Nov. 22 race will also feature a food drive for the Alive! food bank. Note the new starting time of 9 a.m. at George Washington Middle School. www.visitdelray.com/turkeytrot

❖ **Halloween on S. Lee Street** - Join the fastest growing place to be on Halloween night. Costumes are optional but residents are encouraged to just wander the streets and take in the best Halloween decorations in the region.

❖ **Get Lost in Space** - The T.C. Williams High School Planetarium is one of the best kept secrets in town and provides an opportunity to momentarily escape the city and enjoy a monthly program that educates and entertains the science geek in all of us. Monthly programs begin at 7:15 p.m. Registration is required and opens the first Monday of each month. 703-824-6805 ext. 6300.

❖ **Bless Your Pets** - All creatures great and small are welcome to be blessed at the 6th annual Blessing of the Animals at St. Andrew & St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Catholic Church in Del Ray. In addition to the blessing there will be free pet medals and treats for furry friends. Other activities will include pets for adoption and a petting zoo with farm and exotic animals. Oct. 6 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 402 E. Monroe Ave. 703-683-3343.



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Virginia Is for Lovers, and Apple-Lovers

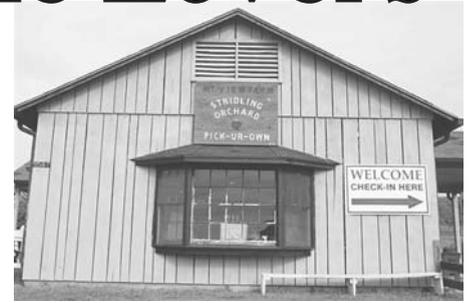
Apple season in full swing; Grab a basket and pick your own.

Whether you like your apples tart or sweet, there are plenty of apple-picking orchards and farms to pick from within an hour's drive of Northern Virginia. For many

families, apple-picking has become a fall tradition, providing a fun outdoor activity and healthy food. Grab a basket and pick your own. Many of the orchards and farms listed below also host special events, fall festivals, hayrides and other

activities. Before you head out, call ahead to make sure that your favorite apple (or pumpkin) is ripe and available for picking.

— VICTORIA ROSS



Stribling Orchard



Marker-Miller Orchards



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Baskets of apples at Rock Hill Orchard



Valley View Orchard



Virginia Farm Market



The Little Country Kitchen at Homestead Farm



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8 BUTLER'S ORCHARD

For 60 years, this family farm has become known for its apple picking as well as its popular fall festival. In addition to apple orchards, there's a market and bakery, featuring everything "apple," a country store, hay rides, slides and tons of pumpkins.
22200 Davis Mill Road, Germantown
301-972-3299
Butlersorchard.com

9 ROCK HILL ORCHARD

Rock Hill Orchard, located in the Agricultural Reserve in Northern Montgomery County, offers a variety of apples to pluck, from Red Delicious to Empire. There's also a fruit, flower and vegetable market packed with locally-grown produce. Rock Hill Orchard features free hayrides to the orchard on Saturdays and Sundays.
28600 Ridge Road, Mount Airy, 301-831-7427
Rockhillorchard.com

10 HOMESTEAD FARM

The Allnutt family has farmed in Montgomery County since 1763, when James Allnutt purchased 746 acres by the Potomac River. Homestead Farm consists of 230 acres of James' original purchase. Today, the Allnutt family continues the family farming tradition. Visitors can pick their own apples, or enjoy Homestead's homemade caramel apples. The Little Country Kitchen features apple pie, cider and fresh vegetable soup.
15600 Sugarland Road, Poolesville, 301-977-3761
Homestead-farm.net

11 LEWIS ORCHARDS

18901 Peach Tree Road, Dickerson, 301-349-4101
Lewisorchardfarmmarket.com

Virginia

1 MARKER-MILLER ORCHARDS

A family favorite, Marker-Miller Orchards has something for everyone in the family. Relax on the front porch in wooden rocking chairs, pack a picnic lunch and enjoy eating in the midst of the lush orchards, or go on an adventure to pick-your-own apples. Every weekend through October, the market is open where apple-lovers line up to get fresh apple cider donuts (a must-have). There's also hand-dipped apple ice cream and cider slushies. On the weekends, there are wagon rides, the cow train and a huge play area for children.

3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester
540-662-1980
Markermillorchards.com

2 CROOKED RUN ORCHARD

Crooked Run Orchard is a small family farm on the outskirts of Purcellville in Loudoun County. Many families go to this orchard for the simple pleasure of apple-picking. There are no mazes or wagon rides or kiddie trains. Owners Uta and Sam Brown grow the food; you pick it. There is no entrance or parking fee. There's only a charge for the food. Children also enjoy the orchard's "table of things." Yes, that's what children call it. There are several "table of things," that include bones, snake skins, nests,

dried bats or frogs, turtle shells and "anything else we find that's interesting during the year," Brown said.

37883 E Main Street, Purcellville, 540-338-7445
Crookedrunorchard.com

3 VIRGINIA FARM MARKET

Virginia Farm Market began in 1952 as small roadside stand selling homegrown fresh peaches. The market has grown to include a bakery, a gift shop featuring wood baskets and local preserves, and apples, apples and more apples. Taste the "jug-your-own" apple cider. Look for the big red barn located on Route 522 north of Winchester.

1881 N. Frederick Pike, Winchester, 540-665-8000
Virginiainfarmmarket.com

4 STIBLING ORCHARD

The Stribling farm and orchard has been in the Stribling family for almost 200 years. Beginning in September through November, the farm has fresh apples, cider and all sizes and shapes of pumpkins. In addition to apple-picking, visitors can enjoy beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Stribling Farm's historic buildings and many farm animals.

11587 Poverty Hollow Lane, Markham
540-364-3040
Striblingorchard.com

5 VALLEY VIEW ORCHARD

An historic property located in Virginia's "Hunt" country near Middleburg, the historic Valley View Farm is the home of Virginia Perfection Orchard, which boasts six different varieties of apples for picking. Worth seeing is the estate's manor house with a formal English Garden situated in the middle of 500 acres of meadowlands and mountains, and is now the site for weddings and other special events.
1562 Leeds Manor Road, Delaplane, 540-592-3730
Valleyviewfarmva.com

6 THE APPLE HOUSE

Although it's not an orchard, The Apple House has been a landmark for families and school groups since the 1960s. Located at the northern entrance to Skyline Drive, the family-owned business is known for homemade apple butter donuts, crisp apples and apple crisps.
4675 John Marshall Hwy, Linden, 540-636-6329
Theapplehouse.net

7 GREAT COUNTRY FARMS

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A Statue with 100 Names

The confederate statue in Alexandria recalls city's past, restoration planned to ensure its future.

By MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Battle of Antietam was fought on Sept. 17, 1862, and marked the single bloodiest day during the U.S. Civil War. Over the course of the battle, nearly 23,000 soldiers lost their lives. Among the units that fought for the Confederacy was the 17th Virginia Infantry regiment, which was comprised of young men from Alexandria.

The Battle of Antietam was not the unit's first military engagement, but it proved to be a significant military defeat as the Army of Northern Virginia was turned back from fighting on Union soil. In the aftermath of the battle, President Abraham Lincoln took the extraordinary step of issuing the Emancipation Proclamation.

Alexandrians can find a solemn reminder of their historic past at the intersection of South Washington and Prince streets in Old Town. A lone confederate soldier stands, head lowered, atop a list of 100 names. These are the young men who fought and died for their city, state and presumptive country during the U.S. Civil War.

The statue is unique to Confederate art, and its location is symbolic. As veterans returned home following the end of the war, they sought a memorial to commemorate their fallen comrades. Although remembrance markers dot cities and towns throughout the United States, as historian and director of the Fort Ward museum Susan Combey notes, the Confederate statue in Alexandria holds special sway among its peers.

"It is in many ways distinguished from other Confederate monuments in terms of its conception and craftsmanship. A number of different towns throughout the South wound up erecting different types of monuments and memorials for soldiers; most wind up with stiff looking soldiers, at attention, holding a weapon," said Combey. "The statue in Alexandria is called Appomattox, and he holds no weapon. He's standing in a pensive pose, contemplating



WASHINGTON STREET, SHOWING CONFEDERATE MONUMENT, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The confederate statue in Alexandria was commemorated on May 24, 1889, and was placed symbolically where Alexandria's young men marshaled before leaving the city in the face of overwhelming Union forces.

the cost of war. It's a really impressive piece of public statuary."

Appomattox is derived from a painting of the same title. When the Robert E. Lee Camp of the United Confederate Veterans held a design competition, John Adams Elder presented a clay model of the statue for consideration. The group unanimously approved Elder's design, and sculptor Caspar Buberl fixed the soldier in bronze.

The memorial was commemorated on May 24, 1889, and was set in a location of great symbolism for the Confederate veterans.

While the intersection of present day South Washington and Prince streets may seem like an impractical choice for the placement of a statue, it was at this spot where Alexandrians, on May 24, 1861, left their hometown and went to war.

"When the Union came in and took over Alexandria they asked the soldiers to surrender. The soldiers said no, but they knew they could not fight because they were facing overwhelming numbers, so the union

people gave them so much time and said you have to leave," said Sherry Browne, a descendent of one of Alexandria's Confederate veterans. "The statue is where the Alexandrian troops mustered to walk out



PHOTO CIRCA 1910. COURTESY OF GARY EYLER.

As a prominent feature at the intersection of Prince and South Washington streets in Old Town Alexandria, the confederate statue remains symbolic of the city's past.

on location.

When a truck crashed into the statue in the late 1980s, a Confederate time capsule was discovered. Although the artifacts inside did not withstand the test of time, what

remained immovable was the location. When the statue was taken down for repairs, political groups sounded off against its return. Virginia state law, however, protects the location.

"The veterans were very sharp, they knew the political climate would change, and so they helped pass a state law where the statue would remain forever at that spot," said Don Hakenson, a local Alexandria historian and author of "This Forgotten Land."

"It's very important to realize during the Civil War Alexandria voted over 80 percent to leave the Union. One hundred Alexandrians lost their lives, and their comrades placed the statue there so they would be remembered."

"Some people take offense, it's a Confederate statue, but it's historically important," said Gary Eyler, owner of the Old Colony Shop. "It's an unusual obstacle, but adds a charm to the city."

All Things History

There are many resources available for investigating Alexandria's past. The Lyceum museum hosts a special exhibition on life in occupied Alexandria, the Barrett Branch library and the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy all have special collections. Historic maps, photos and documents can be purchased at the Old Colony Shop on 222 South Washington Street.

of town together, the location is very symbolic."

The statue is slated to receive an intense restoration in the coming weeks thanks to private funds raised through the Mary Custis Lee - 17th Virginia Regiment Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Abrasions in the base of the statue will be smoothed out, and sections will be remortared. The bronze plaque and statue portions will undergo heating and waxing, with all preservation work to be completed

month of October, Reunions, a specialty shop of distinctive antiques, home furnishings, gifts and accessories, is donating 5 percent of its proceeds to ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically). In addition to contributing sales proceeds from its October sales, Reunions is also encouraging customers to donate canned goods at the shop for ALIVE!'s food pantry. So get a jump on your holiday shopping! Reunions blend of unique merchandise changes daily so there's always something new to see. Reunions is located in the Fairlington Centre Shopping Center between N. Quaker Lane and Kenwood Avenue. Visit them at www.reunionsva.com. To find out more about ALIVE! Visit www.alive-inc.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

Commission for the Arts - Arts Forum Committee noon. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Cheryl Anne Colton, cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov, or call 703-746-5565.

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Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday by noon. Photos welcome.

SEPT. 28-30

Food Drives. To conclude Hunger Action Month, Giant Food of Landover, Md. will host Giant Food Community Food Drives at all its neighborhood locations during store hours. Food banks across the region are in need of nonperishable food items including canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, 100 percent fruit juice, canned meats, cereal, peanut butter, and more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

2012 Women's Issues Conference. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran will host his 2012 Women's Issues Conference at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. The conference will also include health screenings, non-profit information fair,

and a series of seminars on topics including healthy living, work-life balance, issue advocacy and career networking. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Free of charge and open to all 8th District residents. Registration is still open at: <http://moran.house.gov/event/womens-conference-event>.

THROUGH SEPT. 30

ZIPS Dry Cleaners Renew Partnership with Will2Work Clothing Drive. The Will2Work Clothing Drive will provide disadvantaged adults trying to re-enter the workforce with access to donated suits and professional attire that can be worn on the job or to job interviews. Visit www.321zips.com.

THROUGH OCT. 31

Coat Drive. Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union begins its 8th Annual Warm Hearts Coat Drive to collect coats for distribution to local charities in Alexandria. Bring new or gently used

clean coats - all sizes and for all ages, child to adult - to the local branch.

OCT.1-31

Thanksgiving 'Fit for Food' Challenge is to walk/run/hop/ship/jump 150,000 steps during the month of October and to donate at least one food basket to the Shelter. Our goal is to donate 100 food baskets. Participants can increase their food donation opportunities by asking their friends and family to sponsor them in their fitness journey by donating food items for each fitness milestone they achieve (e.g. each day of 5,000 steps or more donate 5 food items, each 1,000 steps over 150,000 in the month donate an additional food item, etc.). Prizes will be awarded for the most steps for the month and a bonus award will be granted to the participant that donates the most food baskets, regardless of the number of steps achieved. \$15 participation fee. To sign up, e-mail contact@fitnessontherun.net by Sept. 21.

October is ALIVE! at Reunions. During the

New Judge May End Up Serving in Two Jurisdictions

FROM PAGE 5

“People are concerned that this is the camel’s nose under the tent,” said Del. Patrick Hope (D-47). “Why would you need two clerks and two courthouses if we are truly integrating?”

THE EFFORT to merge courts in Virginia goes back many years. Before the current discussions in Richmond, the last time it was seriously debated was during a reorganization of the court system in the 1970s. At the time, some were eager to merge smaller courts such as Arlington and Alexandria so that circuits would be

more similar in size. But the Byrd machine, which dominated Virginia politics for 50 years, opposed the move because much of the organization’s power flowed through the court system.

“The Byrd machine, or what was left of it at the time, was solidly against any kind of effort to merge the courts,” said retired Judge Daniel Fairfax O’Flaherty. “They liked things the way they were.”

The machine got its way, although the organization soon fell from power. In recent years, legislators in Richmond have been wondering if the caseloads in Arlington and Alexandria really war-

rant two separate courts. But a review of caseload data is difficult for a number of reasons. Legislators involved in the process say it’s more complicated than simply comparing the number of cases in each court. “That means that case where it’s two 20-year-olds who have got no money who have been married for a year and gets divorced gets the same credit as two

technology executives worth hundreds of millions of dollars with four kids who can’t freaking stand each other and want to kill each other,” said Albo.

That obviously wouldn’t work. So the Supreme Court created an evaluation system to determine a “weighted court average” to determine which courts are overworked and which ones can handle an in-

creased load. That study isn’t expected until next year, when the debate about merging Alexandria and Arlington’s court system is likely to erupt again. The contours of how it would work depend on the details of the study.

“What I hear is that they are very busy over there,” said Hope. “This realignment study will confirm that.”

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Sheriff’s Office have partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration in the 5th National Prescription Drug Take-Back initiative that seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. On Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the two Alexandria law enforcement agencies, with cooperation from the Substance Abuse Coalition of Alexandria, will be collecting expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs and other medications for destruction at two drop location sites: Police Headquarters, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, and the parking lot of the Del Ray Pharmacy, 2204 Mount Vernon Ave. The service is free and anonymous, no questions will be asked.



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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 11

Fannon, Bob Wood and Allison Silberberg correctly observed that decisions were made in a backroom, and electing the same crowd and expecting different results makes no sense.

The time has come for the city officials to stop treating the West End as a cash cow. The mayor and two current council members who survived the last election — Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg — have also enthusiastically supported the City's Beauregard Corridor Plan that will triple the density around Mark Center. They rushed to pass this unfinished plan over the objections of local residents without any explanation for the haste or appreciation of what it will cost to the taxpayers. Then again, the city might be considering returning the West End to Fairfax County, and by doing so, the complaints about the painting of Alexandria (which excludes the West End) that hangs in Council Chambers in City Hall would cease.

**Joe Fischer, Joseph Gerard,
Mac Olsen, and Frank Putzu**

On BRAC, Blame Rumsfeld

To the Editor:

In the page-one story of your Sept. 20 edition, you state that "Alexandria officials actively encouraged the Department of Defense to consider the Mark Center site" for its gigantic new office complex. Yet you provide no credible evidence to support this statement.

You quote part of a letter from Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks that you presumably believe supports your assertion. But this letter appears to be simply a staff assessment of the adequacy of the transportation infrastructure to support the new development.

In the current political campaign, some current and former City Council members are being accused of somehow facilitating DOD's move to the Mark Center or not doing enough to stop it. But without evidence, these charges appear to be baseless.

It appears that at the time, City Council members strongly supported an alternative site for the development, the Victory Center, and were given assurances that this site would be chosen.

But they could not have anticipated that the owner of the Mark Center, seeing the opportunity for a big financial windfall, would offer a deal that was much cheaper than that offered by the owners of the Victory Center. Not surprisingly, the Defense Department took it, setting off a major controversy in the city.

The mayor, City Council, and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran strongly opposed the decision, and have worked very hard, especially Moran, to mitigate possible problems. As a result, the traffic nightmare that was widely anticipated has not occurred.

It is important to understand that the owner of the Mark Center had the legal right to build as much development for a private sector office tenant as the DOD has built at the site. But the City Council also had the power to reject this level of development if

it determined that the transportation infrastructure was inadequate. But the federal government can override city regulations and build whatever it wants, as it did in this case.

If anyone is to blame for a decision that placed 6,000 employees at a complex in a heavily congested area without easy access to public transportation, it is the Republican administration of George W. Bush. This is the same Republican administration that bequeathed \$1 trillion-plus budget deficits and an economy in free fall to President Obama. In their zeal to protect military and defense employees after 9/11, the Republicans, led by former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, decided to move employees from what they believed to be inadequately secure locations. In doing so, they created yet another mess as well as, ironically, a new, big fat target.

Bill Hendrickson
Alexandria

Get Tough On Texting

To the Editor:

When it comes to rankings, Alexandria has accumulated some impressive laurels in recent years: one of the nation's "100 Best Communities for Young People," Money magazine's "Best Places to Live," one of the Top Ten "Heart Friendly Cities," and even the Top Ten "Cities for Single Women," among other lofty distinctions. However, no place is perfect, and Forbes magazine took a constructive swipe at our fair city last month in its annual list of Cities with the Worst Drivers, compiled by Allstate. The list, consisting of the auto insurance claim frequency of America's 200 largest cities, ranked Alexandria 7th with our neighbor Arlington following close behind in 12th place nationally (the District, as if I had to mention it, topped the list).

My hope is that this embarrassing distinction can help finally prompt the Virginia General Assembly to apply some teeth to its ban on cell-phone use while driving. The current law is a "secondary" law, meaning that a driver cannot be stopped and punished for this infraction alone. He or she must be stopped for committing another infraction such as running a red light. This makes the law difficult to enforce. Additionally, this infraction is only considered a minor traffic violation with a fine of \$20 for a first offense.

In July of 2011, New York signed into law a ban on texting-while-driving that made the offense a "primary" infraction, meaning law enforcement officers could now stop drivers for that offense alone. They also increased the penalty from two to three traffic points, which go towards the suspension of a license. In the first year since the law was signed, four times as many tickets have been issued than the previous year. It is too soon to tell whether this will have any significant deterrent effect on motorists in New York, but it is certainly a move in the right direction.

Research continues to prove that distracted drivers can be nearly as dangerous as drunk drivers can. A 2008 Carnegie

Celebrating Active Aging Week

BY CAROL DOWNS
CHAIR,
AT HOME IN ALEXANDRIA

presentation that is open to the public, please visit www.athomeinalexandria.org.

As we celebrate Active Aging Week, it's important to remember that you're never too old to start exercising. Exercise and an active lifestyle are the true keys to healthy aging.

AHA! Hosts Presentation On Walking for Seniors

Join At Home in Alexandria (AHA!) for a special presentation by orthopedic surgeon Dr. Dan Kulund, who will discuss and demonstrate robust walking for seniors — the keystone of the new field of preventive orthopedics.

Kulund's presentation, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Friday, Sept. 28, from 2-3 p.m. at the large meeting room, Charles Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria.

Robust walking is a low-intensity version of the exercises practiced by President Theodore Roosevelt on the White House grounds in the early 1900s. A robust walker inserts exercises into a walk using environmental objects, such as benches, walls, poles, and trees as props. Neighborhoods that at first appear inhospitable to exercise are soon seen as exercise-friendly. Kulund also will lead a "train the trainer" program on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 9-11 a.m. at Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Ave. and Commonwealth Ave. AHA! invites anyone interested in becoming a trainer and teaching others simple exercises through robust walking to maintain strength and balance, to attend. The training is free and open to the public. For more information, call Carol Downs at 703-519-0098.



Robust walking inserts exercises, such as these arm movements, into a walking routine.

A healthy, active lifestyle is important for everyone — but perhaps more so for seniors. Numerous studies have documented the benefits of physical activity in reducing risk factors for diseases, improving physical abilities, and substantially enhancing the quality of life for older people. Regular exercise can boost energy and help seniors maintain their independence, and it's good for the mind,

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mood and memory, too. In addition to physical activity, social activities and volunteer work that keep seniors engaged in the community have been shown to have significant benefits.

In Alexandria, we are fortunate to have a wide range of fitness and social opportunities for older Alexandrians. Just look around. You'll see older residents walking and bicycling; participating in programs through the city's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; serving on city boards and commissions; and volunteering at the hospital, in faith-based organizations and at local food pantries — to name only a few of the ways seniors are active and engaged in our community.

At Home in Alexandria (AHA!), the newest entry in the "village" aging-in-community movement, is committed to providing older Alexandrians with the support they need to remain independent in their homes for as long as possible. Maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle is a key factor in enabling our members to remain independent, and that's why we organize regular walking outings, social gatherings and exercise programs.

This week, Sept. 23-29, we celebrate Active Aging Week — established by the International Council on Active Aging to support people in living as actively and fully as possible. This year's theme, "Expand your experience," recognizes that engaging in new and rewarding experiences contributes to mental and physical health. For many Alexandrians, robust walking might be one such new and rewarding experience. To help celebrate Active Aging Week, AHA! is hosting a Sept. 28 "robust walking" presentation by orthopedic surgeon Dr. Dan Kulund. For more information on this free pre-

Mellon study concluded that driving while operating a mobile device reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37 percent. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2010, 3,092 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver. Yet Virginia lawmakers have not found the political will to help remedy this deceptively dangerous social hazard. After yet another distracted driving bill was shot down in the General Assembly in 2011, Gov. Bob McDonnell issued a feeble statement claiming, "Wireless carriers continue to educate

their customers and work with law enforcement officials to ensure the public is aware of the potential dangers of improper use of wireless devices while driving." Yes Governor, education is part of the answer to reducing dangerous activity. The other part is swift and strict punishment to deter the self-absorbed among us from needlessly harming the innocent. We just need lawmakers to do their part to help move Alexandria and Arlington towards the opposite end of that list.

Joe Myers
Alexandria

OPINION

Community Collaboration To End Domestic Violence

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO, FACHE
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Domestic violence is a widespread public health problem in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 25 percent of women experience domestic violence at some point in their lives, and it is the leading cause of injury and homicide each year. While women are most commonly victimized, men are also abused.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused or denied. It's important for healthcare providers and others in the community to work together to increase awareness and offer avenues of assistance to those



affected.

For more than a decade, Inova Alexandria Hospital has partnered with the Alexandria City Department of Community and Human Services (formerly the Alexandria Office on

Women) to strengthen prevention and intervention efforts. Our hospital-based Domestic Violence Advisory Committee is comprised of nurses, social workers, patient relations representatives, and members of the Alexandria Police, Sheriff and Health departments.

It supports and educates patients and staff, and collaborates with community

agencies as needed, including Social Services, Northern Virginia Legal Aid, Victim Witness Assistance, Child Protective Services and others.

On Oct. 18, the committee will host the 10th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Day as part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The popular event provides education and resources to hospital staff, physicians, volunteers and community members. This year, Sergeant Brett Parson of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department will share his expert knowledge on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community and domestic violence.

The more we work together as a community, the greater our opportunity to prevent

— and one day end — this dangerous epidemic. Information and awareness are powerful tools. Educate yourself about warning signs and symptoms. If you suspect that someone is being abused, speak up. Offer to call 911 for them, get them to a safe place or help them find resources. Don't be afraid to reach out and become involved. It could save a life.

Inova Alexandria Hospital Cares about Domestic Violence Awareness Day will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18, in the hospital atrium, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community members are welcome.

If you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence, call 911, the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233), or the Alexandria City Domestic Violence Hotline: 703-746-4911.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get Expenses Back to 2007

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter to Councilman Paul Smedberg.

In regards to your recent comment (Alexandria Gazette Packet, "On the Campaign Trail," Sept. 20) in response to my complaint about the city's wasteful addiction to spending, you were defending the city's record by saying you and your fellow Democrats have been "responsible" and "have tried to maintain a low budget rate given the challenges we have."

In the nine way-too-long years you've been a council member, your spending has been out of control. You sir, and your fellow Democrats, have created those "challenges" taking on over \$100M in new debt on top of the \$100M in increased spending. During the worse recession since the great depression, many of my fellow homeowners had to cut back their own spending to make ends meet, while the city has increased their tax bills. For example, you and your fellow council members produced the BRAC mess by signing off on a letter that said in reference to the Mark Center site that "the impact to the regional roadway network is manageable" and "that no additional transportation studies are warranted." You all concluded a "finding of no significant impact in regard to the Mark Center." In addition, you all said any improvements needed would be paid for by Duke Realty. Really? Even after west end civic groups express strong concerns about the Mark Center site that fell on obviously deaf ears?

Then why now are you asking the taxpayers of Alexandria to foot the bill for tens of millions of dollars worth of additional improvements, tearing down the beautiful tree-lined median of Beauregard to make room for "bus only" lanes?

After all of that, you now want us to trust you and your fellow Democrats again to make important decisions about the Old Town Waterfront Project despite major concerns of homeowners throughout Alexandria? I ask that you please stop creating new

"challenges" and help me in my quest to restore fiscal sanity to the city and reduce spending back to 2007 levels so that homeowners can have \$,1400 back in their pockets each year.

Robert Kraus

Candidate for City Council

BRAC Lack Of Impact

To the Editor:

Last week, Michael Lee Pope wrote an interesting article on "The BRAC Five", a small group of local politicians who apparently initially supported the construction of the controversial BRAC-133 facility at Mark Center. In his article, Pope focused on the possibility that the BRAC situation could be used against those incumbents come November.

While bringing out the BRAC controversy may elicit cheers from debate audiences, its true effectiveness on the political battlefield has yet to be seen in our area. In 2010, Republican Congressional candidate Patrick Murray tried to pin the issues of BRAC on Congressman Jim Moran. Yet Murray still lost his bid for the Eighth Congressional District with the average two-thirds voter majority going to Moran. In 2011, Libby Garvey tried to use the BRAC issue to win the 30th District Democratic Primary; she placed third of the three candidates.

While it remains to be seen if the BRAC issue will affect the local elections, past evidence indicates that its political impact will be far lower than its traffic impact. Do not be surprised if other local issues as well as the general ideological climate of Northern Virginia hold a greater sway in the results.

Michael Gryboski

Not Voting Has Own Message

To the Editor:

Harry M. Covert ("Why Not Compulsory Voting?", Sept. 19) argues, "Just as licenses

are required to drive on public and private roadways residents should be required to vote or face a fine." Covert's argument, such as it is, is flawed on several grounds. First, analogizing voting to driver's licenses is faulty because the two share no similarities; the former is a right, the second a privilege. Second, compulsory voting is inherently undemocratic. And finally, compulsory voting implicitly ignores the reality that non-voting is a legitimate form of political expression, especially when there are no clear differences between the candidates.

Craig Taylor
Alexandria

Encourage Green Growth

To the Editor:

The city has adopted a plan to reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming by 20 percent by the year 2020, as compared to 2005 levels. At that time, 25 percent of the energy is supposed to be generated by renewable sources like solar or geothermal. The targets for 2050 are much higher: an 80 percent drop in greenhouse gas emissions (like carbon dioxide from coal fired electricity) and an equivalent increase in the amount of our energy derived from cleaner renewable sources.

This is a laudable albeit a difficult challenge, and will require us to ratchet up our standards and expectations of commercial projects. Take the Sheet Metal building along the waterfront near Oronoco Bay Park that is being converted into high priced condos. I believe that this building had working solar panels on its roof at one time and there is no reason that I know of that we cannot make certain that such projects include renewable energy as part of their energy use plan. Geothermal heat pumps perhaps too.

Perhaps we need to revise the city's zoning ordinance too, so we have more teeth to "encourage" such steps in cases of "by right" renovation — in concert with our green building efforts, and preservation of affordable housing too. We should become

a green city for reasons of economics and for reasons of global concern. Targets are great but public policy requires great planning and reasonable regulation that has an economic, social and environmental value too.

Andrew Macdonald

Independent candidate for mayor

BRAC Questions Still Unanswered

To the Editor:

Thank you for Michael Lee Pope's excellent article, "The BRAC Five" in the Sept. 20 issue. I'm delighted to see the BRAC 133 disaster brought back to life after vanishing from the public eye many months ago. I figured Mayor Euille and his council cronies had pulled the wool over our eyes once again.

As an Alexandria resident since 1978, I can't recall a more incompetent, inept and "curious" handling of a high profile development project as important to our community and critical to our national security as BRAC133. Check out this series of goofs.

❖ Our paid elected officials, — including the Mayor, current Council members, Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg, and former Council members, Tim Louvin and Justin Wilson, all running for re-election or election revival again — claim ignorance at how the Department of Defense selected the Mark Center as the site for the Washington Headquarters Services and its additional 6,400 employees, even though the DOD request for proposal specifically required the site to be built within one mile of a Virginia Metro station and have the capability for handling the increased traffic. Mark Center is four miles away from the Metro station and lacks the necessary road infrastructure.

❖ We, the Alexandria community, lost \$6 million in annual tax revenue when DOD bought the Mark Center property. As a Federal government department, DOD does not pay property tax. Nor does its construction

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adhere to local city restrictions. So DOD built a huge, vulnerable 1.4 million-square-foot building complex alongside I-395.

❖ We, the citizens of Alexandria and Virginia, are now stuck with an estimated \$100 million bill to build the infrastructure (widening Seminary Road, new access ramps, security for a building vulnerable to a terrorist attack) for BRAC 133, while the developer, Duke Realty, gets off free and clear of any infrastructure obligations.

❖ We learned that Mark Jinks, our deputy city manager, assured DOD officials in an August 2008 letter that a new transportation study — (paid for by Duke Realty, the new owner of Mark Center property and developer) — determined that the developer's Seminary Road improvements would be sufficient to handle the increased traffic and "no additional transportation studies are warranted." Even though previous independent studies found that this was not true. Folks, are you beginning to smell something fishy here?

❖ Thanks to Pope's informative article, we learn the city planning staff assured the mayor and his council cronies, in the words of the naïve Councilwoman Pepper: "it's in the bag and we shouldn't worry. That was the advice we got. No member of council was doing the negotiating, incidentally." So our trusting leaders did nothing. Then they were shocked to discover Alexandria lost \$6 million in yearly tax revenue forever.

So I would like to make the following suggestions for your consideration.

First, if you like incompetence, vote for the same characters who gave us BRAC 133.

Second, it's time the city planning staff

leadership is held accountable for its recommendations and its secretive way of doing business. Not just BRAC 133 but also the Waterfront Plan.

Third, stay with this story, Alexandria Gazette. It has all the elements of a blockbuster Pulitzer Prize nomination if you can decode these clues. For example:

❖ Why did DOD seal and deep six all records/memos about this project?

❖ Why did DOD ignore its own RFP guidelines about proximity to a Metro station?

❖ Who is Duke Realty, and how did they pull off this coup?

❖ How come they are free of any infrastructure obligations?

❖ How could Jinks justify writing a letter to DOD, using information from a Duke Realty-funded study that clearly contradicted the findings of 21 previous independent studies?

❖ And why did he say "no additional transportation studies are warranted"?

❖ Why were Mayor Euille and his council cronies so passive?

❖ Didn't they know millions of dollars in city tax revenue was at stake?

❖ What's going on with the city planning staff? Are they in the hip pocket of developers?

Be assured, more clues will appear as you follow the money. Or even better, discover another "Deep Throat."

Thanks again for your coverage. I look forward to the next chapter of BRAC 133, the unsolved mystery of "Battleship Galactica" on I-395 and Seminary.

Martin Walsh
Alexandria

A Walk Down Memory Lane

BY KATHARINE DIXON
REBUILDING ALEXANDRIA TOGETHER



Eighty-two year old Maeda* remembers moving as a child to Alexandria from Halifax, N.C. with her parents and five siblings. Their home on Cameron Street did not have electricity — everything was coal or kerosene powered. Coal trains used to run near her home on the way to Fannon's and often times the train workers would throw some coal off during winter months, keeping her family warm. Maeda also remembers the penny candy stores on Henry Street, the Majestic Restaurant on King Street, and eventually a service station and Dr. Pepper office. And Mutual Ice on Henry Street used to keep full her family's 50-pound icebox with weekly deliveries.

As a child during segregation, Maeda attended Lyles-Crouch, site of a former silk factory at Wilkes and South Pitt Streets. "Blacks went there until 8th grade, then on to Parker-Gray High School through 10th," she recalls. "White students were bused to school while we had to walk or pay five cents to catch a bus on Washington Street." After 10th grade, Maeda and her friends had to attend school in D.C. in order to complete high school. Maeda never went back to school after the 10th grade.

After finishing school, Maeda married and moved with her husband to the

Bland Housing Project, recently converted to Old Town Commons. It was here where they began to build their family, eventually having 11 children, six of whom are still living.

In between children and house moves, Maeda worked at Trans Circuit Electronics in Bailey's Crossroads and later as a seamstress at a design shop in Springfield (she still loves to sew pillows and curtains for her Lynhaven area home).

Helping maintain her home for future pillows and curtains since her husband's death is volunteer-based Rebuilding Together Alexandria, providing services free of charge that keep Maeda warm and safe in her home.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria is an award winning, non-profit organization dedicated to repairing and revitalizing homes at no charge for homeowners in need, including elderly, disabled, military veterans and families. To date, in-kind donations of labor and materials have resulted in \$6 million worth of value on more than 1,547 properties. If you would like to apply, volunteer or donate, visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org or call 703-836-1021.

* It is Rebuilding Together Alexandria's policy to not disclose full names

Home Winterizing Tips and Energy Audits

Rebuilding Together Alexandria expanded its list of easy, energy-saving upgrades and is encouraging residents to use these to help struggling neighbors prepare for the winter.

1. Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills. According to Energy Star, the average household spends more than \$2,200 a year on energy bills. By using a programmable thermostat, homeowners can save about \$180 annually.

2. Insulate attic hatches. Attics — including attic doors — are a great place to add more insulation to make a home more comfortable and efficient.

3. Air dry dishes. Instead of using the dishwasher's drying cycle consider air drying them to save energy and money—up to 50 percent.

4. Set water heater to 120 degrees. According to the Department of Energy, every 10 degree reduction in water temperature will save between 3–5 percent in energy costs.

5. Replace regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps. Energy saving light bulbs cost as little as \$6 and last 12 times longer, saving up to \$50 on electric bills over the life of the bulb.

6. Install 'foam gaskets' for electrical outlets. With very little time and money, foam pieces can be inserted under the faceplates of outlets and switches on external walls, saving significant energy and money.

7. Cover AC and Hot Water Tanks. Covering window or wall-mounted air conditioning units with a "jacket" during the winter months will keep a home warmer and save money. Also, putting a three inch insulating jacket on a hot water tank will save about \$40

a year.

8. Caulk around doors and windows. Caulking — along with weather-stripping — will cut energy use, saving nearly \$200 a year.

9. Use power strips. Plug multiple home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips. Then turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use to fuel savings.

10. Install low-flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets. According to Energy.gov, using low-flow fixtures can achieve water savings of up to 60 percent.

On Oct. 20, RTA will be performing these upgrades and others as part of its Energize Alexandria event. With support from Lowes and Sears, RTA volunteers will weatherize and provide free energy-efficient upgrades to homes of low-income veterans, disabled, and elderly residents. These efforts will help 20-25 vulnerable families and individuals maintain and afford to stay in their homes.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria will also conduct energy audits of homes of low-income Alexandria homeowners in late September and early October. These audits will be used to help assess winterizing needs for these homeowners — often elderly, disabled, or veterans. Energy audits provide suggestions to help homeowners save money and remain healthy in their homes.



Charitable Effort

Nine Bishop Ireton High School students traveled to Catholic Charities' Christ House in Alexandria on Sept. 11. They were accompanied by Director of Admissions Peter Hamer and Dean of Faculty Don Dight. Christ House received its first Fall Harvest drop off at 10 a.m., and the students came to help with the food. They were there about 90 minutes and they unloaded the food, checked the expiration labels, weighed, and sorted it on shelves.

Ireton Girls' Soccer Loses to Undefeated Holy Cross

Coach Leon looking for more intensity from talented Cardinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Bishop Ireton girls' soccer coach Gino Leon describes the loss like it happened yesterday. He remembers the Cardinals keeping the ball in their offensive half of the field for the entire second half, yet coming up empty. He talks about the four chances from the 6-yard box that didn't get put in the net. And he remembers coaches talking to him for hours after Ireton's 1-0 loss to St. John's in the 2011 Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship game, wondering how the Cardinals fell short.

"I have a sour taste in my mouth since and I'm trying to show that to the girls, to say, hey, you should be upset about what happened," Leon said. "You knew were the better team, you should have won it. It was a perfect opportunity."

So far, Leon hasn't seen the intensity he desires from the Cardinals. He said this year's Ireton team is more talented than the last year's WCAC runner-up squad, but it hasn't played to its potential. On Sept. 25, Ireton hosted undefeated Holy Cross and allowed a goal in the first four minutes. The Tartans added two more goals in the first half and cruised to a



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Senior defender Emily Gupton and the Bishop Ireton girls' soccer team lost to undefeated Holy Cross on Sept. 25.

3-0 victory.

The loss dropped Ireton's record to 4-2-1, but Leon said the Cardinals have the tal-

fire is just not there. That intensity, the desire to do well [is absent]. It's quite a puzzling thing. ... I think we're a better team

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— Bishop Ireton girls' soccer coach Gino Leon

ent to be undefeated.

"We didn't show up," he said. "We're an extremely talented group, but somehow the

than [Holy Cross]. I mean, hats off, they did a good job hustling and winning balls. They were beating us to the ball, we weren't

communicating [and] when we got to the final third, we were rushing things."

As of Tuesday morning, Ireton was ranked No. 7 in the Washington Post's top 10. Holy Cross was No. 10. Ireton opened the season with wins against Potomac School (3-1), Bethesda-Chevy Chase (2-1) and St. Stephen's & St. Agnes (7-2). After playing to 1-1 draw against National Cathedral, Ireton put forth what Leon called the team's best performance of the year against Paul VI, beating the Panthers, 2-0, on Sept. 19 in Fairfax.

However, the Cardinals returned home the next day and lost to Georgetown Visitation, 3-1.

"Against PVI, we played our best game," Leon said. "First half was good but the second half was amazingly good. But, yet, the next day we came over here against Visitation and stunk up the house. It's really, really puzzling."

It hasn't been all bad for Ireton. Leon said some of his younger players have played well, including sophomore midfielders Grace Hamilton, Corinna Vasquez and Karen Gusmer, and freshman forward Lillian Weber.

Junior midfielder Adrienne Maday leads the team with five goals and forward Karina Azar has four.

Leon said senior defender Emily Gupton has the "heart of a lion" and junior defender Natalia Barrow, who missed Tuesday's game against Holy Cross with a concussion, is the team's best player.

Ireton will host St. John's at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 in a rematch of last year's WCAC championship game.

SPORTS BRIEFS



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Titans Surrender 60 Points in Loss To South County

After thumping Wakefield, 73-0, in its season opener, the T.C. Williams football team allowed a combined 95 points in losses to Westfield (55-28) and Robinson (40-21).

The Titans opened Patriot District play on Sept. 22 with a chance for a fresh start against South County. But it was more of the same for T.C. Williams, which allowed the Stallions to set a single-game school record for points during a 60-28 South County victory at Parker-

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T.C. Williams receiver Julius Cooper leaps to catch a pass against South County on Sept. 22.



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The T.C. Williams volleyball team won the Alexandria City Volleyball Tournament on Sept. 14. From left are: (front row) Sydney Trout, Emerald Taylor, Kate Whitmire, Caroline Chamberlain, (back row) Audrey Dervarics, Savannah Devereux, Kelly Dervarics, Emma Goldberg, McKayla Robinson, Trish Brown, Iye Massaquoi and assistant coach Melanie Bradshaw. The Titans are 8-1 and will host West Springfield on Oct. 2.

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4 WOLFE ST #21	4	3	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,850,000	Townhouse			22314	HARBORSIDE
12 WOLFE ST #52	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,200,000	Townhouse			22314	HARBORSIDE
4042 SEMINARY RD	5	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,450,000	Detached	0.48		22304	CHELSEA
466 UNION ST S #11	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,413,500	Townhouse			22314	HARBORSIDE
718 UNION ST S	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,359,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	FORDS LANDING
555 WASHINGTON ST S #100	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,225,000	Townhouse			22314	GENERAL WASHINGTON CLUB
2711 CENTRAL AVE	5	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,173,500	Detached	0.20		22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
209 FAIRFAX ST N	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Semi-Detached	0.10		22314	ALEXANDRIA
621 POMMANDER WALK ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,015,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	POMMANDER
124 QUEEN ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,007,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314	QUEENS ROW
824 SNOWDEN HALLOWELL WAY	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$916,920	Townhouse	0.02		22314	OLD TOWN COMMONS
506 CROWN VIEW DR	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$907,500	Detached	0.22		22314	CLOVER
11 MASONIC VIEW AVE W	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$900,000	Detached	0.10		22301	ROSEMONT
215 WOLFE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$896,000	Semi-Detached	0.05		22314	OLD TOWN
501 PENDLETON ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$893,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	PORTNERS LANDING
309 LATHAM ST N	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$885,900	Detached	0.22		22304	LATHAM PARK
315 N LATHAM ST	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$875,900	Detached	0.21		22304	LATHAM PARK
606 RAMSEY ST	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$875,000	Detached	0.09		22301	ROSEMONT/ DEL RAY
902 SLATERS LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$865,000	Townhouse			22314	TOWN COURT
508 VIRGINIA AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Detached	0.19		22302	JEFFERSON PARK
3500 SAYLOR PL	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Detached	0.46		22304	STERLING
103 PRINCE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Townhouse	0.00		22314	OLD TOWN
1200 ROUNDHOUSE LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
415 EUILLE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314	CHATHAM SQUARE
5234 BESSLEY PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$798,000	Townhouse	0.04		22304	CAMERON STATION
5255 POCOSIN LN	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Townhouse	0.05		22304	CAMERON STATION
537 SAINT ASAPH ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314	TANNERY YARD
306 FAYETTE ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
306 BEVERLEY DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$769,000	Detached	0.40		22305	ECHOWOOD
713 LEE ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$765,000	Semi-Detached	0.04		22314	OLD TOWN
9 WINDSOR AVE W	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.13		22301	DEL RAY
745 FAYETTE ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314	BRADDOCK LOFTS
806 MOUNT VERNON AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Detached	0.05		22301	ROSEMONT PARK
5241 BRAUNER PL	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$707,000	Townhouse	0.04		22304	CAMERON STATION
1409 RUSSELL RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Detached	0.13		22301	RUSSELL ROAD
318 COMMERCE ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Detached	0.05		22314	OLD TOWN
3109 RUSSELL RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Detached	0.23		22305	MOUNT IDA
2717 SYCAMORE ST	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Detached	0.09		22305	GROVES
717 LEE ST S	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Townhouse	0.04		22314	OLD TOWN
917 OVERLOOK DR N	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$662,500	Detached	0.17		22305	BEVERLEY FOREST
401 NELSON AVE E	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,935	Townhouse	0.04		22301	POTOMAC MEWS
625 PULMAN PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.18		22305	BEVERLEY FOREST
1212 PRINCE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.04		22314	OLD TOWN
5263 POCOSIN LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.04		22304	CAMERON STATION
2621 GADSBY PL	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$645,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04		22311	STONEGATE
314 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$636,750	Semi-Detached	0.03		22304	CAMERON STATION
403 CUSTIS AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$633,000	Detached	0.13		22301	DEL RAY
4611 LAMBERT PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.05		22311	STONEGATE
525 FAYETTE ST N #312	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			22314	THE HENRY

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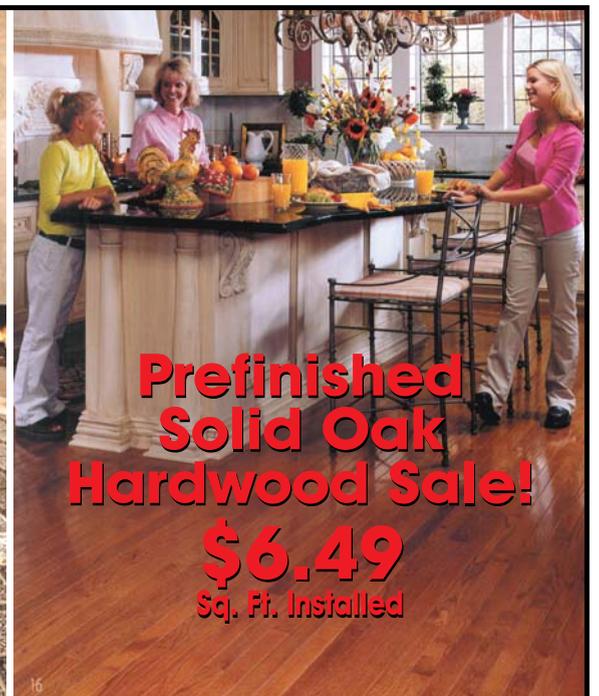
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-Dean Acheson

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Gray Stadium.

The 60 points were the most TC has allowed since giving up 62 against West Potomac in the 2006 regular season finale.

TC trailed South County, 28-14, with 11 seconds remaining in the first half when the Titans called timeout facing fourth-and-four on their own 38-yard line. TC threw a swing pass in the left flat that was intercepted by South County linebacker and Vanderbilt commit Oren Burks, who returned it 30 yards for a touchdown, giving the Stallions a three-score cushion at halftime.

TC pulled within 10 when Malik Carney's 43-yard touchdown run cut South County's lead to 38-28 with 4:55 remaining in the third, but the Stallions scored the game's final 22 points.

Defensively, Carney, a linebacker, led the Titans with 18 tackles, including 12 of the solo variety. Ed Kargbo had 14 tackles, Lamont Whiteside and Dorian Chandler-Hall each had 11 tackles and Kevin Perry had 10.

Kyream Walton recorded a sack and Philip Tyler had an interception.

Offensively, quarterback Alec Grosser completed 14 of 34 passes for 231 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

Landon Moss caught seven passes for 90 yards and a touchdown. In four games, the senior has 23 receptions for 304 yards and seven touchdowns.

Julius Cooper had two catches for 73 yards against South County, including a 53-yard touchdown.

Starting running back Dealo Robertson carried 16 times for 75 yards and a touchdown. Unfortunately for the Titans, Robertson suffered a broken rib and will miss significant time, possibly the season, according to his Twitter account.

TC (1-3, 0-1) will travel to face Lake Braddock (2-2, 2-0) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28.

— JON ROETMAN

SSSAS Football Remains Undefeated

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes football team defeated Potomac School, 26-7, on Sept. 22, improving its record to 4-0.

Senior running back Darius Manora led the Saints with 25 carries for 138 yards. He has 571 yards in four games.

Sophomore quarterback Ish Seisay completed 15 of 18 passes for 185 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

The Saints will host Paul VI for homecoming at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Episcopal Football Beats Ireton

The Episcopal football team defeated Bishop Ireton, 28-20, on Sept. 22.

Episcopal improved to 2-1 and will travel to face Collegiate at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29. Bishop Ireton fell to 0-4 and will host St. Mary's Ryken at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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